



## **BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007**

### **Wilkes , Georgia [13317]**

Wilkes is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2007 population of 10,268 ranked 126th in the state.

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

In 2007 Wilkes had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,415. This PCPI ranked 94th in the state and was 73 percent of the state average, \$33,499, and 63 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.9 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 3.7 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Wilkes was \$18,427 and ranked 82nd in the state. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 2.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.5 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2007 Wilkes had a total personal income (TPI) of \$250,692\*. This TPI ranked 120th in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1997 the TPI of Wilkes was \$199,121\* and ranked 115th in the state. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 3.4 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 6.0 percent and the national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.3 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 Wilkes. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 48.2 percent of TPI (compared with 57.8 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.6 percent (compared with 19.5 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 32.1 percent (compared with 22.7 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 0.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 7.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.1 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 0.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.0 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Wilkes decreased from \$135,373\* in 2006 to \$132,362\* in 2007, a decrease of 2.2 percent. The 2006-2007 state change was 4.8 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$131,611\* to the 2007 estimate was 0.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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