

Indy Metro Area: Three Decades of Per Capita Income Growth

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Area, the 37th most populous metro area in the United States, has outpaced the nation in per capita personal income for nearly three decades — except for three years (1982, 1983 and 1984), and those were recession years in Indiana.

In 1998, the Indianapolis metro area ranked 55th out of 318 metro areas, with a per capita income of \$29,022,

compared to \$27,203 for the nation. These figures, released in June by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.doc.gov), were not adjusted for inflation.

Note: Per capita income is a comparative measure of wealth based on earnings from work and income from dividends, interest, rent and transfer payments.

The Seventies		
Year by Year	PCPI	Percent of U.S.
1970	\$4,138	101.05%
1971	\$4,468	102.76%
1972	\$4,839	102.46%
1973	\$5,458	104.12%
1974	\$5,876	102.73%
1975	\$6,300	102.36%
1976	\$7,011	103.77%
1977	\$7,787	104.93%
1978	\$8,655	104.39%
1979	\$9,570	103.68%

The Eighties		
Year by Year	PCPI	Percent of U.S.
1980	\$10,434	102.46%
1981	\$11,400	101.06%
1982	\$11,738	98.63%
1983	\$12,430	99.01%
1984	\$13,760	99.54%
1985	\$14,726	100.14%
1986	\$15,551	101.00%
1987	\$16,546	101.61%
1988	\$17,773	102.13%
1989	\$19,111	102.94%

The Nineties		
Year by Year	PCPI	Percent of U.S.
1990	\$20,249	103.40%
1991	\$20,883	103.95%
1992	\$22,202	105.31%
1993	\$23,170	106.69%
1994	\$24,417	108.13%
1995	\$25,085	106.46%
1996	\$26,123	105.97%
1997	\$27,399	105.69%
1998	\$29,022	106.69%
1999	No data until June 2001	

Figure 1: Indianapolis Metropolitan Area

Indianapolis metro area is the 37th most populous metro area in the U.S.

