



## **BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999**

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

Wilkes is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 1999 population of 10,708 ranked 119th in the state.

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

In 1999 Wilkes had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,044. This PCPI ranked 82nd in the state and was 76 percent of the state average, \$26,359, and 72 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.8 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 Wilkes was \$13,708 and ranked 56th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.9 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 Wilkes had a total personal income (TPI) of \$214,633\*. This TPI ranked 115th in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Wilkes was \$147,140\* and ranked 103rd in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 3.2 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 3.8 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 Wilkes. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 57.5 percent of TPI (compared with 60.7 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.9 percent (compared with 21.6 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 22.6 percent (compared with 17.7 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 4.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 2.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.3 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 3.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.4 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Wilkes increased from \$135,621\* in 1998 to \$141,547\* in 1999, an increase of 4.4 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 \$98,019\* to the 1999 estimate was 3.7 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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