



BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999

Helena (BEA-EA) [57073]

Helena is one of 179 BEA Economic Areas in the nation. Its 1999 population of 225,982 ranked 160th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Helena had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$22,033. This PCPI ranked 123rd in the United States and was 79 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.5 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Helena was \$14,375 and ranked 136th in the United States. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 1999 Helena had a total personal income (TPI) of \$4,979,060*. This TPI ranked 159th in the United States. In 1989 the TPI of Helena was \$2,792,796* and ranked 163rd in the United States. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 3.4 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.0 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 Helena. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 62.9 percent of TPI (compared with 59.5 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 23.0 percent (compared with 24.2 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 14.1 percent (compared with 16.3 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 5.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 0.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts decreased 0.3 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 6.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Helena increased from \$3,339,018* in 1998 to \$3,528,133* in 1999, an increase of 5.7 percent. The 1998-1999 national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$1,885,407* to the 1999 estimate was 6.5 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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