






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Personal income up in Tallahassee Report: growth spurred by property income

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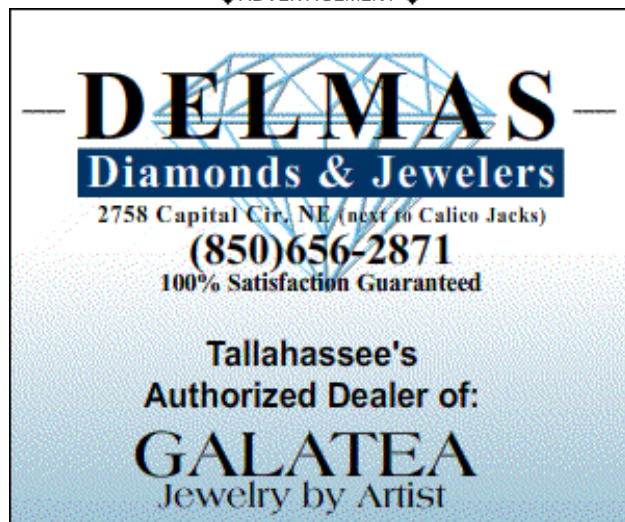
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Personal income grew in the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of Gadsden and Leon counties in the last year, according to U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates released Tuesday.

From 2005 to 2006, personal income grew 5.6 percent in the Tallahassee MSA, while per capita personal income rose 4.6 percent, said Kathy Albetski, a Bureau of Economic Analysis economist.

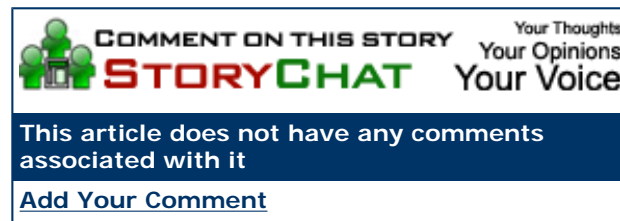
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The Tallahassee MSA ranked No. 194 of the nation's 363 with preliminary per

Nationwide, personal income increased 6.6 percent in 2006, compared to 5.3 percent the previous year.

"Growth was spurred by property income and compensation components of personal income," the report said. Pay rose in most private industries, but decreased at all levels of government, especially the military.




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Capital News	capita personal income of \$31,215. Average per capita income increased from \$28,775 in 2004.
Opinion	
Columnists	"The Tallahassee MSA is very strong in 'knowledge jobs,' the share of the work force employed in managerial, professional and technical positions," said Julie Harrington, director of the Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis (CEFA) at Florida State University.
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FSU News	"In a 2003 FSU CEFA study, Tallahassee ranked Florida's highest in Internet backbone capacity and unique potential to expand as an Internet hub center and in e-business," she said.
FSU Sports	
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FAMU News	The Tallahassee MSA ranked in the upper half in Florida in high tech jobs, Harrington said.
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FAMU Football	Albetski said Tallahassee MSA income increases were in construction; manufacturing; retail trade, finance and insurance; and administrative and waste services.
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