

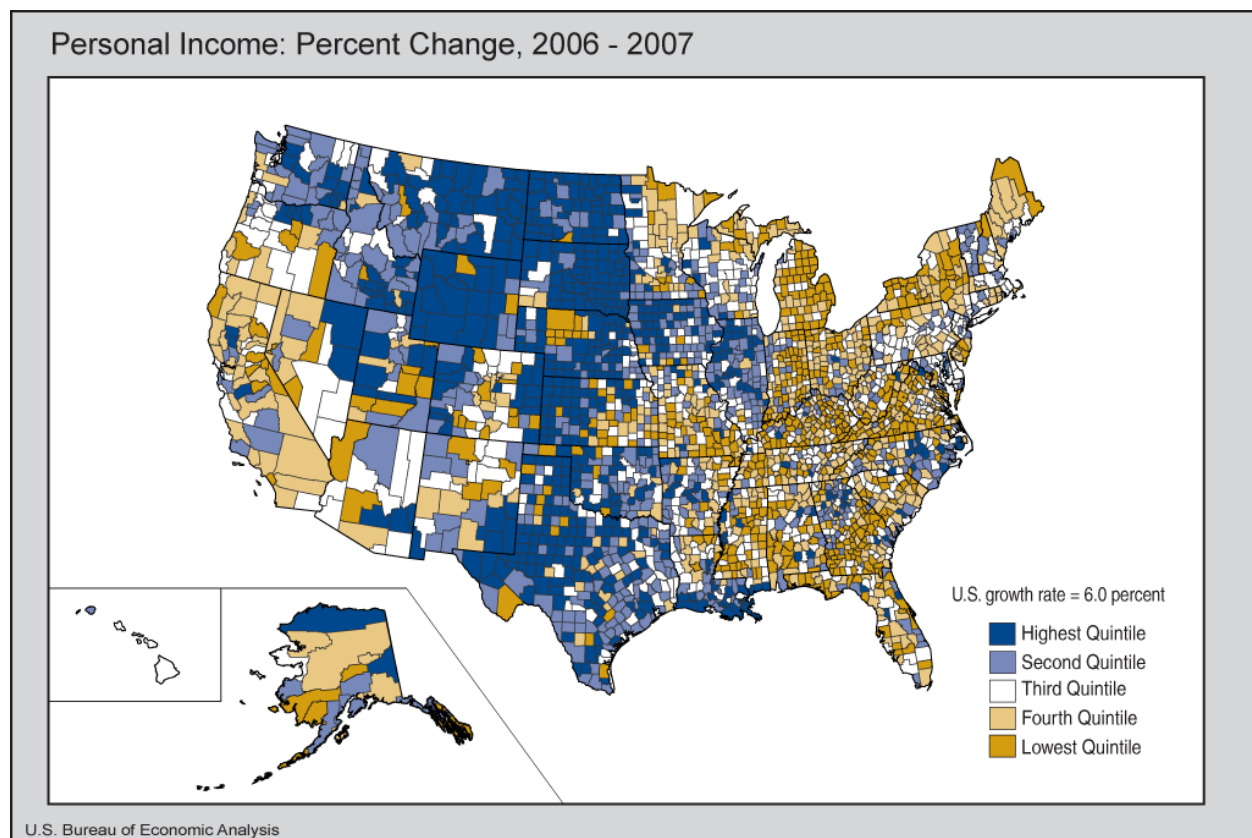
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Local Area Personal Income, 2007

Today, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) released estimates of personal income at the county level for 2007 based on newly available source data. The percent change from 2006 to 2007 in county personal income ranged from -11 percent in McPherson County, Nebraska to 88 percent in Campbell County, South Dakota. For the nation, personal income grew 6.0 percent. A surge in farm income accounted for the bulk of the growth in 29 of the 31 fastest growing counties (the top 1 percent of the nation's counties) as they rebounded from sharp declines in farm income in 2006.



