



## **BEARFACTS 1990 – 2000**

### **El Centro (MSA) [20940]**

El Centro is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2000 population of 142,434 ranked 258th in the nation.

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

In 2000 El Centro had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$17,765. This PCPI ranked 357th in the United States and was 60 percent of the national average, \$29,845. The 2000 PCPI reflected a decrease of 4.3 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 national change was 6.8 percent. In 1990 the PCPI of El Centro was \$16,018 and ranked 250th in the United States. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 1.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.4 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2000 El Centro had a total personal income (TPI) of \$2,530,315\*. This TPI ranked 313th in the United States. In 1990 the TPI of El Centro was \$1,775,368\* and ranked 285th in the United States. The 2000 TPI reflected a decrease of 3.4 percent from 1999. The 1999-2000 national change was 8.0 percent. The 1990-2000 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.6 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 El Centro. In 2000 net earnings accounted for 64.0 percent of TPI (compared with 70.2 in 1990); dividends, interest, and rent were 12.8 percent (compared with 12.2 in 1990); and personal current transfer receipts were 23.2 percent (compared with 17.6 in 1990). From 1999 to 2000 net earnings decreased 7.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 2.9 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.3 percent. From 1990 to 2000 net earnings increased on average 2.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 6.5 percent.

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

Earnings of persons employed in El Centro decreased from \$1,954,213\* in 1999 to \$1,829,137\* in 2000, a decrease of 6.4 percent. The 1999-2000 national change was 8.0 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1990 estimate of \$1,435,936\* to the 2000 estimate was 2.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.8 percent.

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

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