



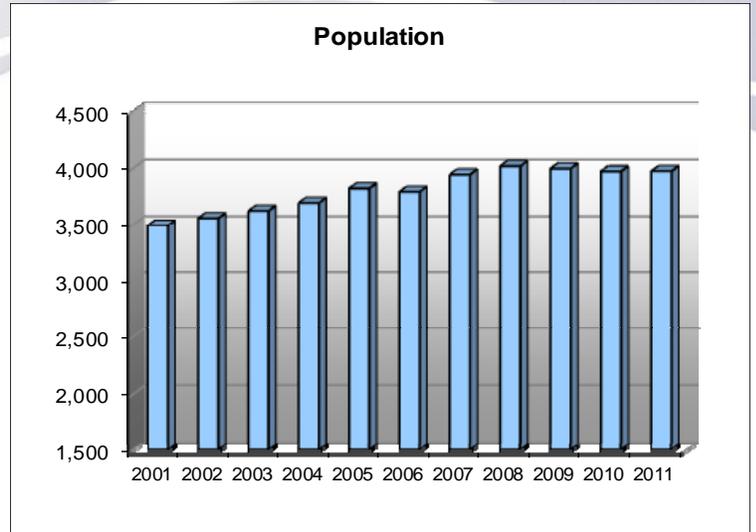
Adams County

August 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

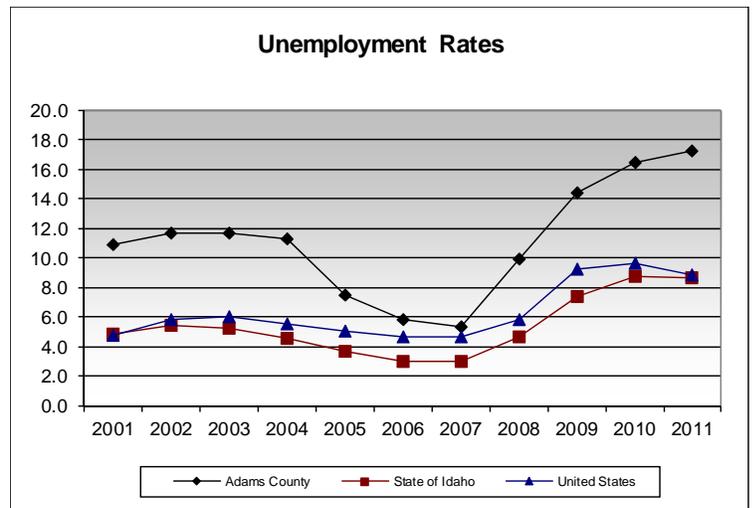
Adams County ranks 40th among Idaho's 44 counties with a population of 3,977 and is sixth smallest in area. Its population has remained relatively stable over the last decade. There were 500 more people in 2011 than in 2001. The fluctuation has been no more than 100 in any one year until the census data was collected. Adams County has a core group of residents to keep it stable. Fluctuations result from the comings and goings of people looking for a rural life and lower living costs. But many have trouble finding work in an economy hit hard by the decline in natural resource industries. Adams County also loses many of its younger residents to more populous areas with better employment or educational attainment prospects.



Labor Force & Employment

Adams County's labor force has fluctuated between 1,800 and 2,100 for the past 10 years. The largest spike was caused by the influx of people to work on the Tamarack Resort and the surrounding developments in 2006. After the resort shuttered its doors, nothing has come in to take its place. The unemployment rate reached a 10-year low in 2007 of 5.4 percent and then began ballooning – from 10 percent in 2008 to over 17 percent in 2011.

Employment has declined steadily since 2006 with the exception of a small bump in 2009. Employment in 2011 was 24 percent below the county's 2006 high. Over the decade the greatest declines have occurred in the construction and government sectors, which lost almost 130 jobs between them. For the construction sector, that accounts for 66 percent of its total employment in 2001.