Personal income is a comprehensive measure of the income of all persons from all sources. In addition to wages and salaries, it includes employer-provided health

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insurance, dividends and interest income, social security benefits, and other types of income.

Per capita personal income (personal income divided by population) ranged from \$8,579 in Loup County, Nebraska to \$132,728 in Teton County, Wyoming.

The county estimates released today complete the successively more detailed series of data releases depicting the geographic distribution of the nation's personal income for 2007. National estimates typically are released one month after the end of the year, state estimates are released two months later, and metropolitan area estimates for 2007 were released in August 2008.

Personal income and its components are available for 3,111 counties from 1969 to 2007. In addition, detailed annual estimates of earnings and employment by industry, inflows and outflows of commuters' earnings, personal current transfer receipts, and farm gross income and expenses by major category for each county are available. A partial sample of the data available is presented in the attached table for Harris County, Texas. These estimates are the only comprehensive annual measure of economic activity available for counties. Go to www.bea.gov/regional/reis/ to access these estimates.

A narrative describing county, metropolitan area, and state personal income using current estimates, growth rates, and a breakdown of the sources of personal income is available at <http://www.bea.gov/regional/bearfacts/>.

Note about data on the BEA Web site

The complete set of income and employment estimates for 1969-2007 for counties, micropolitan areas, metropolitan areas, and BEA Economic Areas is now available interactively on BEA's Web site. Detailed annual estimates of earnings and employment by industry, components of personal income, personal current transfer receipts, farm gross income and expenses by major category, and inflows and outflows of commuters' earnings for each of the geographic regions are available. These estimates are the only detailed, broadly inclusive, annual measure of economic activity available for counties. Go to www.bea.gov/regional/reis/ to access these estimates.

BEA Regional Facts (BEARFACTS), a narrative summary of personal income, per capita personal income, and components of income for metropolitan areas and counties, is available on BEA's Web site. Go to www.bea.gov/regional/bearfacts/ to access these summaries.

Data on personal income and per capita personal income for BEA regions, states, and metropolitan areas, as well as data for counties, will be presented in the May issue of the *Survey of Current Business*, the monthly journal of the Bureau of Economic Analysis. See the end of this release for information on obtaining copies of the *Survey of Current Business* on BEA's Web site. For further information, call (202) 606-5360.

Definitions

Personal income is the income received by all persons from all sources. Personal income is the sum of net earnings by place of residence, rental income of persons, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and personal current transfer receipts. **Net earnings** is earnings by place of work (the sum of wage and salary disbursements, supplements to wages and salaries, and proprietors' income) less contributions for government social insurance, plus an adjustment to convert earnings by place of work to a place-of-residence basis. Personal income is measured before the deduction of personal income taxes and other personal taxes and is reported in current dollars (no adjustment is made for price changes).

The estimate of personal income in the United States is derived as the sum of the county estimates; it differs slightly from the estimate of personal income in the national income and product accounts (NIPAs) because of differences in coverage, in the methodologies used to prepare the estimates, and in the timing of the availability of source data.

Per capita personal income is calculated as the personal income of residents of a given area divided by the resident population of the area. In computing per capita personal income, BEA uses the Census Bureau's annual midyear population estimates.

The **metropolitan area definitions** used by BEA for its entire series of personal income estimates are the county-based definitions developed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for federal statistical purposes and last updated in November 2008. OMB's general concept of a metropolitan area is that of a geographic area consisting of a large population nucleus together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration with the nucleus. Detailed personal income estimates for metropolitan statistical areas, micropolitan statistical areas, metropolitan divisions, and combined statistical areas are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov.

