



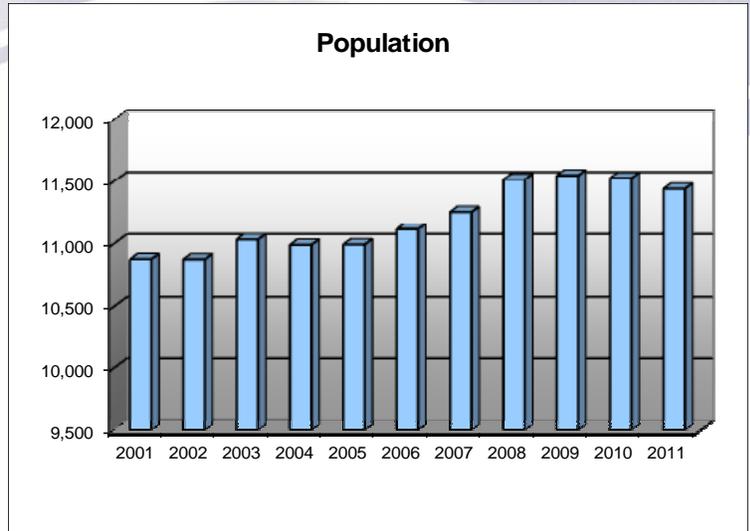
Owyhee County

August 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

Owyhee County is the second largest and the 25th most populous of Idaho's 44 counties. It has one of the lowest population densities in the state, and more than three-quarters of the land is federally owned. Owyhee's population increased 5 percent from 2001 to 2011 to just under 11,500. Population has held quite steady since 2008. Due to the large federal land holdings and the fairly remote locations of this largely agricultural county, population growth has been slower than in most surrounding areas. Most residents live in the western portion of the county.

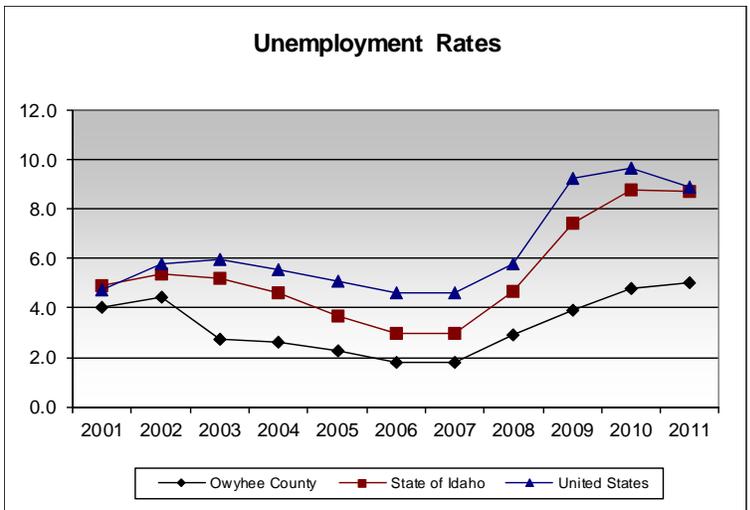


Labor Force & Employment

The average annual unemployment rate leveled off in 2011, only increasing by 0.2 percentage points over the prior year. The county maintains one of the lowest unemployment rates month to month, primarily due to its high concentration of employment in government and agriculture that remain relatively stable over time.

While not enough activity occurred to reduce the annual average unemployment rate, 2011 has shown improvement. The labor force increased for the second year after declining a little more than 360 from 2006 to 2009. Both employment and unemployment increased in 2011 as well, keeping the rate steady.

Overall, covered employment declined in 2011,

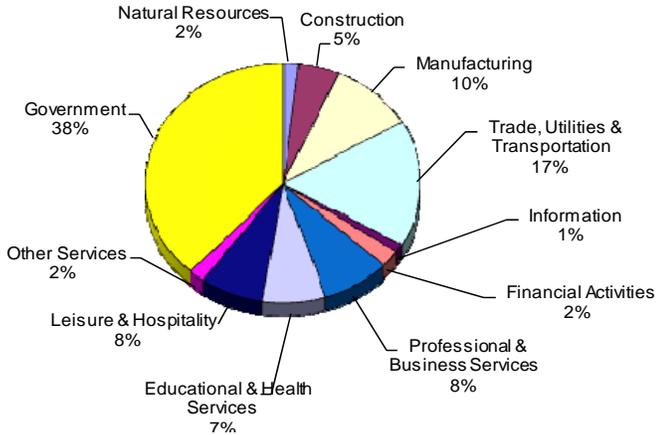


losing 192 jobs from 2010. By far most of the losses came in agriculture, which dropped 193 jobs. The majority of the gains were recorded in mining and professional and business services, which added almost 20 apiece.

Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	4,505	4,651
Total Employment	4,278	4,434
Unemployed	227	216
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.0	4.6
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	4,878	4,740	4,686	4,593	4,664	4,680	4,483	4,389	4,317	4,424	4,506
Unemployment	196	209	127	119	106	84	81	127	168	213	227
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.0	4.4	2.7	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.9	3.9	4.8	5.0
Employment	4,682	4,531	4,559	4,474	4,558	4,595	4,403	4,262	4,149	4,211	4,279

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Per Capita Income/Covered Employment

Owyhee County picked up some ground when it comes to per capital income in 2011, moving from 28th to 26th among the 44 counties. However, the county was still almost \$3,000 shy of state per capita income and well over \$10,000 off the national number.

62 percent of the area's employment is in agriculture or government, which provide stability in terms of employment but do little to boost wages.

Major Employers

Bruneau-Grandview School District
Filler King Co.
Homedale School District
J.R. Simplot Co.
Nederend Dairy
Marsing School District
Owyhee County
Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center
Paul's Market
Deruyter Dairy

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Bookkeeper	\$11.08
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$11.54
Groundskeeping Workers	\$9.08
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$9.96
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.08
School Bus Driver	\$9.64
Administrative Assistants	\$11.17
General Farm Laborer	\$8.05
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$14.55
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$16.01
Waiter/Waitress	\$7.83
Truck Drivers	\$13.09

* 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	2,495	\$20,899	3,063	\$25,098	2,870	\$27,913
Agriculture	945	\$18,676	1,269	\$21,847	1,076	\$27,896
Mining	19	\$40,942	15	\$59,937	34	\$45,799
Construction	154	\$23,957	106	\$41,829	88	\$34,033
Manufacturing	130	\$30,575	186	\$29,551	183	\$30,267
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	275	\$20,167	308	\$28,679	312	\$33,770
Information	19	\$38,176	23	\$33,586	21	\$34,851
Financial Activities	18	\$22,076	22	\$28,091	25	\$21,256
Professional and Business Services	36	\$46,335	129	\$38,054	147	\$38,852
Educational and Health Services	129	\$18,372	134	\$22,703	137	\$21,405
Leisure and Hospitality	121	\$7,614	146	\$9,172	138	\$9,348
Other Services	6	\$17,473	11	\$16,710	7	\$23,067
Government	644	\$22,274	715	\$26,110	703	\$25,802

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Owyhee County	\$20,302	\$20,564	\$20,216	\$23,335	\$24,224	\$25,708	\$28,667	\$29,258	\$27,101	\$28,863
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

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis

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