



BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006

Casper (MSA) [16220]

Casper is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2006 population of 70,252 ranked 361st in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Casper had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$44,152. This PCPI ranked 21st in the United States and was 120 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 10.8 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Casper was \$23,954 and ranked 93rd in the United States. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Casper had a total personal income (TPI) of \$3,101,799*. This TPI ranked 331st in the United States. In 1996 the TPI of Casper was \$1,577,554* and ranked 356th in the United States. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 12.0 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.0 percent. The average annual growth rate 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 Casper. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 71.7 percent of TPI (compared with 62.1 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.7 percent (compared with 24.3 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 11.6 percent (compared with 13.6 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 14.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 7.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.8 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 8.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Casper increased from \$2,175,104* in 2005 to \$2,490,260* in 2006, an increase of 14.5 percent. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$1,091,245* to the 2006 estimate was 8.6 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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