

Economic Prosperity Indicator: Per Capita Personal Income

Why: Income adequate to purchase goods and services, and invest and save is necessary to achieve sustainable economic development.

What: Per Capita Personal Income is the income that is received by persons from all sources. It is calculated as the sum of wage and salary disbursements, supplements to wages and salaries, proprietors' income with inventory valuation and capital consumption adjustments, rental income of persons with capital consumption adjustment, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and personal current transfer receipts, less contributions for government social insurance. This measure of income is calculated as the personal income of the residents of a given area divided by the resident population of the area. In computing per capita personal income, the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) uses the United States Census Bureau's annual midyear population estimates.

Where: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. <http://www.bea.gov/>

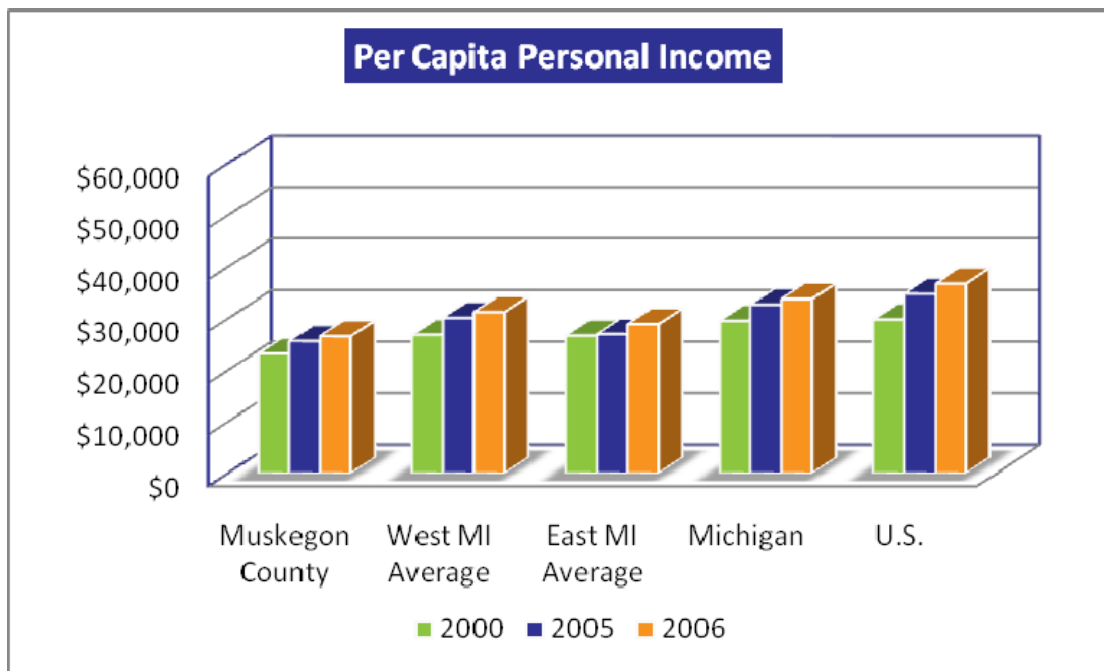
| Per Capita Personal Income | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Geography | 2000 | | 2005 | | 2006 | |
| | \$ | Index Score | \$ | Index Score | \$ | Index Score |
| Muskegon County | \$23,130 | 2.1 | \$25,626 | 2.2 | \$26,560 | 1.8 |
| Kent County | \$29,381 | 2.9 | \$33,791 | 3.5 | \$35,049 | 2.7 |
| Ottawa County | \$27,885 | 2.7 | \$30,995 | 3.2 | \$32,122 | 2.4 |
| West MI Average | \$26,799 | 2.6 | \$30,137 | 3.0 | \$31,244 | 2.3 |
| Bay County | \$28,000 | 2.7 | \$25,958 | 2.2 | \$29,317 | 2.1 |
| Genesee County | \$26,438 | 2.5 | \$27,602 | 2.5 | \$28,803 | 2.0 |
| Saginaw County | \$25,599 | 2.4 | \$27,246 | 2.4 | \$28,550 | 2.0 |
| East MI Average | \$26,679 | 2.5 | \$26,935 | 2.4 | \$28,890 | 2.0 |
| Michigan | \$29,554 | 2.9 | \$32,694 | 3.2 | \$33,788 | 2.6 |
| U.S. | \$29,845 | 2.9 | \$34,757 | 3.5 | \$36,714 | 2.9 |

Index Scores

Rubric: There is no definitive standard or consensus on sustainable per capital personal income levels. The levels are based on the quintile or fifths distribution of the rankings of per capita personal income among U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

Scale: The income level for each index score is the lower limit of each Census quintile reported for the indicated year.

| Rubric: Per Capita Personal Income | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Level | Index | Quintile Limits | | |
| | | 2000 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Thriving | 5 | \$45,698 | \$45,516 | \$57,747 |
| Advancing | 4 | \$38,002 | \$38,490 | \$47,950 |
| Sustainable | 3 | \$30,305 | \$31,463 | \$38,153 |
| Needs Improvement | 2 | \$22,609 | \$24,437 | \$28,356 |
| Failing | 1 | \$14,912 | \$17,410 | \$18,559 |



- *Per capita personal income for Muskegon County has lagged averages for the other geographies reported here between 2000 and 2006 – including East Michigan.*
- *While actual per capita personal income has increased, the Index scores for the indicator have declined since 2000 in all Michigan geographies including Muskegon County.*
- *The three highest per capita personal income levels reported among U.S. metropolitan statistical areas in 2006 were:*
 - *\$74,281 - Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk CT;*
 - *\$ 57,747 - San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont CA; and*
 - *\$57,746 - Naples FL.*