



## **BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007**

### **Wausau-Merrill (BEA-EA) [57176]**

Wausau-Merrill is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 2007 population of 517,687 ranked 115th in the nation.

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

In 2007 Wausau-Merrill had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$31,983. This PCPI ranked 100th in the United States and was 83 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.7 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Wausau-Merrill was \$21,260 and ranked 94th in the United States. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2007 Wausau-Merrill had a total personal income (TPI) of \$16,557,084\*. This TPI ranked 113th in the United States. In 1997 the TPI of Wausau-Merrill was \$10,933,628\* and ranked 111th in the United States. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 5.7 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.2 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 Wausau-Merrill. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 64.6 percent of TPI (compared with 63.6 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.5 percent (compared with 20.1 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 18.9 percent (compared with 16.3 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 4.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.5 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 4.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 2.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.8 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Wausau-Merrill increased from \$11,580,097\* in 2006 to \$12,064,467\* in 2007, an increase of 4.2 percent. The 2006-2007 national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$7,890,584\* to the 2007 estimate was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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