



## **BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002**

### **Athens-Clarke County (MSA) [12020]**

Athens-Clarke County is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2002 population of 171,139 ranked 222nd in the nation.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2002 Athens-Clarke County had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,520. This PCPI ranked 312th in the United States and was 76 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 0.5 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Athens-Clarke County was \$16,507 and ranked 305th in the United States. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2002 Athens-Clarke County had a total personal income (TPI) of \$4,025,198\*. This TPI ranked 236th in the United States. In 1992 the TPI of Athens-Clarke County was \$2,342,378\* and ranked 248th in the United States. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 1.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate 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 Athens-Clarke County. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 67.1 percent of TPI (compared with 68.7 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.5 percent (compared with 18.5 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 14.5 percent (compared with 12.8 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 1.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 5.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 12.2 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 5.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.9 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Athens-Clarke County increased from \$3,043,521\* in 2001 to \$3,110,006\* in 2002, an increase of 2.2 percent. The 2001-2002 national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$1,831,257\* to the 2002 estimate was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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