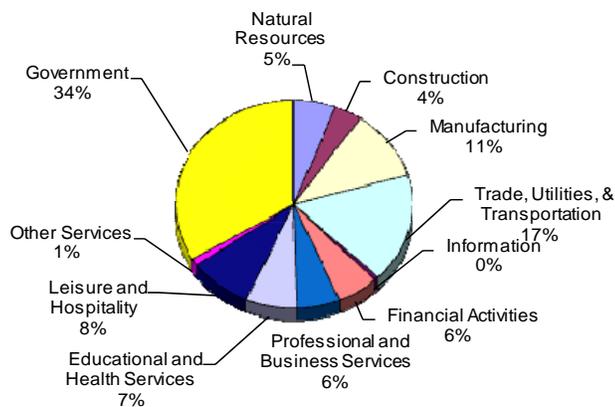


Not all industries have declined since 2001. Professional and business services as well as the education and health care sectors posted modest gains—around 100 jobs between them. This isn't enough to offset the other industries losses though.

| Labor Force | July 11 | July 12 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 1,940 | 1,794 |
| Total Employment | 1,562 | 1,484 |
| Unemployed | 378 | 310 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 19.5 | 17.3 |
| 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 | 1,950 | 1,866 | 1,853 | 1,839 | 1,877 | 2,125 | 1,992 | 1,915 | 2,083 | 2,020 | 1,850 |
| Unemployment | 212 | 218 | 216 | 207 | 140 | 124 | 107 | 190 | 301 | 333 | 320 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 10.9 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 9.9 | 14.5 | 16.5 | 17.3 |
| Employment | 1,737 | 1,648 | 1,637 | 1,632 | 1,737 | 2,001 | 1,885 | 1,724 | 1,782 | 1,687 | 1,530 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Major Employers

| |
|---|
| Adams County |
| Council Community Hospital |
| Council School District |
| Meadows Valley Market |
| Jl Morgan Inc |
| Tom Mahon Logging Inc |
| Meadows Valley School District |
| Idaho Transportation Department |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service |

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Logging Equipment Operator | \$14.29 |
| Cashier | \$8.14 |
| Recreation Workers | \$8.14 |
| Hotel, Motel and Resort Desk Clerks | \$8.18 |
| Construction Worker/Laborer | \$10.46 |
| Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics | \$16.22 |
| Truck Drivers | \$13.09 |
| Registered Nurses | \$23.23 |
| Cooks, Restaurant | \$8.27 |
| Accountants and Auditors | \$18.96 |
| General and Operations Managers | \$19.88 |
| Waiters/Waitresses | \$7.83 |

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

Per Capita Income & Employment

Adams County's per capita income increased almost \$1,400 in 2012 but kept its same rank at 29th in the state. While this is strong improvement, it is still a far cry from the 16th rank the county had in 2006.

Though government has become a slightly smaller, more stable sector of the county economy, its jobs still make up 34 percent of covered employment and are among the better paying in the county.

| 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 | 965 | \$21,891 | 1,032 | \$27,997 | 918 | \$30,071 |
| Agriculture | 85 | \$28,507 | 60 | \$37,273 | 62 | \$38,434 |
| Mining | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Construction | 102 | \$21,086 | 40 | \$16,380 | 34 | \$15,673 |
| Manufacturing | * | * | 33 | \$19,805 | 101 | \$35,855 |
| Trade, Utilities, & Transportation | 145 | \$13,655 | 251 | \$29,234 | 153 | \$25,949 |
| Information | * | * | 6 | \$42,857 | 5 | \$42,223 |
| Financial Activities | 24 | \$17,069 | 39 | \$29,931 | 44 | \$31,161 |
| Professional and Business Services | 10 | \$24,634 | 52 | \$39,101 | 55 | \$42,333 |
| Educational and Health Services | 8 | \$5,050 | 47 | \$24,480 | 64 | \$25,469 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 133 | \$9,523 | 172 | \$13,968 | 79 | \$9,650 |
| Other Services | 4 | \$15,851 | 12 | \$25,373 | 10 | \$31,809 |
| Government | 370 | \$27,095 | 319 | \$33,433 | 309 | \$33,671 |

ADAMS COUNTY

| Per Capita Income | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Adams County | \$22,327 | \$23,000 | \$23,560 | \$25,949 | \$26,154 | \$28,287 | \$27,907 | \$27,989 | \$26,433 | \$27,796 |
| 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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