



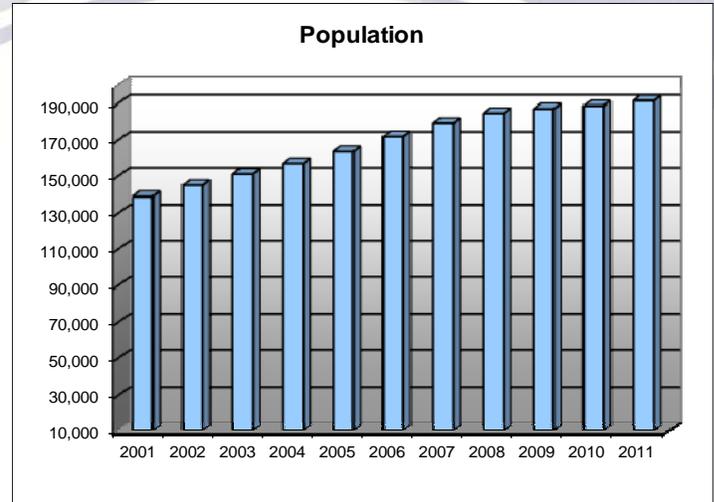
Canyon County

August 2012

Work Force Trends

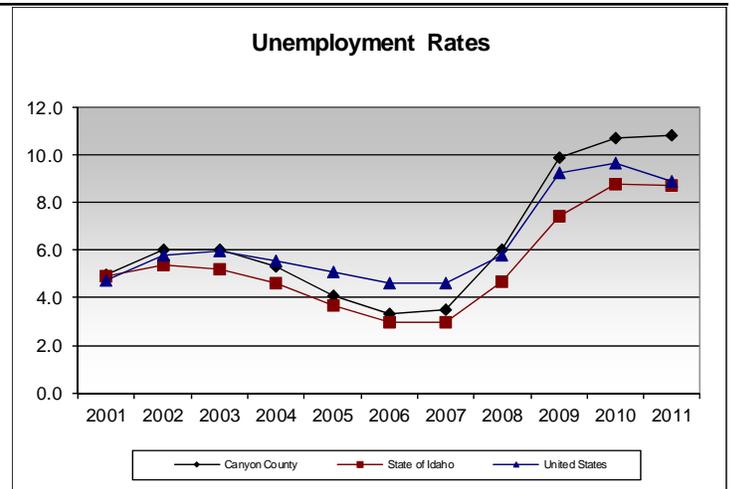
Population

Canyon County is Idaho's second most populous with nearly 192,000 residents. At the same time, it is the seventh smallest county geographically. Combined with Ada County, the population is over 592,000. Many people are drawn to Canyon County by lower housing prices and a rural life style within commuting distance of jobs in Ada County, Idaho's largest. The population increased almost 65,000, or 51 percent, from 2001 to 2011. Nampa and Caldwell are Canyon County's largest cities, ranking second and sixth in population.



Labor Force & Employment

The Canyon County civilian labor force exhibited strong growth throughout the past decade, increasing by 16,600, or 24 percent. By 2005, the county started reaping the benefits of the housing boom and accompanying commercial construction. That drove the unemployment rate to record lows in 2006 before the recession began eating into the county's prosperity in the second half of 2008. The housing bubble, which fueled the expansion, had burst, aggravated by rising lumber, concrete and fuel prices. The unemployment rate nearly doubled from 2007 to 2008, then shot up to 9.9 percent in 2009 and continued to climb in 2010 to a record 10.7 percent. Employment increased in 2011 as did the labor force, but these were often offset by increases in unemployment, and the jobless rate inched up a tenth of a point.



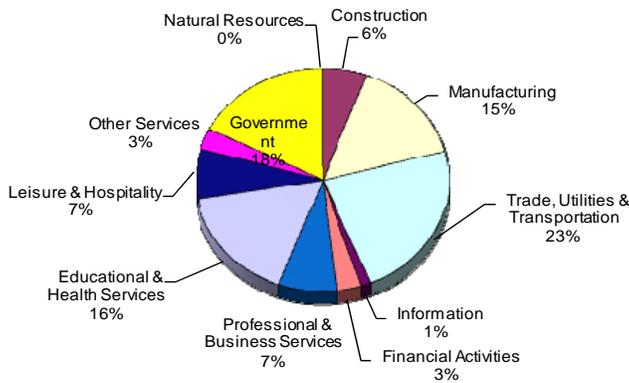
Canyon County's covered employment also lagged

behind in 2011, shedding 160 jobs. The majority of the losses came from two of the best performers the past decade, government and education and health services. Together the two lost 290 jobs in 2011. These were somewhat offset by gains to agriculture and trade, utilities and transportation.

Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	87,206	87,522
Total Employment	77,105	79,927
Unemployed	10,101	7,595
% of Labor Force Unemployed	11.6	8.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.9	7.5
U.S. % Unemployed	9.1	8.3

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	69,072	70,635	73,036	74,476	77,740	81,632	83,089	84,381	84,224	85,057	86,517
Unemployment	3,435	4,267	4,404	3,945	3,190	2,724	2,894	5,078	8,324	9,119	9,351
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.1	3.3	3.5	6.0	9.9	10.7	10.8
Employment	65,638	66,368	68,631	70,531	74,550	78,907	80,195	79,303	75,900	75,938	77,165

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Industry Employment and Wages

Despite commuters who work in neighboring Ada County, Canyon County ranked second to last – 43rd – in per capita income since 2008. 2010 showed some improvement, up \$400 to \$22,723. This puts the county at only 74 percent of state per capita income and a paltry 57 percent of national per capita income.

Average wages range from \$12,432 in the hospitality sector to \$41,856 in mining although few are employed in this sector. Most jobs are in manufacturing, trade and services.

Major Employers

Amalgamated Sugar Co.
Caldwell School District
Canyon County
City of Nampa
J.R. Simplot
Mercy Medical Center
Nampa School District
Plexus Corp.
Woodgrain Millwork Inc.
Vallivue School District
Wal-Mart
West Valley Medical Center

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Home Health Aides	\$8.21
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$16.01
Registered Nurses	\$23.23
Welders	\$12.00
Billing and Posting Clerks	\$12.16
Automotive Service Technicians	\$10.41
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$13.09
Agricultural Workers	\$8.05
File Clerks	\$9.46
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.08
Landscaping Workers	\$9.08

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at imi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2001, 2010 & 2011	2001		2010		2011	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	47,298	\$26,011	51,023	\$30,440	50,861	\$31,081
Agriculture	2,824	\$17,783	2,697	\$26,376	2,800	\$27,463
Mining	46	\$43,035	22	\$39,066	22	\$41,856
Construction	3,604	\$25,350	2,866	\$31,236	2,811	\$32,395
Manufacturing	10,821	\$33,524	7,472	\$37,269	7,499	\$38,672
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	9,340	\$23,784	10,969	\$30,812	11,043	\$31,490
Information	652	\$29,166	574	\$36,222	620	\$36,479
Financial Activities	1,469	\$28,569	1,587	\$36,263	1,541	\$36,589
Professional and Business Services	2,811	\$26,549	3,672	\$30,922	3,631	\$31,028
Educational and Health Services	5,200	\$27,098	7,557	\$29,946	7,460	\$30,302
Leisure and Hospitality	3,085	\$9,089	3,431	\$12,124	3,452	\$12,432
Other Services	940	\$20,664	1,456	\$25,049	1,451	\$26,388
Government	6,508	\$27,327	8,721	\$31,984	8,531	\$32,264

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Canyon County	\$20,373	\$20,079	\$20,047	\$20,637	\$21,516	\$22,874	\$23,614	\$23,283	\$22,322	\$22,723
State of Idaho	\$25,665	\$26,042	\$26,452	\$28,412	\$29,544	\$31,493	\$32,607	\$33,110	\$30,997	\$31,897
United States	\$31,157	\$31,481	\$32,295	\$33,909	\$35,452	\$37,725	\$39,506	\$40,947	\$38,846	\$39,937

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