BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006
Meriwether , Georgia [13199]

Meriwether is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA (MSA). Its 2006 population of 22,995 ranked 77th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Meriwether had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $22,004. This PCPI ranked 126th in the state and was 69 percent of the state average, $32,095, and 60 percent of the national average, $36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.0 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 2.9 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Meriwether was $16,462 and ranked 119th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 2.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.4 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Meriwether had a total personal income (TPI) of $505,986*. This TPI ranked 87th in the state and accounted for 0.2 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Meriwether was $369,077* and ranked 73rd in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 2.7 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.4 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 Meriwether. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 61.4 percent of TPI (compared with 63.6 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 11.7 percent (compared with 14.2 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 26.9 percent (compared with 22.2 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 2.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 5.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 2.3 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 2.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.2 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Meriwether decreased from $239,442* in 2005 to $230,324* in 2006, a decrease of 3.8 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of $206,293* to the 2006 estimate was 1.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 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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