



## **BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006**

### **Fergus , Montana [30027]**

Fergus is one of 56 counties in Montana. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2006 population of 11,219 ranked 15th in the state.

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

In 2006 Fergus had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$28,987. This PCPI ranked 19th in the state and was 93 percent of the state average, \$31,061, and 79 percent of the national average, \$36,794. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.6 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Fergus was \$17,206 and ranked 27th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Fergus had a total personal income (TPI) of \$325,210\*. This TPI ranked 14th in the state and accounted for 1.1 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Fergus was \$215,563\* and ranked 14th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 1.6 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.7 percent and the national change was 7.1 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.2 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 Fergus. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 52.1 percent of TPI (compared with 49.6 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 25.5 percent (compared with 28.1 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 22.4 percent (compared with 22.2 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings decreased 6.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 14.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 10.0 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 4.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.3 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Fergus decreased from \$205,838\* in 2005 to \$196,654\* in 2006, a decrease of 4.5 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.4 percent and the national change was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$124,291\* to the 2006 estimate was 4.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.9 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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