# BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005
# Wirt , West Virginia [54105]

Wirt is one of 55 counties in West Virginia. It is part of the Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH (MSA). Its 2005 population of 5,785 ranked 55th in the state.

## PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Wirt had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $17,671. This PCPI ranked 54th in the state and was 67 percent of the state average, $26,523, and 51 percent of the national average, $34,757. The 2005 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.7 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 4.8 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Wirt was $12,700 and ranked 50th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

## TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Wirt had a total personal income (TPI) of $102,227*. This TPI ranked 55th in the state and accounted for 0.2 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Wirt was $70,546* and ranked 55th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected a decrease of 0.5 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 4.8 percent and the national change was 5.9 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 percent and for the nation was 5.3 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 Wirt. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 61.4 percent of TPI (compared with 62.5 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 8.5 percent (compared with 12.6 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 30.0 percent (compared with 24.9 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings decreased 1.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 15.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.2 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 3.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.7 percent.

## EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Wirt increased from $28,350* in 2004 to $29,185* in 2005, an increase of 2.9 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was 5.4 percent and the national change was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of $21,418* to the 2005 estimate was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.0 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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