



Idaho County

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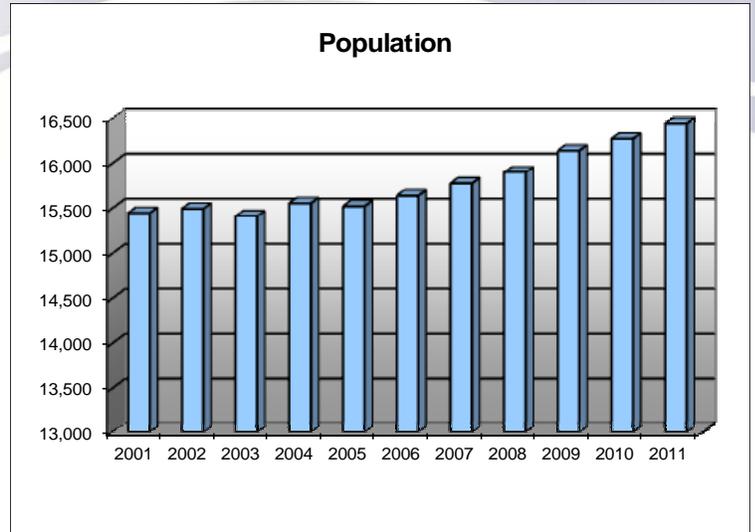
Work Force Trends

Population

Idaho County's population rose 6 percent from 15,447 in 2001 to 16,446 in 2011 while U.S. population grew 9 percent and Idaho's population grew 20 percent.

New applications for driver's licenses and job registrations at the Grangeville Department of Labor office indicate few people moved into Idaho County. Most newcomers are from other parts of the Pacific Northwest and California, drawn by the scenic beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities and rural lifestyle.

The 2010 populations of Idaho County's incorporated cities were 3,141 in Grangeville, 900 in Cottonwood, 607 in Kooskia, 419 in Riggins, 221 in Stites, 159 in Ferdinand and 91 in White Bird.

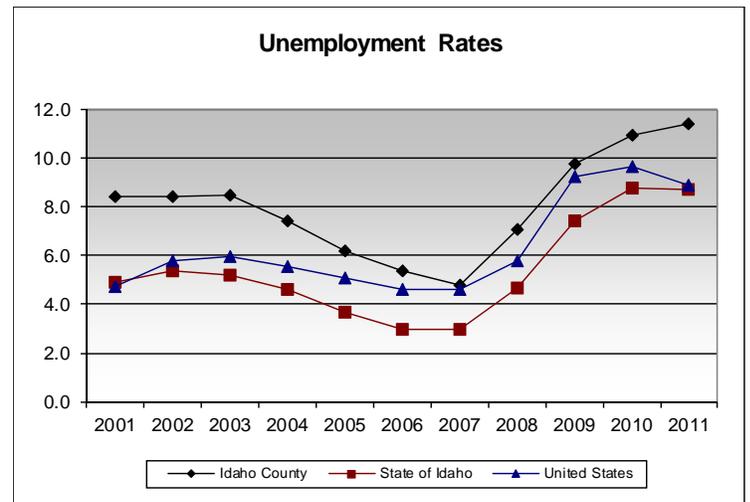


Labor Force & Employment

Idaho County's economy remains heavily dependent on natural resources — both forest products and agriculture. The U.S. Forest Service employs more than 300 people. One in eight of the county's private sector jobs is in logging or wood products manufacturing. Unfortunately, the decrease in U.S. housing starts depressed lumber prices, forcing local mills to reduce employment. The county lost more than 150 logging and mill jobs in 2008 and 2009. Many of those jobs returned in the last two years.

Other manufacturers continued to expand job opportunities.

Although graced by mountains, forests and rivers, the county is just beginning to fully tap its tourism potential. Over the last few years, the Super 8 Motel in Grangeville, Salmon Rapids Lodge in Riggins and a \$4



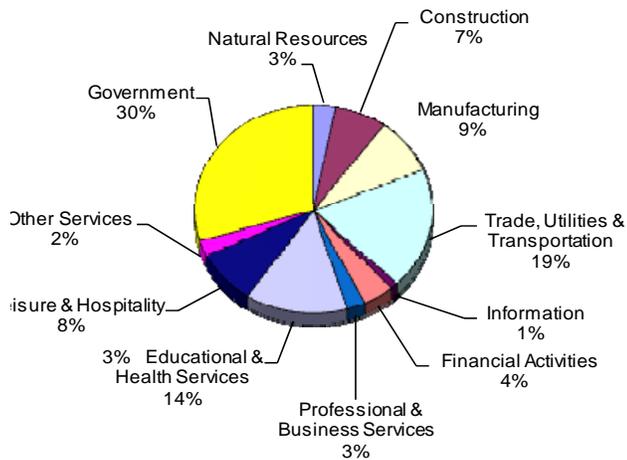
Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	7,351	7,410
Total Employment	6,483	6,690
Unemployed	868	719
% of Labor Force Unemployed	11.8	9.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.9	7.5
U.S. % Unemployed	9.1	8.3

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	7,009	7,066	6,826	7,002	7,028	7,016	7,055	7,154	7,273	7,397	7,414
Unemployment	590	595	581	518	436	376	337	508	710	808	845
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.4	8.4	8.5	7.4	6.2	5.4	4.8	7.1	9.8	10.9	11.4
Employment	6,419	6,471	6,245	6,483	6,592	6,641	6,718	6,646	6,563	6,589	6,569

million retreat center and a bed-and-breakfast at St. Gertrude's Monastery near Cottonwood have opened.

Toward the end of 2010, the county started showing significant signs of recovery. Some of the improvement resulted from a stabilizing lumber market and some from higher wheat and other commodity prices, which allowed farmers to increase their spending. Many small manufacturers have been hiring during recent months.

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Economic Development

The Ida-Lew Economic Development Council is the nonprofit organization that recruits new businesses, help existing businesses expand and otherwise strengthens and diversifies the economic base of Idaho and Lewis counties. It promotes the area's low costs of doing business, favorable business climate and quality of life.

Because of its long-term high unemployment, Idaho County is a labor surplus area, giving local businesses priority for government contracts.

Major Employers

Grangeville Health & Rehabilitation
Idaho Forest Group (mill)
North Idaho Correctional Institution
Pacific Cabinets Inc.
Salmon Rapids Lodge
Seubert Excavators Inc.
St. Mary's Hospital (Cottonwood)
Syringa General Hospital (Grangeville)
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service

Occupational Wages*

Starting Pay

Bookkeepers	\$10.50
Carpenters, Journey-Level	\$13.50
Cashiers	\$7.50
Cooks, Restaurant	\$8.20
Guards	\$10.10
Laborers, Construction	\$9.00
Loggers	\$13.50
Nurse Aides, Certified (CNAs)	\$8.80
Nurses, Registered	\$22.60
Salespersons, Retail	\$7.80
Secretaries	\$10.40
Teachers	\$21.40
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$13.80

* 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	4,272	\$23,426	4,250	\$30,637	4,202	\$32,304
Agriculture	171	\$28,089	123	\$25,418	133	\$27,625
Mining	77	\$32,501	74	\$42,494	78	\$45,706
Construction	246	\$19,450	318	\$28,402	300	\$30,002
Manufacturing	483	\$30,598	360	\$41,377	366	\$42,924
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	840	\$21,265	767	\$30,997	789	\$33,162
Information	44	\$18,056	43	\$26,345	44	\$25,720
Financial Activities	120	\$21,620	166	\$30,397	164	\$30,680
Professional and Business Services	76	\$19,175	85	\$41,110	107	\$42,845
Educational and Health Services	421	\$20,028	608	\$26,259	591	\$28,447
Leisure and Hospitality	370	\$8,561	369	\$11,304	358	\$11,068
Other Services	67	\$8,886	79	\$16,780	73	\$18,832
Government	1,358	\$28,213	1,259	\$35,845	1,201	\$37,301

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Idaho County	\$20,636	\$20,824	\$21,281	\$22,783	\$23,878	\$24,548	\$26,176	\$27,610	\$26,065	\$27,537
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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