



BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005

Benson , North Dakota [38005]

Benson is one of 53 counties in North Dakota. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2005 population of 6,920 ranked 18th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Benson had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$21,400. This PCPI ranked 52nd in the state and was 67 percent of the state average, \$31,871, and 62 percent of the national average, \$34,757. The 2005 PCPI reflected an increase of 14.8 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 8.9 percent and the national change was 4.9 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Benson was \$12,232 and ranked 49th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.4 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Benson had a total personal income (TPI) of \$148,085*. This TPI ranked 26th in the state and accounted for 0.7 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Benson was \$85,894* and ranked 26th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected an increase of 14.6 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 8.7 percent and the national change was 5.9 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 percent and for the nation was 5.3 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 Benson. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 60.6 percent of TPI (compared with 46.6 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 11.4 percent (compared with 22.3 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 28.0 percent (compared with 31.1 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings increased 30.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 20.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.5 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 8.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 1.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.5 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Benson increased from \$83,863* in 2004 to \$104,962* in 2005, an increase of 25.2 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was 8.3 percent and the national change was 5.4 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of \$51,067* to the 2005 estimate was 7.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

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

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