



Lewis County

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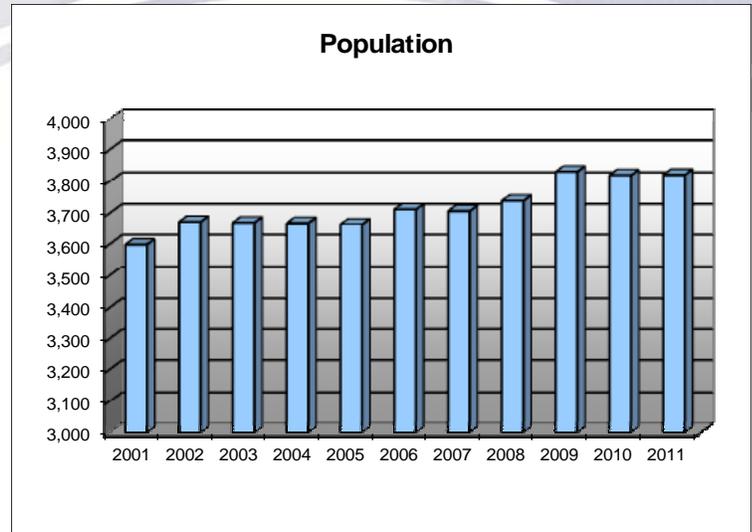
Work Force Trends

Population

Lewis County's population grew 6 percent from 3,599 in 2001 to 3,822 in 2011 while U.S. population grew 9 percent and Idaho's population grew 20 percent.

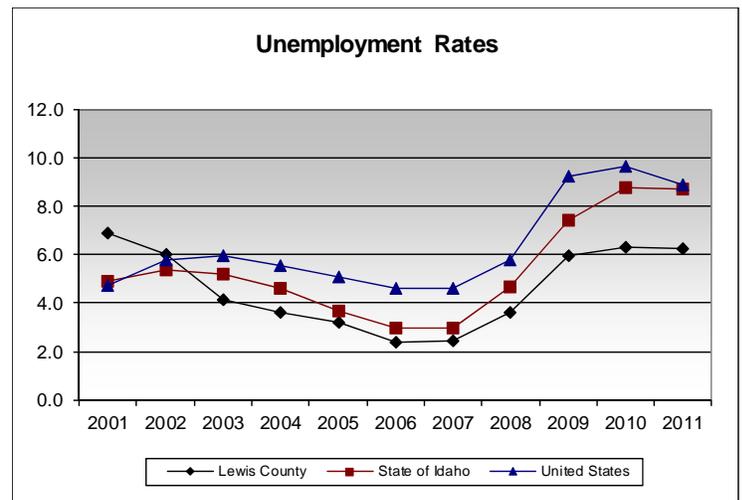
Declining job opportunities in natural resource-based industries caused some young families to move out. This exodus was mostly offset by the influx of retirees looking for rural charm, safety, scenic beauty and hunting and fishing opportunities. Parts of Lewis County are also becoming bedroom communities for Lewiston.

The 2010 populations of the county's incorporated cities were 1,295 in Kamiah, 501 in Craigmont, 466 in Nezperce, 340 in Winchester and 71 in Reubens.



Labor Force & Employment

Lewis County remains heavily dependent on natural resource, especially agriculture and forest products. Farm income is a major factor in the spending power of county residents. High prices for wheat, cattle and other commodities are boosting the local economy. Over time the forest products industry has lost jobs, but it remains a major source of employment in several communities. In 2010, the Blue North Forest Products mill opened in Kamiah, hiring 60. Since 2007, falling U.S. housing starts have depressed lumber prices, forcing some mills to reduce hours or cut jobs. Today, 150 people work at sawmills and another 40 work in the logging industry. About 60 people work for other manufacturers. The largest is Hillco Technologies, a Nezperce company that



