



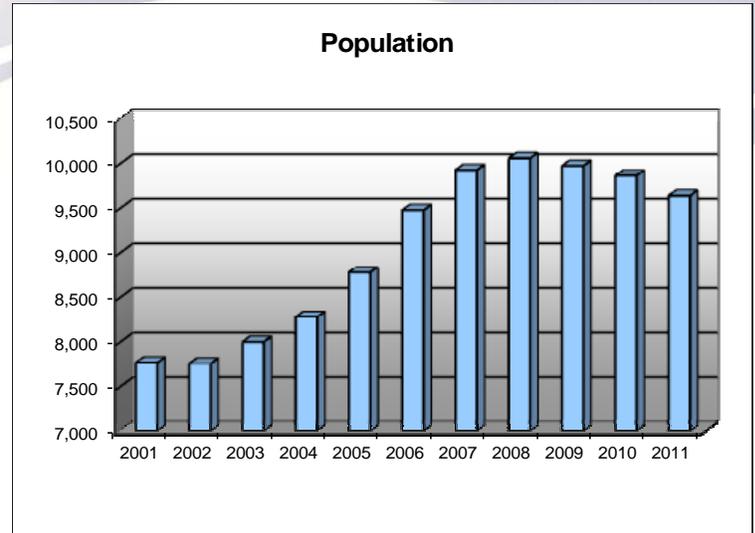
# Valley County

August 2012

## Work Force Trends

### Population

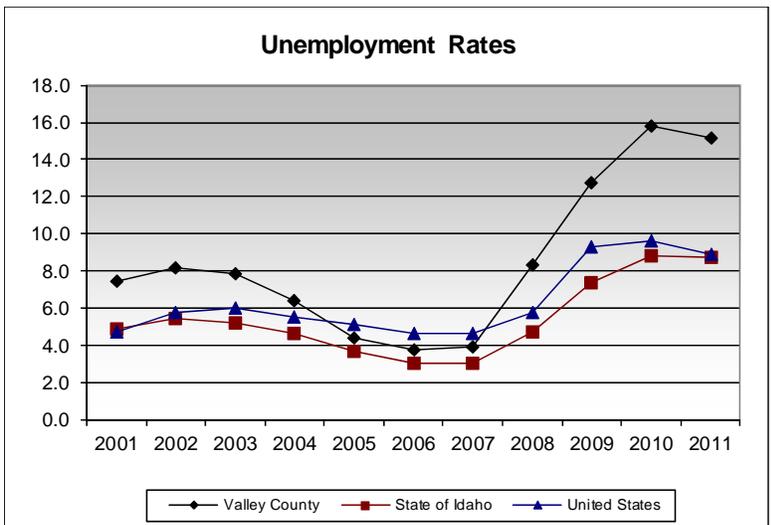
Valley County is the 29<sup>th</sup> most populous among Idaho's 44 counties. Valley experienced robust population growth from 2002 through 2007, largely fueled by real estate speculation around the Tamarack Resort. Wealthy investors and second-home owners were lured by the resort, inflating land prices. With the economy slowing in 2008 and Tamarack's well publicized financial problems, land prices fell and population growth ebbed in 2009. The decline in population continued into 2011 down to 9,600, but that still equates to 24 percent growth since 2001.



### Labor Force & Employment

The labor force has kept very steady since 2009 only losing a few jobs each year. This is still 8 percent less than the 2007 peak of 5,000. Some improvement was reported in 2011 with a slight decrease in the number of unemployed and an increase in total employment, lowering the rate to a still very high 15.2 percent.

Covered employment has also shown marginal gains with an increase of almost 70 jobs in 2011. The majority of these gains were in the education and health care sector followed by the leisure and hospitality. Each added over 100 to their payrolls in 2011. These solid increases were mitigated by a 14

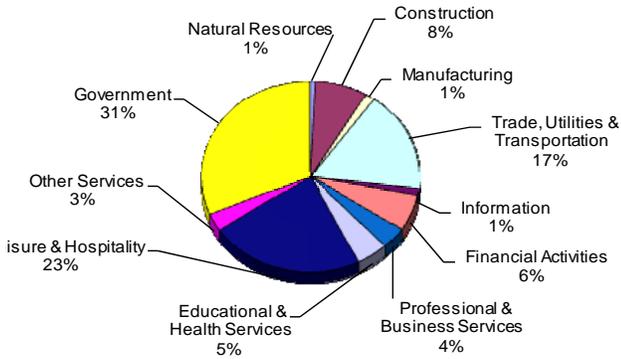


Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	4,729	4,494
Total Employment	3,892	3,837
Unemployed	838	657
% of Labor Force Unemployed	17.7	14.6
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.9	7.5
U.S. % Unemployed	9.1	8.3

percent decline in government employment the same year.

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	4,033	4,001	3,996	4,183	4,624	4,917	5,006	4,786	4,634	4,625	4,608
Unemployment	301	326	313	269	205	183	194	400	590	730	699
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.5	8.1	7.8	6.4	4.4	3.7	3.9	8.4	12.7	15.8	15.2
Employment	3,733	3,675	3,683	3,914	4,419	4,734	4,812	4,386	4,044	3,895	3,910

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



## Per Capita Income & Employment

Valley County's per capita income is once again above the state average after an increase of over \$1,600. The county, which had ranked third in per capita income for years, slipped to sixth in 2008 and then 12th in 2009. With 2010's improvement, the county has moved up to 10th in the state.

Valley County continues to be a premiere tourist destination. This leads to a strong leisure and hospitality sector, which makes up almost 25 percent of the total covered employment in the area, only slightly behind government at 26 percent.

## Major Employers

Ridley's
Cascade School District
City of McCall
Tamarack Resort
McCall-Donnelly School District
McCall Memorial Hospital
Franklin Building Supply Co
Cascade Hospital
US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
Valley County

## Occupational Wages\*

## Starting Wage

Maintenance Worker	\$9.96
Cashier	\$8.14
Mechanic, Automotive	\$10.41
Retail Salesperson	\$8.14
Construction Laborer	\$10.46
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.27
Grounds Maintenance	\$9.08
Truck Driver	\$13.09
Equipment Operator	\$14.55
Maid/Housecleaner	\$8.06
Receptionist/Front Desk Attendant	\$8.80
Waiter/Waitress	\$7.83

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://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
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	3,446	\$21,866	3,614	\$29,368	3,682	\$29,316
<b>Agriculture</b>	104	\$17,168	47	\$35,199	85	\$22,297
<b>Mining</b>	4	\$20,913	18	\$42,152	17	\$42,994
<b>Construction</b>	298	\$20,723	261	\$30,825	247	\$31,298
<b>Manufacturing</b>	134	\$38,442	44	\$26,363	42	\$27,760
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	615	\$17,580	624	\$26,165	648	\$26,747
<b>Information</b>	59	\$35,747	45	\$46,271	40	\$51,395
<b>Financial Activities</b>	129	\$24,662	202	\$28,186	180	\$29,140
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	157	\$27,774	120	\$29,679	108	\$32,028
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	129	\$21,920	203	\$39,760	327	\$41,758
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	708	\$10,868	805	\$16,167	907	\$16,501
<b>Other Services</b>	75	\$14,417	121	\$17,995	114	\$19,882
<b>Government</b>	1,035	\$29,092	1,124	\$38,796	967	\$38,711

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Valley County</b>	\$28,925	\$29,543	\$29,801	\$32,030	\$34,085	\$35,395	\$36,014	\$35,940	\$32,730	\$34,365
<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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