



BEARFACTS 1993 – 2003

West Baton Rouge , Louisiana [22121]

West Baton Rouge is one of 64 counties in Louisiana. It is part of the [Baton Rouge, LA \(MSA\)](#). Its 2003 population of 21,573 ranked 43rd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2003 West Baton Rouge had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,268. This PCPI ranked 18th in the state and was 94 percent of the state average, \$25,862, and 77 percent of the national average, \$31,530. The 2003 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.8 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 state change was 2.4 percent and the national change was 2.2 percent. In 1993 the PCPI of West Baton Rouge was \$17,242 and ranked 12th in the state. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2003 West Baton Rouge had a total personal income (TPI) of \$523,535*. This TPI ranked 39th in the state and accounted for 0.5 percent of the state total. In 1993 the TPI of West Baton Rouge was \$350,583* and ranked 38th in the state. The 2003 TPI reflected an increase of 1.4 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 state change was 2.6 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.4 percent and for the nation was 5.1 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 West Baton Rouge. In 2003 net earnings accounted for 71.4 percent of TPI (compared with 72.7 in 1993); dividends, interest, and rent were 9.6 percent (compared with 10.3 in 1993); and personal current transfer receipts were 19.0 percent (compared with 17.0 in 1993). From 2002 to 2003 net earnings increased 1.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 2.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 2.6 percent. From 1993 to 2003 net earnings increased on average 3.9 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in West Baton Rouge decreased from \$473,421* in 2002 to \$443,040* in 2003, a decrease of 6.4 percent. The 2002-2003 state change was 4.4 percent and the national change was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1993 estimate of \$314,291* to the 2003 estimate was 3.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 5.3 percent.

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