



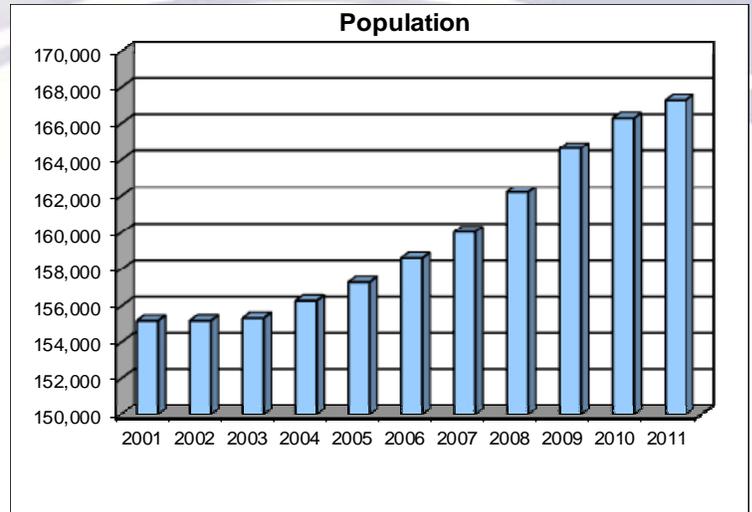
Southeastern Idaho

August 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

The seven-county southeastern region of Idaho posted 7.8 percent population growth from 2001 to 2011 to 167,325. Between the 2000 and 2010 Census, the region's largest county, Bannock, grew 9.6 percent to 82,839 while the second largest, Bingham, rose 9.3 percent to 45,607. Two counties in the region had declining populations. Bear Lake fell 6.6 percent to 5,986, and Caribou was down 4.7 percent to 6,963.

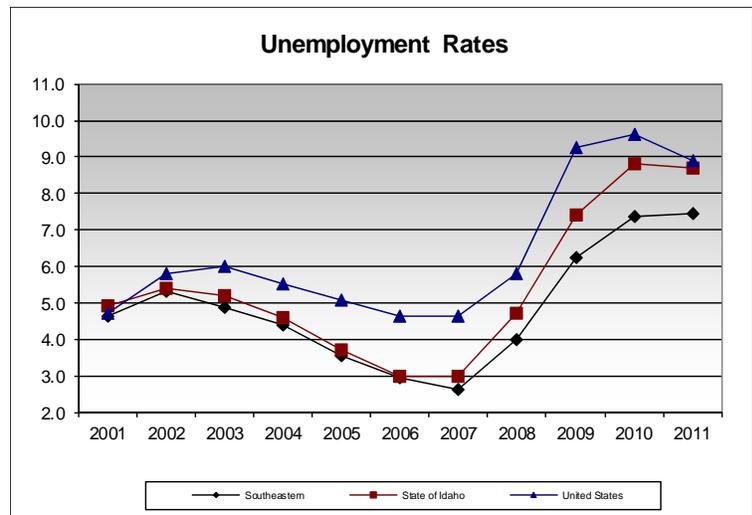


Labor Force & Employment

In 2007 southeastern Idaho enjoyed an unemployment rate of just 2.5 percent. By 2011 the rate had tripled to 7.5 percent. Despite the sharp increase, the region continues to have unemployment rates lower than both the state and the nation. The area's labor force is expected to continue growing as the region slowly pulls out of the national recession.

Lower than average unemployment rates result from an increasingly stable and diverse economy.

The region has experienced changes over time with the closure of the FMC elemental phosphorus plant for safety issues, the merger of AMI and On Semiconductor and subsequent layoffs and the closure of the Ballard/Kimberly Clark medical supplies



