



BEARFACTS 1997 – 2007

Sterling , Texas [48431]

Sterling is one of 254 counties in Texas. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2007 population of 1,238 ranked 245th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Sterling had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$25,509. This PCPI ranked 191st in the state and was 69 percent of the state average, \$37,083, and 66 percent of the national average, \$38,615. The 2007 PCPI reflected an increase of 19.4 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 5.5 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1997 the PCPI of Sterling was \$13,844 and ranked 232nd in the state. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2007 Sterling had a total personal income (TPI) of \$31,580*. This TPI ranked 246th in the state and accounted for 0.0 percent of the state total. In 1997 the TPI of Sterling was \$20,060* and ranked 247th in the state. The 2007 TPI reflected an increase of 22.2 percent from 2006. The 2006-2007 state change was 7.6 percent and the national change was 6.0 percent. The 1997-2007 average annual growth rate of TPI was 4.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.6 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 Sterling. In 2007 net earnings accounted for 56.0 percent of TPI (compared with 44.7 in 1997); dividends, interest, and rent were 22.3 percent (compared with 35.7 in 1997); and personal current transfer receipts were 21.7 percent (compared with 19.6 in 1997). From 2006 to 2007 net earnings increased 31.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 13.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 11.2 percent. From 1997 to 2007 net earnings increased on average 7.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.7 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Sterling increased from \$16,395* in 2006 to \$23,600* in 2007, an increase of 43.9 percent. The 2006-2007 state change was 7.6 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1997 estimate of \$12,485* to the 2007 estimate was 6.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.8 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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