BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002
Cherokee , Georgia [13057]

Cherokee is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA (MSA). Its 2002 population of 158,924 ranked 9th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Cherokee had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $30,047. This PCPI ranked 9th in the state and was 105 percent of the state average, $28,538, and 97 percent of the national average, $30,838. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 4.8 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was -0.2 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Cherokee was $18,623 and ranked 15th in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Cherokee had a total personal income (TPI) of $4,775,175*. This TPI ranked 8th in the state and accounted for 1.9 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Cherokee was $1,885,479* and ranked 10th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 0.1 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 1.8 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 9.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.5 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 Cherokee. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 79.3 percent of TPI (compared with 81.1 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.6 percent (compared with 11.4 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 8.0 percent (compared with 7.5 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 0.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 5.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 15.5 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 9.5 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 10.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 10.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Cherokee increased from $1,579,214* in 2001 to $1,651,169* in 2002, an increase of 4.6 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 1.5 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of $566,532* to the 2002 estimate was 11.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.6 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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