BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006
Lamar , Mississippi [28073]

Lamar is one of 82 counties in Mississippi. It is part of the Hattiesburg, MS (MSA). Its 2006 population of 45,916 ranked 15th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Lamar had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $29,484. This PCPI ranked 9th in the state and was 109 percent of the state average, $27,072, and 80 percent of the national average, $36,794. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 9.5 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.1 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Lamar was $18,674 and ranked 9th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.3 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Lamar had a total personal income (TPI) of $1,353,810*. This TPI ranked 13th in the state and accounted for 1.7 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Lamar was $648,692* and ranked 16th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 13.9 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.0 percent and the national change was 7.1 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 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 Lamar. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 71.9 percent of TPI (compared with 76.6 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 13.2 percent (compared with 9.5 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 14.9 percent (compared with 13.9 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 13.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 64.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts decreased 9.4 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 7.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 11.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Lamar increased from $526,006* in 2005 to $613,948* in 2006, an increase of 16.7 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 4.7 percent and the national change was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of $315,549* to the 2006 estimate was 6.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.5 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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