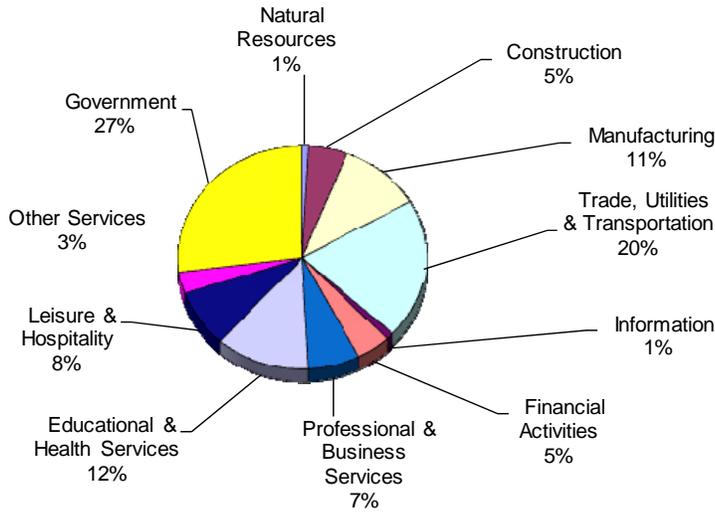
plant, which moved to Mexico. Franklin County, which is part of the interstate Logan Metropolitan Statistical Area, consistently has one of the lowest rates in the region because of commuters to Utah. Bear Lake and Oneida counties, even during the recession, maintained unemployment rates near 5 percent.

The region's future will improve as firms such as On Semiconductor and Allstate Insurance provide many new employment opportunities.

Labor Force	July 11	July 12
Civilian Labor Force	83,440	85,328
Total Employment	77,004	79,894
Unemployed	6,437	5,435
Southeastern Idaho % Unemployed	7.7	6.4
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	75,250	76,328	77,203	77,816	79,095	79,458	82,305	81,131	78,975	82,372	83,527
Unemployment	3,500	4,052	3,771	3,428	2,804	2,358	2,172	3,256	4,941	6,055	6,229
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.7	5.3	4.9	4.4	3.5	3.0	2.6	4.0	6.3	7.4	7.5
Employment	71,750	72,275	73,432	74,388	76,291	77,100	80,133	77,876	74,034	76,317	77,298

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2011



Major Employers
Basic American Foods Inc
Conagra Foods Packaged Food Co
Convergys Customer Management
H J Heinz Frozen Foods
Idaho State University
J R Simplot Co
ON Semiconductor, Inc.
Portneuf Medical Center
Shoshone Bannock Tribes
Union Pacific Railroad
Varsity Contractors

Industry Employment & Wages

The average wage grew 30 percent from \$24,754 in 2001 to \$32,240 in 2011. Wages in southeastern Idaho are among the lowest in the state and have factored into the region's low operating expenses that attract new employers. Manufacturing, information, financial services and mining jobs are among the highest paying. Leisure and hospitality jobs as well as retail jobs are among the lowest paying. The large university student population in Pocatello also contributes to lower average wages because students are more likely to work part time. As more medical and research workers move to the area, it is likely per capita wages will rise at a faster rate.

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Assemblers/Production Workers	\$9.50
Cashiers & Retail Sales	\$6.36
Clerks, General Office	\$9.19
Corrections Officers	\$12.97
Customer Service Reps.	\$7.83
Home Health & Nurses Aides	\$7.52
Janitors and Cleaners	\$7.80
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$10.23
Nurses, Registered	\$21.27
Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$8.94
Teachers	\$38,875
Telemarketers	\$7.98
Truck Drivers	\$11.68

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the 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	56,494	\$24,754	57,318	\$31,151	57,199	\$32,240
Agriculture	1,919	\$18,792	2,159	\$27,490	2,380	\$28,835
Mining	455	\$41,255	459	\$54,901	495	\$57,448
Construction	3,293	\$26,941	2,999	\$37,126	2,924	\$39,691
Manufacturing	7,631	\$21,137	6,241	\$46,341	6,313	\$48,921
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	11,309	\$25,018	11,010	\$27,156	10,964	\$28,141
Information	909	\$27,498	643	\$27,450	586	\$27,319
Financial Activities	3,951	\$19,086	4,013	\$31,065	3,918	\$32,622
Professional and Business Services	2,116	\$27,105	2,253	\$38,242	2,220	\$38,857
Educational and Health Services	3,970	\$24,482	7,022	\$31,992	7,151	\$32,951
Leisure and Hospitality	4,864	\$8,161	4,930	\$11,157	4,842	\$11,239
Other Services	1,349	\$18,423	1,318	\$23,926	1,271	\$25,097
Government	14,727	\$27,498	14,271	\$32,357	14,137	\$32,652

Per Capita Income	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Southeast Idaho	\$20,371	\$21,695	\$21,695	\$22,016	\$23,483	\$24,345	\$25,708	\$27,297	\$28,203	\$27,524
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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