



BEARFACTS 1988 – 1998

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre (BEA-EA) [57151]

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 1998 population of 654,841 ranked 93rd in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Scranton-Wilkes-Barre had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,252. This PCPI ranked 75th in the United States and was 86 percent of the national average, \$26,883. The 1998 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.7 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 national change was 6.1 percent. In 1988 the PCPI of Scranton-Wilkes-Barre was \$15,037 and ranked 67th in the United States. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.5 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1998 Scranton-Wilkes-Barre had a total personal income (TPI) of \$15,226,323*. This TPI ranked 92nd in the United States. In 1988 the TPI of Scranton-Wilkes-Barre was \$9,839,597* and ranked 82nd in the United States. The 1998 TPI reflected an increase of 4.2 percent from 1997. The 1997-1998 national change was 7.4 percent. The 1988-1998 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.8 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 Scranton-Wilkes-Barre. In 1998 net earnings accounted for 60.1 percent of TPI (compared with 60.7 in 1988); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.2 percent (compared with 19.6 in 1988); and personal current transfer receipts were 20.7 percent (compared with 19.8 in 1988). From 1997 to 1998 net earnings increased 5.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 6.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 0.1 percent. From 1988 to 1998 net earnings increased on average 4.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Scranton-Wilkes-Barre increased from \$9,549,389* in 1997 to \$9,962,324* in 1998, an increase of 4.3 percent. The 1997-1998 national change was 7.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1988 estimate of \$6,454,080* to the 1998 estimate was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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