



## **BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999**

### **Columbus-Auburn-Opelika (BEA-EA) [57039]**

Columbus-Auburn-Opelika is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 1999 population of 425,520 ranked 124th in the nation.

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

In 1999 Columbus-Auburn-Opelika had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,402. This PCPI ranked 138th in the United States and was 77 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.7 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Columbus-Auburn-Opelika was \$14,132 and ranked 141st in the United States. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Columbus-Auburn-Opelika had a total personal income (TPI) of \$9,106,946\*. This TPI ranked 126th in the United States. In 1989 the TPI of Columbus-Auburn-Opelika was \$5,435,546\* and ranked 128th in the United States. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 4.5 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate 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 Columbus-Auburn-Opelika. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 67.6 percent of TPI (compared with 69.9 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.1 percent (compared with 17.1 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.3 percent (compared with 13.0 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 5.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 0.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.1 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 4.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.0 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Columbus-Auburn-Opelika increased from \$6,521,469\* in 1998 to \$6,876,745\* in 1999, an increase of 5.4 percent. The 1998-1999 national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$4,256,016\* to the 1999 estimate was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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