BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001
Middlesex , Massachusetts [25017]

Middlesex is one of 14 counties in Massachusetts. It is part of the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH (MSA). Its 2001 population of 1,475,675 ranked 1st in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Middlesex had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $46,939. This PCPI ranked 3rd in the state and was 121 percent of the state average, $38,877, and 153 percent of the national average, $30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.3 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 3.0 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of Middlesex was $27,272 and ranked 3rd in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Middlesex had a total personal income (TPI) of $69,266,535*. This TPI ranked 1st in the state and accounted for 27.8 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of Middlesex was $38,139,860* and ranked 1st in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected an increase of 1.8 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 3.7 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.9 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 2001 net earnings accounted for 72.2 percent of TPI (compared with 70.3 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 19.3 percent (compared with 19.9 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 8.5 percent (compared with 9.8 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings decreased 0.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 5.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.9 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 6.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Middlesex increased from $59,330,907* in 2000 to $60,347,216* in 2001, an increase of 1.7 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 2.5 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of $31,199,228* to the 2001 estimate was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.4 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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