# BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000
# Amherst , Virginia [51009]

Amherst is one of 105 counties in Virginia. It is part of the Lynchburg, VA (MSA). Its 2000 population of 31,883 ranked 49th in the state.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Amherst had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $20,967. This PCPI ranked 74th in the state and was 67 percent of the state average, $31,086, and 70 percent of the national average, $29,847. The 2000 PCPI reflected an increase of 6.0 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 6.4 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of Amherst was $13,549 and ranked 88th 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 4.3 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

## TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2000 Amherst had a total personal income (TPI) of $668,501*. This TPI ranked 51st in the state and accounted for 0.3 percent of the state total. In 1990 the TPI of Amherst was $388,781* and ranked 54th in the state. The 2000 TPI reflected an increase of 6.6 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 state change was 7.9 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 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 Amherst. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 70.3 percent of TPI (compared with 70.4 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 14.2 percent (compared with 15.9 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 15.5 percent (compared with 13.7 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings increased 5.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 10.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.0 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 5.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.9 percent.

## EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Amherst increased from $329,212* in 1999 to $347,688* in 2000, an increase of 5.6 percent. The 1999-2000 state change was 9.2 percent and the national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of $239,024* to the 2000 estimate was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.9 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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