



## **BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005**

### **Ascension , Louisiana [22005]**

Ascension is one of 64 counties in Louisiana. It is part of the [Baton Rouge, LA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2005 population of 89,118 ranked 15th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2005 Ascension had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$29,875. This PCPI ranked 5th in the state and was 121 percent of the state average, \$24,651, and 86 percent of the national average, \$34,690. The 2005 PCPI reflected an increase of 8.3 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was -9.6 percent and the national change was 4.6 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Ascension was \$19,902 and ranked 8th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 2.6 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2005 Ascension had a total personal income (TPI) of \$2,662,409\*. This TPI ranked 12th in the state and accounted for 2.4 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Ascension was \$1,316,249\* and ranked 15th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected an increase of 12.4 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was - 9.4 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 2.9 percent and for the nation was 5.3 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Ascension. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 74.6 percent of TPI (compared with 74.2 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 7.3 percent (compared with 11.2 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 18.2 percent (compared with 14.6 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings increased 8.8 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 4.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 42.0 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 7.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 9.7 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Ascension increased from \$1,681,188\* in 2004 to \$1,796,559\* in 2005, an increase of 6.9 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was - 1.8 percent and the national change was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of \$1,091,156\* to the 2005 estimate was 5.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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