



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002 Otter Tail , Minnesota [27111]

Otter Tail is one of 87 counties in Minnesota. It is part of the Fergus Falls, MN Micropolitan SA. Its 2002 population of 57,220 ranked 14th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Otter Tail had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,166. This PCPI ranked 63rd in the state and was 73 percent of the state average, \$33,256, and 78 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected an increase of 2.0 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.0 percent and the national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Otter Tail was \$16,351 and ranked 53rd in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.5 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Otter Tail had a total personal income (TPI) of \$1,382,799*. This TPI ranked 16th in the state and accounted for 0.8 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Otter Tail was \$846,572* and ranked 14th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected an increase of 2.2 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 2.7 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.6 percent and 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 Otter Tail. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 56.8 percent of TPI (compared with 56.6 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 22.6 percent (compared with 23.6 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 20.6 percent (compared with 19.8 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings increased 6.4 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 10.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.5 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 5.1 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 4.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Otter Tail increased from \$739,664* in 2001 to \$787,526* in 2002, an increase of 6.5 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 3.2 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$507,962* to the 2002 estimate was 4.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 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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