



BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000

San Luis Obispo , California [06079]

San Luis Obispo is one of 58 counties in California. It is part of the [San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2000 population of 247,876 ranked 24th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 San Luis Obispo had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$27,437. This PCPI ranked 22nd in the state and was 85 percent of the state average, \$32,467, and 92 percent of the national average, \$29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected an increase of 6.9 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 8.8 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of San Luis Obispo was \$17,586 and ranked 28th in the state. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 San Luis Obispo had a total personal income (TPI) of \$6,801,020*. This TPI ranked 25th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of San Luis Obispo was \$3,838,537* and ranked 25th in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected an increase of 8.8 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 10.5 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.5 percent and for the nation was 5.6 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 San Luis Obispo. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 60.1 percent of TPI (compared with 59.4 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 27.2 percent (compared with 27.9 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 12.7 percent (compared with 12.7 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings increased 8.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 10.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.1 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 6.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in San Luis Obispo increased from \$3,949,945* in 1999 to \$4,268,652* in 2000, an increase of 8.1 percent. The 1999-2000 state change was 11.8 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of \$2,424,199* to the 2000 estimate was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

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

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