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## **COUNTY PER CAPITA INCOME SHOWS SOLID GROWTH**

The impact of economic development decisions takes time to show up in economic indicators, but the actions of Jackson County over the past 20 years are showing up on the trend line of **per capita personal income** (PCPI), the gold standard for measuring the relative economic well-being of a county or state.

Jackson County's trend line is positive and continues to show gains relative to the nation and is moving forward in the national rankings. In 1983, Jackson County ranked 1,724<sup>th</sup> out of 3,141 counties in per capita income. In 2003 (the most recent data available released in May, 2005), the county ranked 1,171<sup>st</sup>, an upward move past 555 other counties.

Such upward movement shows Jackson County is surpassing other counties relative to the nation and is reflective of its ability to stay in the game even in the wake of a national and statewide recession

Additionally, Jackson County ranks in the top 500 counties nationally (at 422) in the average earnings for private sector jobs.

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