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"PER CAPITA INCOME TOPS IN MIDLAND"

MIDLAND WITH A PER CAPITA INCOME OF \$3,698 IN 1966, IS THE RICHEST METROPOLITAN AREA IN TEXAS, THE TEXAS RESEARCH LEAGUE SAID SATURDAY.

THE LEAGUE QUOTED FROM A REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

MIDLAND, THE REPORT SAID, ALSO IS THE ONLY TEXAS METROPOLITAN AREA TO RANK IN THE TOP 25 METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF PERSONAL INCOME.

ODESSA, MIDLAND'S NEIGHBOR, HAS HAD THE GREATEST AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH IN INCOME FROM 1929 TO 1966 WITH A RATE OF 13.3 PER CENT.

THE SHERMAN-DENISON AREA HAS HAD THE LOWEST GROWTH RATE IN PERSONAL INCOME - 5.4 PER CENT PER YEAR.

THOSE METROPOLITAN AREAS WITH THE LOWEST PER CAPITA INCOME, IN FACT THE LOWEST IN THE NATION, ARE BROWNSVILLE, HARLINGEN, AND SAN BENITO WITH \$1,725; LAREDO, \$1,379; AND MCALLEN, PHARR, AND EDINBURG, \$1,250.