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Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry for Harris County, Texas, 2005-2007¹

| | [Thousands of dollars] | | |
|--|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| <i>Income by place of residence</i> | | | |
| Personal income | 160,710,955 | 177,998,800 | 194,177,877 |
| Population (persons) 2/ | 3,735,075 | 3,858,432 | 3,912,196 |
| Per capita personal income (dollars) | 43,028 | 46,132 | 49,634 |
| <i>Derivation of personal income</i> | | | |
| Earnings by place of work | 161,946,374 | 179,904,372 | 197,109,914 |
| less: Contributions for government social insurance 3/ | 14,594,565 | 16,096,272 | 17,677,396 |
| Employee and self-employed contributions for government social insurance | 7,660,827 | 8,533,147 | 9,478,215 |
| Employer contributions for government social insurance | 6,933,738 | 7,563,125 | 8,199,181 |
| plus: Adjustment for residence 4/ | -20,348,718 | -22,920,495 | -25,146,671 |
| equals: Net earnings by place of residence | 127,003,091 | 140,887,605 | 154,285,847 |
| plus: Dividends, interest, and rent 5/ | 19,959,008 | 22,520,375 | 24,029,906 |
| plus: Personal current transfer receipts | 13,748,856 | 14,590,820 | 15,862,124 |
| <i>Earnings by place of work</i> | | | |
| Components of earnings | | | |
| Wage and salary disbursements | 97,104,751 | 107,426,001 | 119,598,020 |
| Supplements to wages and salaries | 21,492,582 | 22,917,837 | 24,698,576 |
| Employer contributions for employee pension and insurance funds | 14,558,844 | 15,354,712 | 16,499,395 |
| Employer contributions for government social insurance | 6,933,738 | 7,563,125 | 8,199,181 |
| Proprietors' income 6/ | 43,349,041 | 49,560,534 | 52,813,318 |
| Farm proprietors' income | 19,719 | 20,065 | 14,817 |
| Nonfarm proprietors' income | 43,329,322 | 49,540,469 | 52,798,501 |
| Earnings by industry | | | |
| Farm earnings | 26,509 | 25,884 | 21,551 |
| Nonfarm earnings | 161,919,865 | 179,878,488 | 197,088,363 |
| Private earnings | 148,141,573 | 165,267,796 | 181,679,212 |
| Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other 7/ | 59,784 | 62,111 | 65,486 |
| Forestry and logging | (D) | (D) | 3,172 |
| Fishing, hunting, and trapping | (D) | (D) | 3,704 |
| Agriculture and forestry support activities | 31,527 | 34,939 | 37,616 |
| Other 7/ | 21,315 | 20,706 | 20,994 |
| Mining | 22,719,295 | 27,036,802 | 30,743,990 |
| Oil and gas extraction | 18,588,426 | 22,406,782 | 25,105,267 |
| Mining (except oil and gas) | 64,226 | 69,437 | 72,992 |
| Support activities for mining | 4,066,643 | 4,560,583 | 5,565,731 |
| Utilities | 6,666,180 | 8,151,611 | 9,072,343 |
| Construction | 10,604,296 | 11,593,688 | 12,320,676 |
| Construction of buildings | 3,879,097 | 4,208,288 | 4,210,238 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 1,839,236 | 2,144,933 | 2,483,721 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 4,885,963 | 5,240,467 | 5,626,717 |
| Manufacturing | 20,464,093 | 23,709,478 | 25,480,056 |
| Durable goods manufacturing | 8,903,766 | 10,303,574 | 11,488,242 |
| Wood product manufacturing | 132,833 | 130,754 | 137,077 |
| Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing | 400,293 | 410,186 | 445,634 |
| Primary metal manufacturing | 272,758 | 270,909 | 293,550 |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 2,190,144 | 2,681,540 | 3,089,444 |
| Machinery manufacturing | 2,710,768 | 3,189,255 | 3,713,297 |
| Computer and electronic product manufacturing | 1,551,508 | 1,757,484 | 1,821,484 |
| Electrical equipment and appliance manufacturing | 299,900 | 357,960 | 455,197 |
| Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts manufacturing | (D) | 223,203 | (D) |
| Other transportation equipment manufacturing | (D) | 408,179 | (D) |

See footnotes at the end of the table.

Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry for Harris County, Texas, 2005-2007¹ (continued)

| | [Thousands of dollars] | | |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Furniture and related product manufacturing | 142,931 | 153,412 | 137,294 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 635,548 | 720,692 | 746,008 |
| Nondurable goods manufacturing | 11,560,327 | 13,405,904 | 13,991,814 |
| Food manufacturing | 388,332 | 411,987 | 408,374 |
| Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing | 265,297 | 296,016 | 297,081 |
| Textile mills | 5,476 | 4,144 | 5,719 |
| Textile product mills | 35,982 | 36,752 | 40,054 |
| Apparel manufacturing | 17,099 | 18,968 | 15,567 |
| Leather and allied product manufacturing | 1,183 | 2,115 | 2,983 |
| Paper manufacturing | 246,678 | 245,143 | 247,672 |
| Printing and related support activities | 398,296 | 387,414 | 392,898 |
| Petroleum and coal products manufacturing | 5,473,206 | 6,509,201 | 6,718,052 |
| Chemical manufacturing | 4,280,253 | 5,021,898 | 5,393,883 |
| Plastics and rubber products manufacturing | 448,525 | 472,266 | 469,531 |
| Wholesale trade | 10,081,066 | 11,303,351 | 12,481,973 |
| Retail trade | 6,927,393 | 7,339,942 | 7,769,222 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 1,697,277 | 1,809,573 | 1,904,183 |
| Furniture and home furnishings stores | 328,208 | 357,844 | 436,341 |
| Electronics and appliance stores | 343,422 | 378,441 | 414,013 |
| Building material and garden supply stores | 522,757 | 579,374 | 614,953 |
| Food and beverage stores | 1,071,104 | 1,125,898 | 1,200,647 |
| Health and personal care stores | 457,159 | 496,297 | 517,673 |
| Gasoline stations | 202,474 | 216,066 | 256,279 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 505,317 | 523,504 | 564,338 |
| Sporting goods, hobby, book and music stores | 173,938 | 188,794 | 188,577 |
| General merchandise stores | 1,076,281 | 1,092,767 | 1,067,395 |
| Miscellaneous store retailers | 370,297 | 376,769 | 394,344 |
| Nonstore retailers | 179,159 | 194,615 | 210,479 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 9,724,711 | 10,186,617 | 11,239,945 |
| Air transportation | 1,946,704 | 2,008,850 | 2,146,818 |
| Rail transportation | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Water transportation | 370,292 | 350,240 | 358,863 |
| Truck transportation | 1,613,125 | 1,666,145 | 1,832,284 |
| Transit and ground passenger transportation | 138,616 | 145,413 | 167,244 |
| Pipeline transportation | 2,463,319 | 2,683,738 | 3,126,256 |
| Scenic and sightseeing transportation | 4,336 | 3,492 | 4,003 |
| Support activities for transportation | 2,167,372 | 2,232,482 | 2,447,565 |
| Couriers and messengers | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Warehousing and storage | 387,551 | 404,179 | 461,841 |
| Information | 2,874,981 | 3,057,520 | 3,336,570 |
| Publishing industries, except Internet | 723,241 | 753,638 | 850,559 |
| Motion picture and sound recording industries | 82,120 | 79,644 | 89,014 |
| Broadcasting, except Internet | 563,263 | 606,083 | 661,783 |
| Internet publishing and broadcasting | 8,911 | 10,091 | (L) |
| Telecommunications | 1,109,840 | 1,164,329 | 1,319,263 |
| ISPs, search portals, and data processing | 374,201 | 427,547 | 371,474 |
| Other information services | 13,405 | 16,188 | 44,477 |

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Personal Income by Major Source and Earnings by Industry for Harris County, Texas, 2005-2007¹ (continued)

| | [Thousands of dollars] | | |
|--|------------------------|------------|------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Finance and insurance | 8,798,865 | 9,033,047 | 9,888,744 |
| Monetary authorities - central bank | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Credit intermediation and related activities | 3,082,116 | 3,308,385 | 3,337,421 |
| Securities, commodity contracts, investments | 1,964,307 | 2,297,179 | 2,715,934 |
| Insurance carriers and related activities | 2,521,059 | 2,677,016 | 2,757,001 |
| Funds, trusts, and other financial vehicles | (D) | (D) | (D) |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 4,129,156 | 4,075,674 | 4,149,184 |
| Real estate | 3,293,771 | 3,102,195 | 3,050,303 |
| Rental and leasing services | 681,384 | 784,342 | 894,344 |
| Lessors of nonfinancial intangible assets | 154,001 | 189,137 | 204,537 |
| Professional and technical services | 18,549,756 | 20,722,893 | 22,884,049 |
| Management of companies and enterprises | 1,400,179 | 1,983,954 | 2,523,798 |
| Administrative and waste services | 6,659,297 | 7,270,090 | 8,378,205 |
| Administrative and support services | 6,275,771 | 6,830,806 | 7,910,344 |
| Waste management and remediation services | 383,526 | 439,284 | 467,861 |
| Educational services | 1,625,532 | 1,692,075 | 1,785,703 |
| Health care and social assistance | 9,487,478 | 10,142,132 | 11,087,367 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 5,044,644 | 5,379,365 | 5,880,480 |
| Hospitals | 3,349,197 | 3,610,609 | 3,968,116 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 523,855 | 554,099 | 589,439 |
| Social assistance | 569,782 | 598,059 | 649,332 |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation | 1,020,163 | 1,107,853 | 1,157,226 |
| Performing arts and spectator sports | 607,676 | 674,266 | 681,996 |
| Museums, historical sites, zoos, and parks | 75,334 | 81,183 | 88,292 |
| Amusement, gambling, and recreation | 337,153 | 352,404 | 386,938 |
| Accommodation and food services | 2,993,420 | 3,264,296 | 3,459,147 |
| Accommodation | 477,203 | 507,532 | 554,950 |
| Food services and drinking places | 2,516,217 | 2,756,764 | 2,904,197 |
| Other services, except public administration | 3,355,928 | 3,534,662 | 3,855,528 |
| Repair and maintenance | 1,202,187 | 1,278,339 | 1,436,579 |
| Personal and laundry services | 748,821 | 771,685 | 839,148 |
| Membership associations and organizations | 985,749 | 1,039,073 | 1,095,784 |
| Private households | 419,171 | 445,565 | 484,017 |
| Government and government enterprises | 13,778,292 | 14,610,692 | 15,409,151 |
| Federal, civilian | 2,634,561 | 2,778,332 | 2,906,649 |
| Military | 446,735 | 440,726 | 462,923 |
| State and local | 10,696,996 | 11,391,634 | 12,039,579 |
| State government | 2,472,196 | 2,626,330 | 2,792,015 |
| Local government | 8,224,800 | 8,765,304 | 9,247,564 |

D. Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information, but the estimates for this item are included in the total.

L. Less than \$50,000, but the estimates for this item are included in the totals.

1. The estimates of earnings for 2005-2007 are based on the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

2. Census Bureau midyear population estimates. Estimates for 2005-2007 reflect county population estimates available as of April 2009.

3. Contributions for government social insurance are included in earnings by type and industry but they are excluded from personal income.

4. The adjustment for residence is the net inflow of the earnings of interarea commuters. For the United States, it consists of adjustments for border workers: Wage and salary disbursements to U.S. residents commuting to Canada less wage and salary disbursements to Canadian and Mexican residents commuting into the United States.

5. Rental income of persons includes the capital consumption adjustment.

6. Proprietors' income includes the inventory valuation adjustment and capital consumption adjustment.

7. "Other" consists of wage and salary disbursements to U.S. residents employed by international organizations and foreign embassies and consulates in the United States.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis