



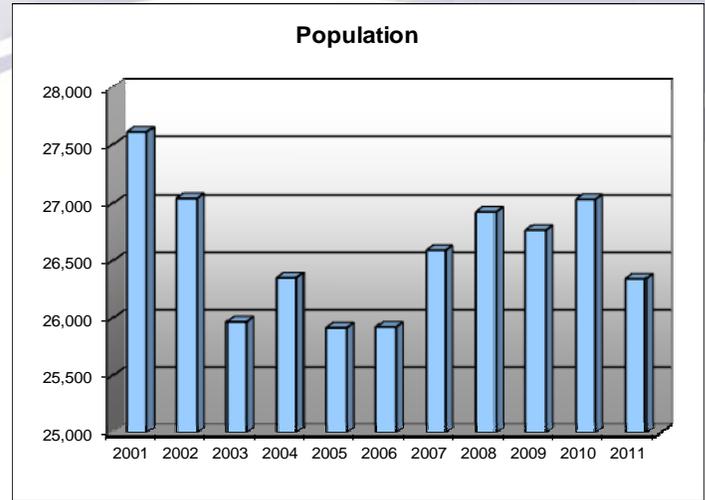
# Elmore County

August 2012

## Work Force Trends

### Population

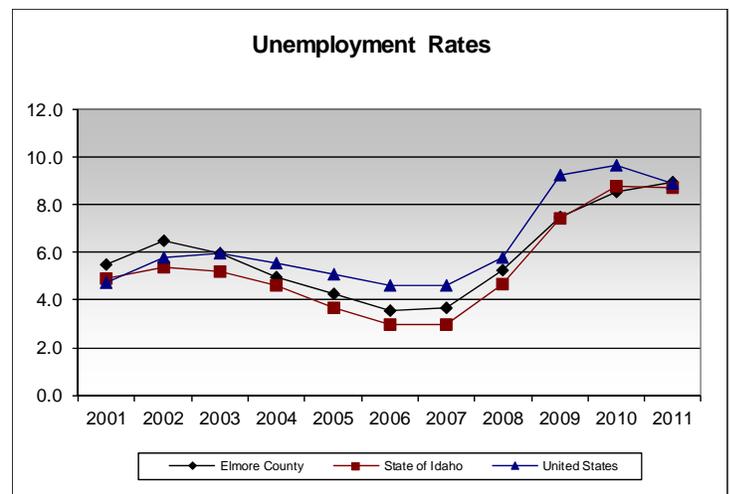
Elmore County is Idaho's 12<sup>th</sup> most populous and sixth among the 44 counties in land size. Seventy-two percent is federally owned including Mountain Home Air Force Base. The county's population showed an ebb and flow over the last decade, ultimately declining by 4.5 percent. This is a direct result of the U.S. government assigning or reassigning military wings, which take with them hundreds of airmen and their families when they are reassigned. Housing development has increased substantially. Commuters heading to Boise are able to enjoy a more rural lifestyle while simultaneously maintaining a similar commute time to people living in Canyon County because traffic congestion is less.



### Labor Force & Employment

Despite a fluctuating population, Elmore County's civilian labor force was very steady over the past decade with an overall increase of 3.3 percent. Elmore County's unemployment rate, however, almost tripled from its 2006 low point of 3.6 percent. The rate hit 9 percent in 2011 after rising a half point from 2010. The number of unemployed rapidly increased between 2007 to 2010 before leveling off in 2011. Air base personnel are not part of the civilian labor force but their spouses can be.

