



# Fremont County

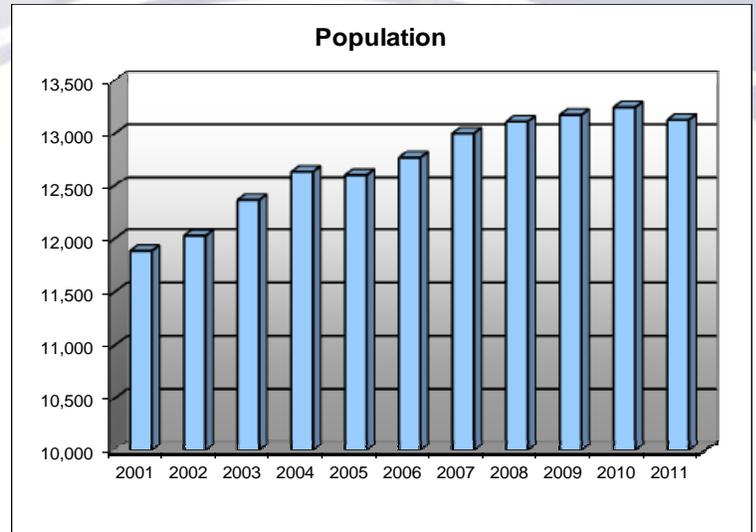
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## Work Force Trends

### Population

Fremont County grew 1,237 to 13,128 people between 2001 and 2011. The county has experienced steady growth over the last decade as tourism-related industries benefit from a close proximity to Yellowstone National Park. The county ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> in population.

Concentrated economic development and the change from a two-year community college to four-year Brigham Young University–Idaho in neighboring Madison County contributed to continued growth in the southern end of the county.

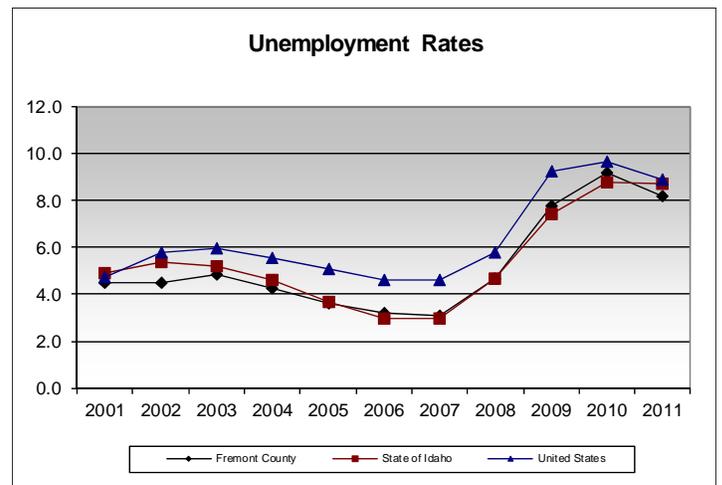


### Labor Force & Employment

Fremont County, bordering Montana and Wyoming, has three significant cities on U.S. Highway 20, which is heavily traveled by tourists headed for Yellowstone National Park, Henry's Lake and Harriman State Park. The county attracts many locals to its recreation areas but also draws national and international tourists.

The closure of a sawmill in the 1980s and relocation of the U.S. Forest Service office to nearby Idaho Falls several years ago hurt the local economy, and rebounding has been difficult. Economic development initiatives are currently under way to strengthen the counties in and around the Teton Valley and Yellowstone regions.

Since 2001, the unemployment rates have fluctuated from a low of 3.1 percent in 2007 to a high of 9.2 in 2010. The labor force has held steady during much of the



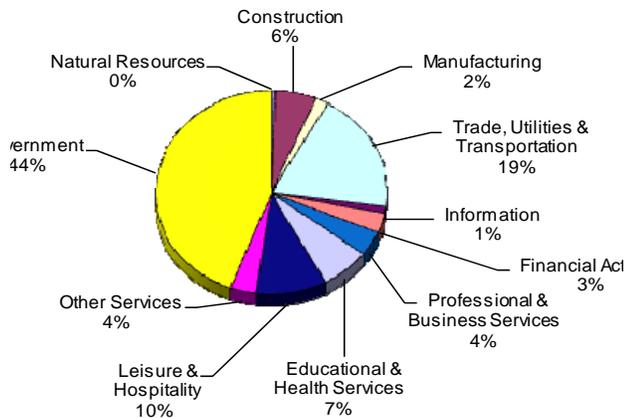
last decade.

