# BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000
# Howard , Maryland [24027]

Howard is one of 24 counties in Maryland. It is part of the Baltimore-Towson, MD (MSA). Its 2000 population of 249,520 ranked 6th in the state.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Howard had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $43,657. This PCPI ranked 2nd in the state and was 127 percent of the state average, $34,264, and 146 percent of the national average, $29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected an increase of 8.6 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 7.8 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of Howard was $28,186 and ranked 2nd 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 Howard had a total personal income (TPI) of $10,893,197*. This TPI ranked 6th in the state and accounted for 6.0 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of Howard was $5,337,497* and ranked 6th in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected an increase of 11.5 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 8.9 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 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 Howard. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 80.2 percent of TPI (compared with 81.6 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 15.1 percent (compared with 14.6 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 4.6 percent (compared with 3.8 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings increased 11.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 11.0 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.9 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 7.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 7.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 9.7 percent.

## EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Howard increased from $6,271,084* in 1999 to $6,982,590* in 2000, an increase of 11.3 percent. The 1999-2000 state change was 8.4 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of $2,915,470* to the 2000 estimate was 9.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.1 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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