



BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006

Providence-New Bedford-Fall River (MSA) [39300]

Providence-New Bedford-Fall River is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2006 population of 1,603,632 ranked 35th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Providence-New Bedford-Fall River had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$37,185. This PCPI ranked 74th in the United States and was 101 percent of the national average, \$36,794. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 5.9 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 6.1 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Providence-New Bedford-Fall River was \$23,636 and ranked 106th in the United States. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2006 Providence-New Bedford-Fall River had a total personal income (TPI) of \$59,631,617*. This TPI ranked 37th in the United States. In 1996 the TPI of Providence-New Bedford-Fall River was \$36,439,080* and ranked 33rd in the United States. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 5.5 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 national change was 7.1 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate 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 Providence-New Bedford-Fall River. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 67.1 percent of TPI (compared with 65.2 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 14.9 percent (compared with 17.2 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 18.1 percent (compared with 17.7 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 4.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 13.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 3.5 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 5.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 3.5 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.3 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Providence-New Bedford-Fall River increased from \$38,488,706* in 2005 to \$40,144,134* in 2006, an increase of 4.3 percent. The 2005-2006 national change was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$24,321,205* to the 2006 estimate was 5.1 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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