



BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001

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 2001 population of 251,525 ranked 24th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 San Luis Obispo had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$28,666. This PCPI ranked 22nd in the state and was 87 percent of the state average, \$32,901, and 94 percent of the national average, \$30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.5 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 1.3 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of San Luis Obispo was \$17,984 and ranked 25th in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 San Luis Obispo had a total personal income (TPI) of \$7,210,136*. This TPI ranked 25th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of San Luis Obispo was \$3,954,615* and ranked 25th in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected an increase of 6.0 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 2.9 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.2 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 2001 net earnings accounted for 58.9 percent of TPI (compared with 58.7 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 28.0 percent (compared with 27.8 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.1 percent (compared with 13.5 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings increased 3.8 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 9.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.4 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 6.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.3 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 \$4,268,652* in 2000 to \$4,436,283* in 2001, an increase of 3.9 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 1.9 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of \$2,468,968* to the 2001 estimate was 6.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 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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