



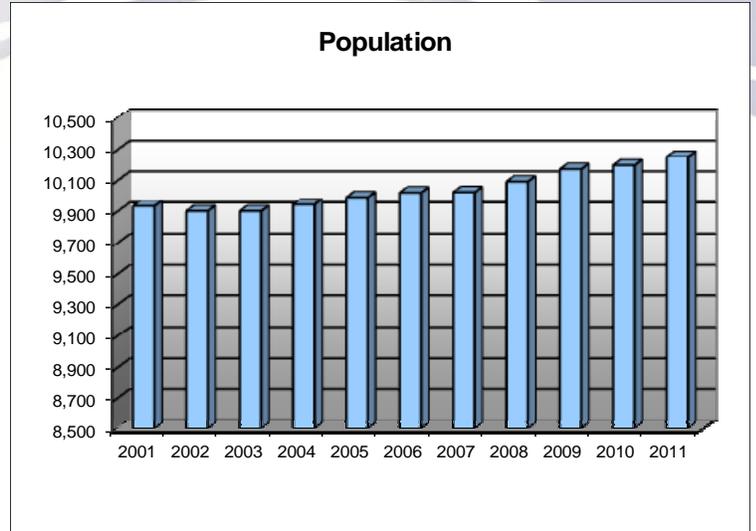
# Washington County

August 2012

## Work Force Trends

### Population

Washington County ranks 27<sup>th</sup> in population and 20<sup>th</sup> in area among Idaho's 44 counties. Its population began to decline in 1999 as some residents left seeking jobs in more diversified economies. But after the 2001 recession, the population began growing consistently, albeit slowly, and land speculators started looking toward Washington County. The population grew over 300 from 2001 to 2011. Often people with families from other states moved to rural areas such as Washington County. By leveraging technology and the county's proximity to the Boise Airport, these families bypass densely populated areas and still make a living while raising a family in a more relaxed location

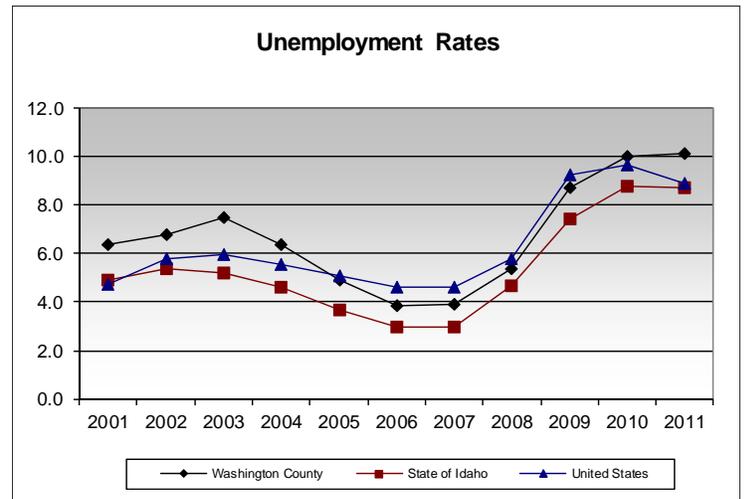


### Labor Force & Employment

Washington County's civilian labor force has fallen by 250 since 2001 but reported a small increase in 2011 of 40. Unfortunately, not all of the new labor force entrants were able to find employment, causing the rate to drift up slightly to 10.1 percent, the fourth straight annual increase for the county.

Covered employers added a just over 20 jobs in 2011, most in manufacturing. These gains were offset by losses in several sectors, but mostly in trade, utilities and transportation. While showing a small decrease in 2011, education and health care added the most jobs since 2001 with almost 90.

Average wages for the region were essentially unchanged. Sectors including information, financial activi-

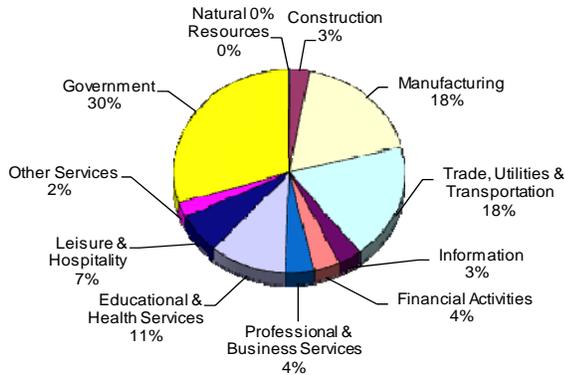


ties, and other services all posted greater than \$1,000 annual increases, but these were offset by a sharp decline in professional and business services.

Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	4,853	4,769
Total Employment	4,323	4,351
Unemployed	531	418
% of Labor Force Unemployed	10.9	8.8
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	5,076	5,105	4,717	4,975	5,008	4,892	4,674	4,664	4,872	4,791	4,831
Unemployment	324	347	353	316	246	189	184	251	423	481	490
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.4	6.8	7.5	6.3	4.9	3.9	3.9	5.4	8.7	10.0	10.1
Employment	4,753	4,758	4,363	4,659	4,762	4,703	4,490	4,413	4,448	4,310	4,341

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Major Employers
Appleton Produce
City of Weiser
Champion Home Builders
Hometown Ford
Cambridge School District
Weiser Memorial Hospital
Ridley's
Washington County
Midvale School District
Weiser School District

## Per Capita Income & Employment

Washington County reported an increase of over \$600 in its per capita income in 2011, but that was not enough to hold its 32nd ranking. The county fell to 34th among Idaho's counties.

Government continues to make up the largest employment sector with 26 percent. It is followed by both manufacturing and trade, utilities and transportation at 17 percent each.

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Bank Teller	\$9.63
Bookkeeper	\$11.08
Retail Salesperson	\$8.14
Nursing Aides	\$8.56
Truck Driver	\$13.09
Farm Equipment Operators	\$11.54
Agricultural Workers	\$8.05
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$9.68
Construction Laborer	\$10.46
Carpenter	\$11.85

\*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>	2,860	\$19,402	2,758	\$25,916	2,782	\$25,911
<b>Agriculture</b>	356	\$13,639	259	\$20,158	254	\$19,773
<b>Mining</b>	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
<b>Construction</b>	121	\$21,006	74	\$30,848	69	\$31,651
<b>Manufacturing</b>	515	\$21,413	445	\$26,115	485	\$25,786
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	425	\$19,981	497	\$27,093	472	\$27,934
<b>Information</b>	94	\$27,176	91	\$38,553	86	\$40,195
<b>Financial Activities</b>	67	\$19,332	66	\$29,907	82	\$34,372
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	94	\$18,273	100	\$26,559	104	\$19,896
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	201	\$19,462	295	\$22,945	286	\$22,748
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	219	\$8,084	165	\$10,533	171	\$10,389
<b>Other Services</b>	48	\$19,629	42	\$23,972	44	\$24,980
<b>Government</b>	722	\$22,743	724	\$29,337	730	\$29,447

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Washington County</b>	\$19,529	\$20,149	\$20,791	\$22,117	\$23,400	\$24,764	\$26,647	\$26,989	\$26,186	\$26,796
<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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