Government provides the most nonfarm payroll jobs, primarily through the state Juvenile Correction Center in St. Anthony. Federal and state governments together own 70 percent of the land so land management agencies employ many workers. Trade, construction and leisure and hospitality also account for large percentages of the county's jobs.

| Labor Force                 | July 11 | July 12 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Civilian Labor Force        | 6,194   | 6,046   |
| Total Employment            | 5,696   | 5,652   |
| Unemployed                  | 497     | 395     |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 8.0     | 6.5     |
| 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        | 5,879 | 5,870 | 5,697 | 5,851 | 6,016 | 5,962 | 5,763 | 5,794 | 5,505 | 6,022 | 6,140 |
| Unemployment                | 264   | 265   | 276   | 250   | 217   | 191   | 177   | 270   | 430   | 552   | 504   |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 4.5   | 4.5   | 4.8   | 4.3   | 3.6   | 3.2   | 3.1   | 4.7   | 7.8   | 9.2   | 8.2   |
| Employment                  | 5,615 | 5,605 | 5,421 | 5,601 | 5,799 | 5,770 | 5,587 | 5,524 | 5,076 | 5,470 | 5,636 |

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



## Major Employers

Ashton Memorial Nursing Home  
 Broulim's Foodtown  
 Fremont County  
 Fremont County Joint School District #215  
 Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections  
 Fall River Rural Electric Coop  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture / Forest Service  
 Walters Produce, Inc.

## Eastern ID Occupation Wages\*

| Occupation                                 | Median Wage |
|--|-------------|
| Farmworkers and Laborers                   | \$14.74     |
| Cashiers                                   | \$8.64      |
| Computer Support Specialists               | \$20.80     |
| Correctional Officers & Jailers            | \$16.02     |
| Customer Service Reps                      | \$11.27     |
| Farm Equipment Mechanics                   | \$16.04     |
| Food & Beverage Serving Workers            | \$8.21      |
| Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products | \$8.31      |
| Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants   | \$9.94      |
| Packers and Packagers, Hand                | \$8.64      |
| Retail Salespersons                        | \$10.48     |
| Secretaries & Administrative Asst          | \$14.33     |
| Bill and Account Collectors                | \$13.62     |

\* Wages represent nine counties in eastern Idaho. Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

## Covered Employment & Wages

Average covered employment rose 198 from 2001 to 2011, fueled by growth in education, government and financial services. The annual average wage increased over \$5,700 in the decade. Average wages between 2010 and 2011 rose the most in the professional and business services sector. Jobs in the construction posted the largest decline. Although quite a bit lower than the state or national averages, per capita income is trending upward and should continue to grow.

Covered employment includes jobs subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

| 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>  | 2,675              | \$22,308      | 2,891              | \$28,134      | 2,873              | \$28,046      |
| <b>Agriculture</b>  | 379                | \$17,658      | 354                | \$23,573      | 373                | \$24,340      |
| <b>Mining</b>   | *                  | *             | *                  | *             | *                  | *             |
| <b>Construction</b>   | 166                | \$18,375      | 189                | \$36,297      | 152                | \$29,222      |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>  | 64                 | \$19,817      | 37                 | \$47,901      | 46                 | \$36,482      |
| <b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>                           | 464                | \$23,283      | 463                | \$30,456      | 491                | \$31,880      |
| <b>Information</b>  | *                  | *             | *                  | *             | *                  | *             |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>   | 56                 | \$23,477      | 90                 | \$31,226      | 78                 | \$30,706      |
| <b>Professional and Business Services</b>                               | 71                 | \$15,521      | 93                 | \$25,154      | 102                | \$27,529      |
| <b>Educational and Health Services</b>                                  | 158                | \$18,392      | 181                | \$24,533      | 179                | \$26,231      |
| <b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>  | 309                | \$9,320       | 271                | \$12,112      | 254                | \$11,972      |
| <b>Other Services</b>   | 23                 | \$25,914      | 73                 | \$23,419      | 70                 | \$22,631      |
| <b>Government</b>   | 949                | \$28,977      | 1,109              | \$31,445      | 1,096              | \$31,319      |

| Per Capita Income     | 2001     | 2002     | 2003     | 2004     | 2005     | 2006     | 2007     | 2008     | 2009     | 2010     |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Fremont County</b> | \$18,693 | \$19,543 | \$18,594 | \$19,802 | \$20,599 | \$21,614 | \$22,425 | \$23,462 | \$23,662 | \$23,803 |
| <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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