

LOCAL AREA PERSONAL INCOME, 2004

Personal income grew faster in 2004 than in 2003 in most of the nation's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), according to estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. Fewer than one in six MSAs grew slower in 2004 than in the previous year. Most of these slower growing MSAs are in the Great Lakes Region and have a relatively large motor vehicle manufacturing sector.

Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, Connecticut continued to have the highest per capita income of all metropolitan areas in 2004. The average income of \$62,979 was 90.6 percent above the national average of \$33,050. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas continued to have the lowest per capita income of all metropolitan areas. Its average income of \$15,460 was less than half of the national average.

The difference in income between the highest and lowest income areas widened in 2004 as per capita income in all but one of the top ten MSAs grew faster than the national average while per capita income in all but one of the bottom five MSAs grew slower than the national average.

Per Capita Personal Income for Metropolitan Statistical Areas

	Dollars		Percent of U.S.	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
United States	31,484	33,050	100	100
Highest per capita levels				
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	59,108	62,979	187.7	190.6
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	46,652	49,276	148.2	149.1
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	45,803	48,530	145.5	146.8
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	43,913	46,782	139.5	141.5
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	43,345	46,060	137.7	139.4
Trenton-Ewing, NJ	42,165	44,661	133.9	135.1
Boulder, CO	41,517	43,640	131.9	132.0
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	40,679	43,277	129.2	130.9
Naples-Marco Island, FL	41,926	42,846	133.2	129.6
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	38,447	41,634	122.1	126.0
Lowest per capita levels				
Logan, UT-ID	20,259	21,761	64.3	65.8
Las Cruces, NM	20,523	21,677	65.2	65.6
St. George, UT	20,442	21,530	64.9	65.1
Hanford-Corcoran, CA	20,013	21,253	63.6	64.3
Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA	19,592	20,904	62.2	63.2
Provo-Orem, UT	19,528	20,421	62.0	61.8
Yuma, AZ	19,262	20,289	61.2	61.4
Laredo, TX	17,097	17,769	54.3	53.8
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	16,538	16,994	52.5	51.4
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	14,938	15,460	47.4	46.8

A complete ranking of all metropolitan areas is available in a news release, "Local Area Personal Income, 2004," on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov/bea/rels.htm. In addition, personal income and per capita income for 2002-2004 has been released for all counties in the Nation on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov.