BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999
Pickens , Georgia [13227]

Pickens is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA (MSA). Its 1999 population of 21,840 ranked 76th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Pickens had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $26,177. This PCPI ranked 14th in the state and was 99 percent of the state average, $26,359, and 94 percent of the national average, $27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.9 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Pickens was $14,636 and ranked 32nd in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Pickens had a total personal income (TPI) of $571,696*. This TPI ranked 55th in the state and accounted for 0.3 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Pickens was $208,554* and ranked 81st in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 11.1 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 6.7 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 10.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.1 percent and for the nation was 5.5 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 Pickens. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 68.2 percent of TPI (compared with 68.7 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.4 percent (compared with 17.8 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.3 percent (compared with 13.5 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 13.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 3.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 10.5 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 10.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 11.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 10.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Pickens increased from $210,656* in 1998 to $227,863* in 1999, an increase of 8.2 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 8.6 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of $103,330* to the 1999 estimate was 8.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

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

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