BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000
Middlesex , Massachusetts [25017]

Middlesex is one of 14 counties in Massachusetts. It is part of the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH (MSA). Its 2000 population of 1,469,120 ranked 1st in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Middlesex had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $46,336. This PCPI ranked 2nd in the state and was 123 percent of the state average, $37,753, and 155 percent of the national average, $29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected an increase of 12.4 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 10.3 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of Middlesex was $26,781 and ranked 3rd in the state. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.1 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Middlesex had a total personal income (TPI) of $68,073,774*. This TPI ranked 1st in the state and accounted for 28.3 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of Middlesex was $37,474,436* and ranked 1st in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected an increase of 13.1 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 11.1 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 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 Middlesex. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 73.5 percent of TPI (compared with 71.2 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.6 percent (compared with 19.9 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 7.9 percent (compared with 8.9 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings increased 13.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 13.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 5.5 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 6.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.9 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Middlesex increased from $51,423,248* in 1999 to $59,330,907* in 2000, an increase of 15.4 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 $30,967,139* to the 2000 estimate was 6.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.1 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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