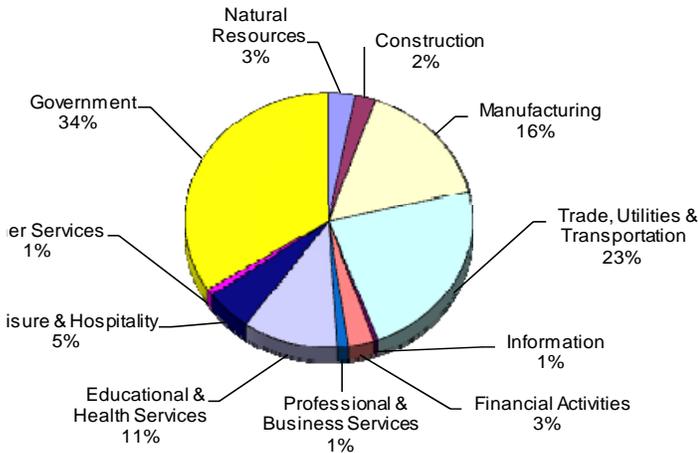
Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	1,729	1,788
Total Employment	1,613	1,665
Unemployed	116	123
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.7	6.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.9	7.5
U.S. % Unemployed	9.1	8.3

makes equipment to keep farm combines level. The Ende Foundry opened in Craigmont in spring 2011 and is expected to employ 17 people by 2013.

The county's tourism industry remains small. Public lands including Winchester State Park provide recreational opportunities, which help attract tourists and potential residents.

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	1,708	1,749	1,670	1,691	1,721	1,715	1,700	1,697	1,741	1,766	1,741
Unemployment	118	105	70	61	55	41	42	62	104	112	109
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.9	6.0	4.2	3.6	3.2	2.4	2.5	3.6	6.0	6.3	6.2
Employment	1,590	1,643	1,600	1,630	1,666	1,674	1,658	1,635	1,637	1,654	1,632

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Economic Development

Ida-Lew Economic Development Council is a non-profit organization recruiting new businesses, assisting existing businesses, promoting infrastructure investment to sustain long-term economic growth and strengthening and diversifying the economies of Lewis and Idaho counties.

The Nez Perce Tribe also plays a major role in economic and community development in parts of Lewis, Clearwater and Nez Perce counties.

Major Employers

Blue North Forest Products
Cloningers Harvest Foods (grocery)
Flying B Ranch (tourism)
Highland Joint School District 305
Hillco Technologies (farm equip. manufacturer)
It'se-Ye-Ye Casino (Nez Perce Tribe)
Kamiah Joint School District 304
Kamiah Mills
Lewis County
Nezperce Joint School District 302
Seeds Inc.

Occupational Wages*

Starting Pay

Agricultural Workers	\$9.50
Assemblers	\$9.00
Bookkeepers	\$10.50
Carpenters	\$13.50
Cashiers	\$7.50
Cooks, Restaurant	\$8.00
Janitors	\$8.50
Laborers, Construction	\$9.00
Nurses, Registered	\$22.60
Salespersons, Retail	\$7.80
Secretaries	\$10.25
Teachers	\$20.80
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$14.00

*Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.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	1,165	\$19,642	1,406	\$25,287	1,449	\$26,486
Agriculture	99	\$19,176	76	\$34,794	88	\$34,847
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	37	\$22,502	36	\$26,751	34	\$26,668
Manufacturing	91	\$24,438	181	\$30,836	231	\$34,099
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	300	\$19,284	347	\$24,245	331	\$25,397
Information	8	\$26,075	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	38	\$15,946	42	\$30,232	42	\$30,768
Professional and Business Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Educational and Health Services	51	\$20,044	152	\$18,379	154	\$17,862
Leisure and Hospitality	122	\$8,623	80	\$9,773	77	\$9,240
Other Services	7	\$11,547	12	\$15,175	13	\$19,435
Government	395	\$22,413	452	\$26,792	453	\$26,768

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Lewis County	\$25,151	\$24,321	\$26,215	\$27,785	\$28,637	\$28,002	\$32,161	\$38,589	\$37,429	\$41,544
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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