BEARFACTS 1995 – 2005
Buena Vista , Iowa [19021]

Buena Vista is one of 99 counties in Iowa. It is part of the Storm Lake, IA Micropolitan SA. Its 2005 population of 20,103 ranked 36th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Buena Vista had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of $26,898. This PCPI ranked 78th in the state and was 85 percent of the state average, $31,670, and 78 percent of the national average, $34,471. The 2005 PCPI reflected a decrease of 1.9 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 2.5 percent and the national change was 4.2 percent. In 1995 the PCPI of Buena Vista was $19,278 and ranked 45th in the state. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 4.1 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2005 Buena Vista had a total personal income (TPI) of $540,734*. This TPI ranked 36th in the state and accounted for 0.6 percent of the state total. In 1995 the TPI of Buena Vista was $395,198* and ranked 30th in the state. The 2005 TPI reflected a decrease of 2.2 percent from 2004. The 2004-2005 state change was 2.9 percent and the national change was 5.2 percent. The 1995-2005 average annual growth rate of TPI was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.6 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 Buena Vista. In 2005 net earnings accounted for 64.0 percent of TPI (compared with 61.6 in 1995); dividends, interest, and rent were 18.8 percent (compared with 21.9 in 1995); and personal current transfer receipts were 17.3 percent (compared with 16.5 in 1995). From 2004 to 2005 net earnings decreased 4.8 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 1.4 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 4.5 percent. From 1995 to 2005 net earnings increased on average 3.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 1.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 3.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Buena Vista decreased from $420,975* in 2004 to $405,860* in 2005, a decrease of 3.6 percent. The 2004-2005 state change was 3.2 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1995 estimate of $285,865* to the 2005 estimate was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 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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