BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006
Sierra , California [06091]

Sierra is one of 58 counties in California. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2006 population of 3,381 ranked 57th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Sierra had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $25,471. This PCPI ranked 47th in the state and was 64 percent of the state average, $40,020, and 69 percent of the national average, $36,794. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.2 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.0 percent and the national change was 6.1 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Sierra was $19,167 and ranked 39th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 2.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Sierra had a total personal income (TPI) of $86,119*. This TPI ranked 57th in the state and accounted for 0.0 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Sierra was $67,045* and ranked 57th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 2.5 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.7 percent and the national change was 7.1 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.0 percent and for the nation was 5.4 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 Sierra. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 59.9 percent of TPI (compared with 58.2 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.3 percent (compared with 22.4 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 23.8 percent (compared with 19.4 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 2.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 5.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.1 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 2.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Sierra decreased from $35,702* in 2005 to $35,215* in 2006, a decrease of 1.4 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.6 percent and the national change was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of $35,343* to the 2006 estimate was - 0.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.2 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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