BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000
Mercer , Illinois [17131]

Mercer is one of 102 counties in Illinois. It is part of the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL (MSA). Its 2000 population of 16,956 ranked 68th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Mercer had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $24,544. This PCPI ranked 46th in the state and was 76 percent of the state average, $32,190, and 82 percent of the national average, $29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.2 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 6.5 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of Mercer was $15,387 and ranked 58th in the state. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.5 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Mercer had a total personal income (TPI) of $416,172*. This TPI ranked 62nd in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of Mercer was $265,594* and ranked 64th in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected an increase of 5.3 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 7.2 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.3 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 Mercer. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 65.1 percent of TPI (compared with 66.4 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.6 percent (compared with 19.3 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.3 percent (compared with 14.3 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings increased 4.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 10.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.8 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 4.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Mercer increased from $114,163* in 1999 to $122,957* in 2000, an increase of 7.7 percent. The 1999-2000 state change was 6.5 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of $81,919* to the 2000 estimate was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.4 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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