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## Pennsylvania's Per Capita Income Increases 3.8 Percent

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that Pennsylvania's per capita personal income increased 3.8 percent from 2000 to 2001. This preliminary estimate, from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, shows that Pennsylvania's per capita income increased from \$29,504 in 2000 to \$30,617 in 2001. This 3.8 percent increase ranked Pennsylvania 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation in percent increase in per capita income. Tied with Pennsylvania were Alabama and Virginia. The \$1,113 increase in per capita personal income from 2000 to 2001 for Pennsylvania was the 12<sup>th</sup> largest increase in the nation.

Growth in per capita personal income slowed in Pennsylvania from 2000 to 2001 despite the 3.8 percent increase. In 1999, Pennsylvania's per capita personal income was \$27,993, giving the commonwealth a 5.4 percent increase from 1999 to 2000. Nationally, growth in per capita income slowed in 46 states in 2001. The states with the sharpest slowdowns were New Hampshire, California, Massachusetts and Colorado. New Mexico, Louisiana and Alabama are the only states that showed growth in per capita personal income. Connecticut topped the nation in per capita personal income at \$41,930 while Mississippi trailed at \$21,643.

**Table 1: Per Capita Personal Income**  
Number and Percent Change: 1999, 2000 and 2001, U.S. and States

<u>Area</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Percent Change 2000-2001</u>	<u>Percent Change 1999-2000</u>
<b>United States</b>	<b>\$30,271</b>	<b>\$29,469</b>	<b>\$27,843</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Alabama	24,426	23,521	22,694	3.8	3.6
Alaska	30,997	29,642	27,994	4.6	5.9
Arizona	25,479	24,988	23,755	2.0	5.2
Arkansas	22,912	21,995	21,107	4.2	4.2
California	32,678	32,149	29,772	1.6	8.0
Colorado	32,957	32,434	30,206	1.6	7.4
Connecticut	41,930	40,702	38,441	3.0	5.9
Delaware	32,121	31,012	29,207	3.6	6.2
District of Columbia	40,498	38,838	36,248	4.3	7.1



<u>Area</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>Percent Change 2000-2001</u>	<u>Percent Change 1999-2000</u>
Florida	\$28,493	\$27,764	\$26,593	2.6	4.4
Georgia	28,438	27,794	26,499	2.3	4.9
Hawaii	28,554	27,851	26,800	2.5	3.9
Idaho	24,257	23,727	22,371	2.2	6.1
Illinois	32,755	31,856	30,301	2.8	5.1
Indiana	27,532	26,933	25,625	2.2	5.1
Iowa	27,283	26,431	24,962	3.2	5.9
Kansas	28,507	27,374	26,155	4.1	4.7
Kentucky	25,057	24,085	22,682	4.0	6.2
Louisiana	24,084	23,090	22,274	4.3	3.7
Maine	26,385	25,380	24,268	4.0	4.6
Maryland	34,950	33,482	31,641	4.4	5.8
Massachusetts	38,845	37,704	34,485	3.0	9.3
Michigan	29,538	29,127	27,854	1.4	4.6
Minnesota	32,791	31,935	30,105	2.7	6.1
Mississippi	21,643	20,900	20,109	3.6	3.9
Missouri	28,029	27,206	25,877	3.0	5.1
Montana	23,532	22,518	21,490	4.5	4.8
Nebraska	28,564	27,630	26,656	3.4	3.7
Nevada	29,860	29,506	28,786	1.2	2.5
New Hampshire	33,928	33,169	30,425	2.3	9.0
New Jersey	38,153	37,118	34,622	2.8	7.2
New Mexico	23,162	21,931	20,949	5.6	4.7
New York	35,884	34,689	32,585	3.4	6.5
North Carolina	27,418	26,882	25,302	2.0	6.2
North Dakota	25,538	24,708	22,969	3.4	7.6
Ohio	28,619	27,977	26,753	2.3	4.6
Oklahoma	24,787	23,650	22,505	4.8	5.1
Oregon	28,000	27,660	26,261	1.2	5.3
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>30,617</b>	<b>29,504</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Rhode Island	29,984	29,113	27,769	3.0	4.8
South Carolina	24,594	24,000	22,906	2.5	4.8
South Dakota	26,301	25,958	24,460	1.3	6.1
Tennessee	26,758	25,946	24,723	3.1	4.9
Texas	28,486	27,752	26,224	2.6	5.8
Utah	24,202	23,436	22,305	3.3	5.1
Vermont	27,992	26,848	25,522	4.3	5.2
Virginia	32,295	31,120	29,299	3.8	6.2
Washington	31,582	31,230	29,819	1.1	4.7
West Virginia	22,725	21,738	20,697	4.5	5.0
Wisconsin	28,911	28,100	26,869	2.9	4.6
Wyoming	28,807	27,372	25,986	5.2	5.3

Per capita personal income is determined by dividing total personal income by total midyear population estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

### **Pennsylvania's Annual State Personal Income Reaches \$376.2 Billion**

Pennsylvania's annual personal state income increased to \$376.2 billion in 2001, a 3.8 percent increase from 2000 when Pennsylvania had an annual personal state income of \$362.4 billion. In both 2000 and 2001, Pennsylvania ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in state personal income. Nationally, U.S. personal income increased to \$8.6 trillion in 2001, a 3.6 percent increase from 2000 when U.S. personal income was \$8.3 trillion.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's National State Data Center Program.

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