



North Central Idaho

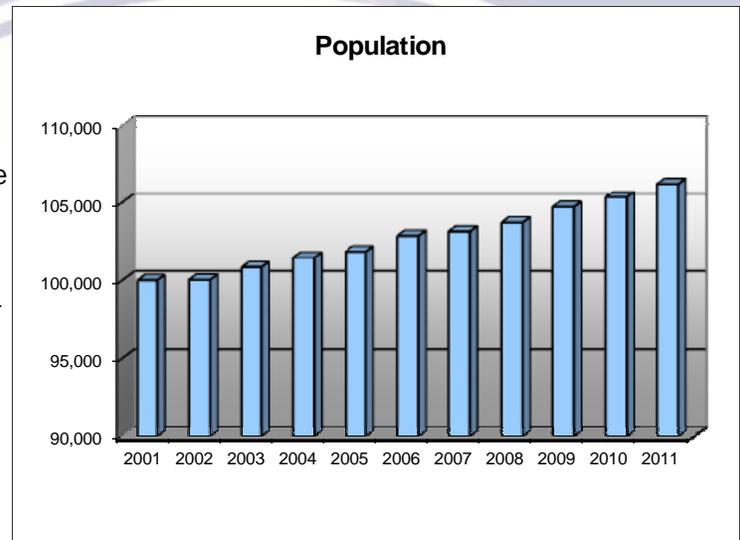
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Work Force Trends

Population

After declining between 1997 and 2002, the region's population grew in recent years. The other counties offset further declines in Clearwater and Lewis. The region's population rose 6 percent from 100,019 in 2001 to 106,217 in 2011, while the state's population grew 20 percent and U.S. population grew 9 percent. Clearwater County's population stayed virtually unchanged at percent to 8,702. Lewis County grew 6 percent to 3,822; Idaho County, 6 percent to 16,446; Latah County, 7 percent to 37,704; and Nez Perce County, 7 percent to 39,543.

The region's 28 incorporated cities have 71 percent of its population. The most populated cities are Lewiston at 31,984, Moscow at 23,800, Orofino at 3,142, Grangeville at 3,141, Kamiah at 1,295, Lapwai at 1,137, Genesee at 955, Cottonwood at 900, Troy at 862 and Potlatch at 804.

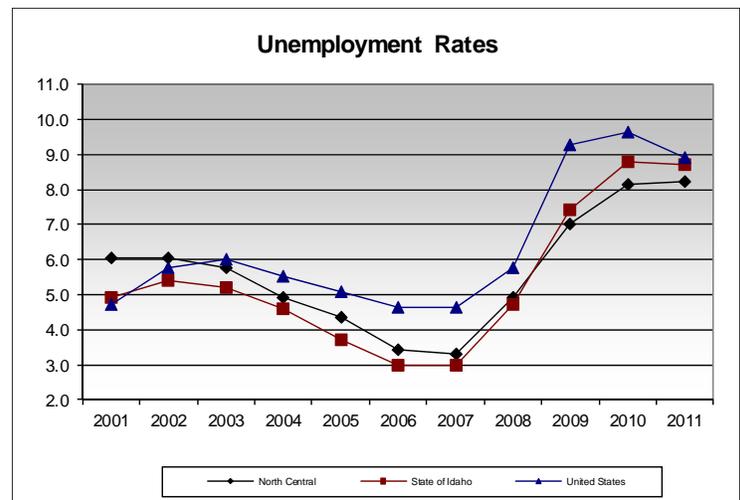


Labor Force & Employment

For a small rural economy, north central Idaho is fairly diversified but still struggles with long-term job losses in agriculture and forest products.

Between 2007 and 2009, logging and wood products lost 580 of their 1,790 jobs. About 240 of those jobs have been recovered in the last two years. Paper manufacturing jobs remained unchanged since 2007. Other manufacturing sectors added about 300 jobs. Most of the growth came at ATK, an ammunition manufacturer in Lewiston, and the opening of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories plant in Lewiston.

Despite the region's beautiful scenery, forests and rivers, fabulous hunting and fishing opportunities and historic importance, its tourism sector remains small. Amusement and recreational facilities, restaurants, bars and lodging held their own despite the economic slowdown.



Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	48,669	49,264
Total Employment	44,527	45,663
Unemployed	4,142	3,601
North Central Idaho % Unemployed	8.5	7.3
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.9	7.5
U.S. % Unemployed	9.1	8.3

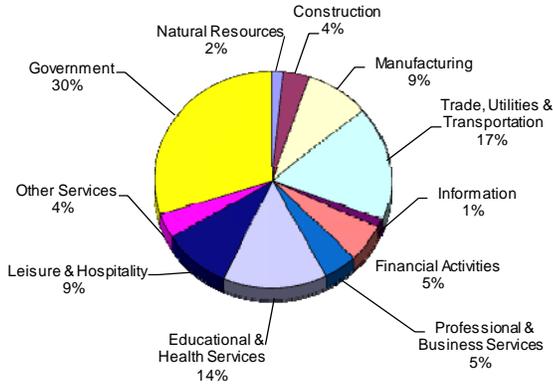
Slow population growth, labor-saving technology and the closure of the Lewiston Walmart and the temporary shut-down of the Moscow Walmart cut 950 of 5,910 retail jobs between 2007 and 2011.

Construction peaked at 2,080 jobs in 2006 before dropping to 1,590 in 2011. It is increasing a little this year.

The University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, federal and state forest and wildlife agencies, two state prisons, and a state mental hospital help stabilize employment.

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	49,301	48,270	46,984	48,411	48,868	48,997	47,902	47,991	48,763	49,083	49,133
Unemployment	2,978	2,912	2,708	2,388	2,126	1,679	1,580	2,370	3,419	3,997	4,038
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.0	6.0	5.8	4.9	4.4	3.4	3.3	4.9	7.0	8.1	8.2
Employment	46,324	45,358	44,276	46,024	46,742	47,319	46,323	45,621	45,344	45,086	45,096

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Economic Development

The unemployment rate has remained below the U.S. unemployment rate for many years while the region's income rose faster than the nation's. Between 2000 and 2009, per capita income rose 42 percent, while U.S. per capita income increased 32 percent.

The Clearwater Economic Development Association, Clearwater County Economic Development, Ida-Lew Economic Development Council, Latah Economic Development Council, Lewis-Clark State College, the Nez Perce Tribe, the University of Idaho and Valley Vision collaborate on economic development projects, working with the Idaho Department of Labor offices in Grangeville, Lewiston, Moscow and Orofino. They recruit new business, help existing business grow and chart future labor force needs.

Major Employers

ATK (ammunition manufacturer)
City of Lewiston
Clearwater Paper
Gritman Medical Center
Idaho Department of Health & Welfare
Lewis-Clark State College
Lewiston Independent School District #1
Moscow School District #281
Nez Perce Tribe
Regence BlueShield
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Swift Transportation Company
Tribune Publishing Company
U.S. Forest Service
University of Idaho

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Accountants	\$18.10
Assemblers	\$9.00
Bookkeepers	\$10.50
Carpenters, Journey-Level	\$15.30
Cashiers	\$7.80
Computer Technicians	\$15.20
Customer Service Representatives	\$10.20
Dental & Health Care Assistants	\$11.80
Janitors	\$8.70
Laborers, Construction	\$9.50
Nurses, Registered	\$23.80
Salespersons, Retail	\$8.00
Secretaries	\$10.00
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$13.80

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at <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
Total Covered Wages	42,645	\$25,791	42,370	\$31,530	41,858	\$32,505
Agriculture	1,147	\$30,416	838	\$35,302	894	\$37,937
Mining	201	\$32,376	168	\$46,596	164	\$49,087
Construction	1,590	\$25,721	1,659	\$33,408	1,614	\$34,845
Manufacturing	4,419	\$37,173	3,675	\$45,263	3,902	\$46,060
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	8,561	\$21,141	7,841	\$27,118	7,416	\$28,041
Information	679	\$24,474	632	\$29,294	605	\$30,297
Financial Activities	1,857	\$27,446	2,093	\$35,888	2,039	\$35,986
Professional and Business Services	2,085	\$38,480	2,072	\$40,843	2,054	\$43,516
Educational and Health Services	4,691	\$25,424	6,191	\$30,278	6,336	\$30,215
Leisure and Hospitality	4,206	\$9,288	4,091	\$11,233	4,157	\$11,871
Other Services	2,041	\$19,477	1,001	\$20,435	969	\$23,183
Government	11,168	\$29,229	12,110	\$35,668	11,707	\$36,758

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
North Central	\$22,890	\$24,200	\$24,604	\$24,985	\$26,515	\$27,475	\$28,555	\$30,453	\$32,041	\$31,631
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

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis