BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006
Bell , Texas [48027]

Bell is one of 254 counties in Texas. It is part of the Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX (MSA). Its 2006 population of 265,694 ranked 17th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Bell had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $33,222. This PCPI ranked 39th in the state and was 94 percent of the state average, $35,166, and 90 percent of the national average, $36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 9.0 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.8 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Bell was $19,938 and ranked 63rd in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Bell had a total personal income (TPI) of $8,826,958*. This TPI ranked 16th in the state and accounted for 1.1 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Bell was $4,554,358* and ranked 17th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 10.6 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 8.4 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.8 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 Bell. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 76.2 percent of TPI (compared with 73.3 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 10.6 percent (compared with 14.7 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.2 percent (compared with 12.0 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 11.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 4.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.1 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 7.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Bell increased from $7,893,693* in 2005 to $8,871,624* in 2006, an increase of 12.4 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 8.3 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of $4,501,547* to the 2006 estimate was 7.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.0 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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