Elmore County's total covered jobs in 2011 decreased almost 250 from 2010 and was 170 off of its 2001 totals. Declines in the area can be attributed to losses in trade, utilities and transportation and government sectors. Since 2001,

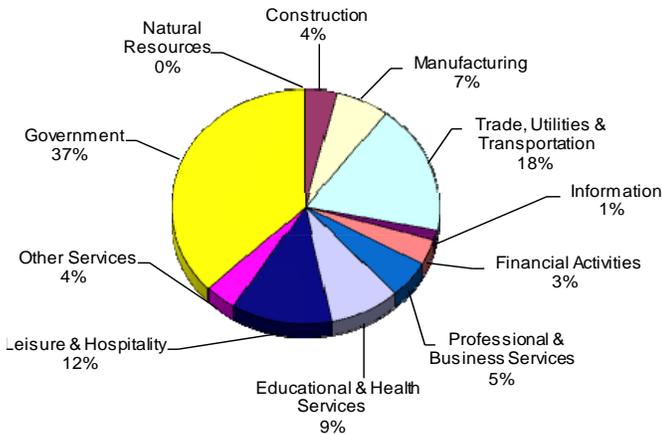


these sectors have lost over 500 jobs. While very few sectors reported job gains between 2010 and 2011, over the past 10 years education and healthcare increased over 200.

Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	10,867	10,876
Total Employment	9,818	10,028
Unemployed	1,050	848
% of Labor Force Unemployed	9.7	7.8
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	10,960	10,935	10,667	10,625	10,774	10,802	11,224	11,429	11,315	11,402	11,146
Unemployment	603	707	638	530	456	385	413	603	845	973	999
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.5	6.5	6.0	5.0	4.2	3.6	3.7	5.3	7.5	8.5	9.0
Employment	10,357	10,229	10,029	10,095	10,318	10,417	10,811	10,826	10,470	10,430	10,148

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Major Employers
NAF Financial Management Branch
Best Western Foot Hills Motor Inn
City of Mountain Home
Elmore Medical Center
Elmore County
Three Springs Inc
Glenns Ferry School District
Pioneer Federal Credit Union
Mountain Home Air Force Base
Mountain Home School District
Wal-Mart
Marathon Cheese

## Per Capita Income & Employment

Elmore County ranked 11th among the 44 counties with a per capita income of \$33,592 in 2010, up from \$33,062 in 2008 but with the same ranking.

Government employment continues to be the main job sector, making up 35 percent of the total covered employment in the county.

While the majority of industries saw job declines, average wages increased in more than half, likely due to the layoff of part-time support workers with their job duties absorbed by other workers.

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Shipping, Receiving, Traffic Clerks	\$9.68
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.08
Construction Laborer	\$10.46
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.27
Truck Driver, Heavy	\$13.09
Agricultural Workers	\$8.05
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$16.01
Registered Nurse	\$23.23
Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers	\$12.26

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [imi.idaho.gov](http://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
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	6,505	\$19,864	6,557	\$28,819	6,308	\$29,364
<b>Agriculture</b>	351	\$19,811	444	\$24,351	434	\$25,953
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	289	\$26,302	251	\$31,926	230	\$33,080
<b>Manufacturing</b>	416	\$15,188	390	\$30,102	392	\$34,204
<b>Trade, Utilities and Transportation</b>	1,311	\$18,049	1,113	\$27,835	1,051	\$28,307
<b>Information</b>	83	\$28,535	74	\$37,269	81	\$36,792
<b>Financial Activities</b>	212	\$22,646	207	\$32,047	193	\$30,623
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	247	\$25,926	367	\$32,451	311	\$33,198
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	297	\$17,825	508	\$26,786	514	\$27,683
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	645	\$8,494	726	\$11,516	729	\$12,123
<b>Other Services</b>	185	\$15,074	181	\$27,059	153	\$24,576
<b>Government</b>	2,467	\$23,314	2,293	\$34,482	2,218	\$34,739

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Elmore County</b>	\$23,083	\$25,285	\$26,544	\$27,977	\$29,483	\$30,668	\$32,040	\$33,404	\$33,065	\$33,592
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$25,665	\$26,042	\$26,452	\$28,412	\$29,544	\$31,493	\$32,607	\$33,110	\$30,997	\$31,897
<b>United States</b>	\$31,157	\$31,481	\$32,295	\$33,909	\$35,452	\$37,725	\$39,506	\$40,947	\$38,846	\$39,937

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