BEARFACTS 1994 – 2004
Sussex , Delaware [10005]

Sussex is one of 3 counties in Delaware. It is part of the Seaford, DE Micropolitan SA. Its 2004 population of 171,260 ranked 2nd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Sussex had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $28,662. This PCPI ranked 2nd in the state and was 81 percent of the state average, $35,523, and 86 percent of the national average, $33,157. The 2004 PCPI reflected an increase of 6.6 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 5.6 percent and the national change was 5.2 percent. In 1994 the PCPI of Sussex was $18,750 and ranked 2nd in the state. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2004 Sussex had a total personal income (TPI) of $4,908,659*. This TPI ranked 2nd in the state and accounted for 16.7 percent of the state total. In 1994 the TPI of Sussex was $2,441,483* and ranked 2nd in the state. The 2004 TPI reflected an increase of 8.9 percent from 2003. The 2003-2004 state change was 7.1 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. The 1994-2004 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 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 Sussex. In 2004 net earnings accounted for 60.3 percent of TPI (compared with 60.8 in 1994); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.9 percent (compared with 20.7 in 1994); and personal current transfer receipts were 21.8 percent (compared with 18.5 in 1994). From 2003 to 2004 net earnings increased 10.1 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 6.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.6 percent. From 1994 to 2004 net earnings increased on average 7.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 9.0 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Sussex increased from $2,686,185* in 2003 to $2,980,191* in 2004, an increase of 10.9 percent. The 2003-2004 state change was 7.0 percent and the national change was 6.5 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1994 estimate of $1,545,922* to the 2004 estimate was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

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

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