



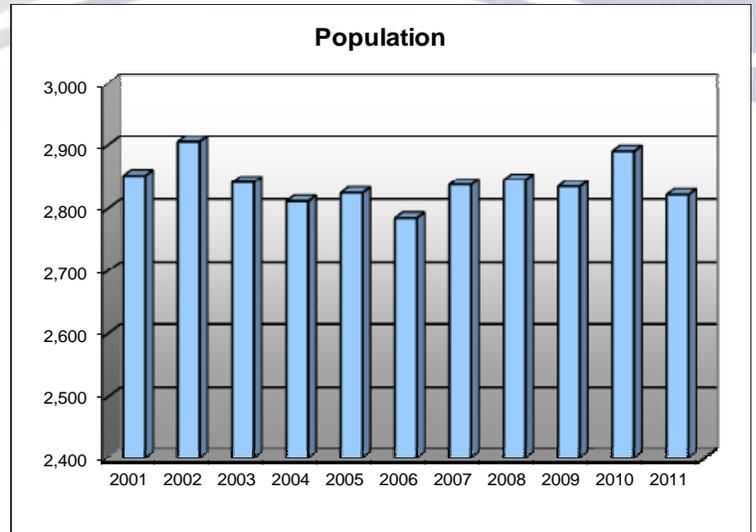
Butte County

August 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

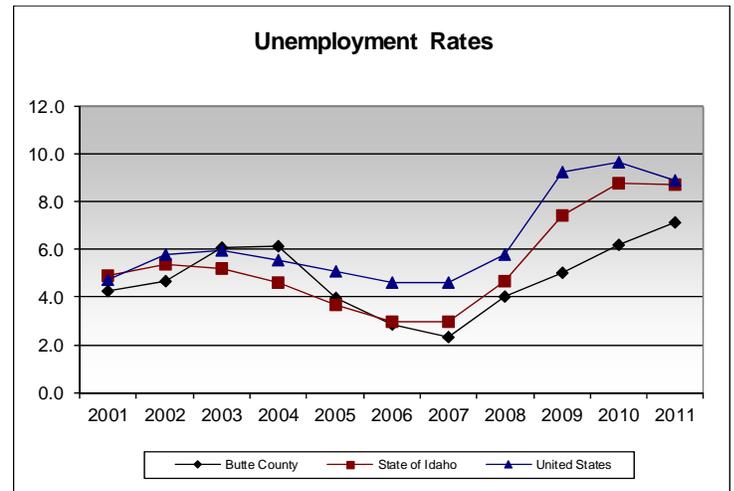
Butte County has seen its population fall over the last decade. Between the 2001 and 2011 the population decreased by 31 people and is now at 2,822. Difficulty keeping youth after graduation has contributed to the stagnant population. Still, the county is committed to economic development and a long-range plan for stability. It is focusing on tourists traveling through to destinations like Craters of the Moon National Monument and Sun Valley. The Idaho National Laboratory is located about 12 miles from Arco, the county seat. The majority of over 8,000 laboratory employees work in the county but live elsewhere and commute by mass transit, making it a challenge for the county to see much economic gain from the laboratory. Arco, the largest city, had a 2010 population of 995.



Labor Force & Employment

With a smaller population and labor force, the unemployment rate in Butte County tends to fluctuate, falling to 2.3 percent in 2007 before beginning to climb as the recession took hold. But even though rates climbed to 7.1 percent in 2010, they remained below the state and national rates as they had for the last four years. Unemployment rates in Butte County are currently at their highest point since 1983.

Just over 82 percent of the county's jobs are in professional and business services, most at the federal laboratory. That by far exceeds any other industry. Government is a stable employer that includes small offices of several federal agencies along with county and school workers. Education and health care along with trade are stable as well. Construction can fluctuate with

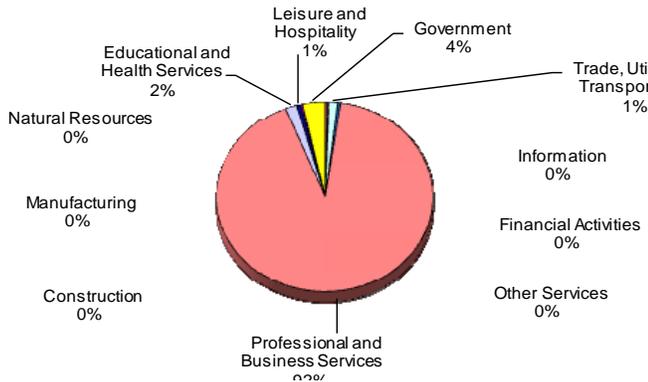


large building projects at the laboratory. The incubation center in Arco and the Lost River Economic Development group continue to assist businesses. Tourism is an economic factor because of the Craters of the Moon National Monument. A museum showcasing the history of the federal research laboratory and the nuclear industry is in the works.

Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	1,489	1,634
Total Employment	1,382	1,539
Unemployed	107	95
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.2	5.8
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	1,461	1,356	1,312	1,280	1,378	1,415	1,367	1,377	1,465	1,506	1,500
Unemployment	62	64	80	79	55	40	32	56	73	94	107
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.2	4.7	6.1	6.1	4.0	2.8	2.3	4.0	5.0	6.2	7.1
Employment	1,399	1,292	1,232	1,201	1,324	1,375	1,335	1,322	1,392	1,412	1,393

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Covered Employment

Butte County benefits from one of the state's largest employers, the Idaho National Laboratory. But while the lab is located in the county, most workers live in neighboring counties. For this county it is important to remember that employment numbers are calculated by where the jobs occur. The high wages at the laboratory and in manufacturing artificially elevate the average wage in the county because the vast majority of laboratory workers live elsewhere. Only about 8 percent of Butte County residents work at the laboratory.

Major Employers
U.S. Department of Energy
Battelle Energy Alliance
Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC
Bechtel Bettis Inc.
Butte County School District # 111
CH2M-WG Idaho
Lost River Hospital

Eastern ID Occupational Wages*	Median Wage
Farm Workers	\$14.74
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$13.23
Cashiers	\$8.64
Construction Laborers	\$12.57
Cooks, Restaurant	\$9.86
Customer Service Reps	\$11.27
Engineers (All)	\$49.82
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	\$8.57
General Office Clerks	\$12.35
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$16.82
Health Technologists & Technicians	\$21.08
Secretaries & Administrative Asst	\$14.33
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$16.72
Waiters/Waitresses	\$8.53

* This wage data represents eastern Idaho's nine counties. 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	5,735	\$57,513	8,687	\$77,551	8,505	\$80,195
Agriculture	26	\$16,437	40	\$19,558	42	\$19,806
Mining	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	312	\$37,356	14	\$61,177	32	\$55,561
Manufacturing	9	\$15,065	15	\$72,199	16	\$82,998
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	131	\$13,887	116	\$19,038	110	\$26,493
Information	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	31	\$19,361	29	\$29,468	30	\$28,260
Professional and Business Services	4,805	\$63,804	7,958	\$81,684	7,789	\$84,386
Educational and Health Services	104	\$25,409	143	\$29,677	146	\$29,941
Leisure and Hospitality	63	\$7,580	64	\$10,732	53	\$10,473
Other Services	19	\$21,424	19	\$21,847	17	\$22,980
Government	229	\$21,706	283	\$43,621	266	\$43,874

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Butte County	\$24,872	\$23,319	\$23,857	\$26,122	\$26,765	\$28,964	\$30,344	\$34,585	\$33,480	\$32,199
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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