BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005
Fort Bend , Texas [48157]

Fort Bend is one of 254 counties in Texas. It is part of the Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX (MSA). Its 2005 population of 458,516 ranked 10th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Fort Bend had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $37,873. This PCPI ranked 12th in the state and was 114 percent of the state average, $33,249, and 109 percent of the national average, $34,690. The 2005 PCPI reflected an increase of 8.5 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 7.3 percent and the national change was 4.6 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Fort Bend was $24,578 and ranked 12th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Fort Bend had a total personal income (TPI) of $17,365,520*. This TPI ranked 8th in the state and accounted for 2.3 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Fort Bend was $7,036,879* and ranked 9th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected an increase of 13.6 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 9.1 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 9.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.7 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 Fort Bend. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 80.9 percent of TPI (compared with 80.3 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.8 percent (compared with 13.9 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 6.3 percent (compared with 5.8 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings increased 11.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 26.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 17.8 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 9.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 8.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 10.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Fort Bend increased from $6,508,334* in 2004 to $7,628,559* in 2005, an increase of 17.2 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was 7.5 percent and the national change was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of $2,834,914* to the 2005 estimate was 10.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.9 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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