BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002
El Paso , Colorado [08041]

El Paso is one of 64 counties in Colorado. It is part of the Colorado Springs, CO (MSA). Its 2002 population of 544,862 ranked 2nd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 El Paso had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $29,915. This PCPI ranked 17th in the state and was 88 percent of the state average, $33,991, and 97 percent of the national average, $30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.6 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was -1.3 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of El Paso was $19,218 and ranked 22nd in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.9 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 El Paso had a total personal income (TPI) of $16,299,408*. This TPI ranked 4th in the state and accounted for 10.6 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of El Paso was $8,111,109* and ranked 4th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 1.1 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 0.2 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.6 percent and for the nation was 5.2 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 El Paso. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 72.6 percent of TPI (compared with 71.2 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.5 percent (compared with 18.2 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 10.9 percent (compared with 10.6 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 1.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 5.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 13.8 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 7.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 6.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in El Paso increased from $13,068,383* in 2001 to $13,243,643* in 2002, an increase of 1.3 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 0.4 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of $6,455,489* to the 2002 estimate was 7.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.9 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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