



## **BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007**

### **Bethel Census Area , Alaska [02050]**

Bethel Census Area is one of 27 counties in Alaska. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2007 population of 17,131 ranked 6th in the state.

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

In 2007 Bethel Census Area had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$26,990. This PCPI ranked 25th in the state and was 67 percent of the state average, \$40,042, and 70 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 3.9 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 4.4 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Bethel Census Area was \$17,748 and ranked 24th in the state. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.1 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2007 Bethel Census Area had a total personal income (TPI) of \$462,358\*. This TPI ranked 8th in the state and accounted for 1.7 percent of the state total. In 1997 the TPI of Bethel Census Area was \$273,226\* and ranked 9th in the state. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 4.1 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 5.2 percent and the national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 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 Bethel Census Area. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 63.9 percent of TPI (compared with 62.3 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 5.7 percent (compared with 10.9 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 30.4 percent (compared with 26.8 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 2.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent remained unchanged; and personal current transfer receipts increased 8.4 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 5.7 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 1.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.7 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in Bethel Census Area increased from \$315,330\* in 2006 to \$321,237\* in 2007, an increase of 1.9 percent. The 2006-2007 state change was 4.5 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$187,452\* to the 2007 estimate was 5.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.4 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

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

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