



## **BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006**

### **Mercer , Missouri [29129]**

Mercer is one of 115 counties in Missouri. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2006 population of 3,511 ranked 114th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Mercer had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,867. This PCPI ranked 60th in the state and was 76 percent of the state average, \$32,789, and 68 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.1 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 4.3 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Mercer was \$18,029 and ranked 52nd in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.8 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Mercer had a total personal income (TPI) of \$87,308\*. This TPI ranked 113th in the state and accounted for 0.0 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Mercer was \$69,482\* and ranked 113th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 1.7 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.2 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 2.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 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 Mercer. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 61.3 percent of TPI (compared with 61.3 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.9 percent (compared with 17.5 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 25.8 percent (compared with 21.2 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings decreased 1.7 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 3.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 9.7 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 2.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.3 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Mercer decreased from \$62,588\* in 2005 to \$59,805\* in 2006, a decrease of 4.4 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 4.5 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$46,528\* to the 2006 estimate was 2.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 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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