



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002

Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown (MSA) [26420]

Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown is one of 363 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in the nation. Its 2002 population of 4,988,369 ranked 8th in the nation.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$34,458. This PCPI ranked 33rd in the United States and was 112 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 2.7 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown was \$22,079 and ranked 49th in the United States. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown had a total personal income (TPI) of \$171,890,362*. This TPI ranked 9th in the United States. In 1992 the TPI of Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown was \$88,468,805* and ranked 11th in the United States. The 2002 TPI remained unchanged from 2001. The 2001-2002 national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.9 percent. The average annual growth rate for the nation was 5.2 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 Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 79.3 percent of TPI (compared with 76.7 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 11.7 percent (compared with 14.4 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 9.0 percent (compared with 8.9 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 0.9 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 0.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.9 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 7.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 7.0 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown decreased from \$153,130,133* in 2001 to \$152,028,662* in 2002, a decrease of 0.7 percent. The 2001-2002 national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$76,042,761* to the 2002 estimate was 7.2 percent. The average annual growth rate 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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