



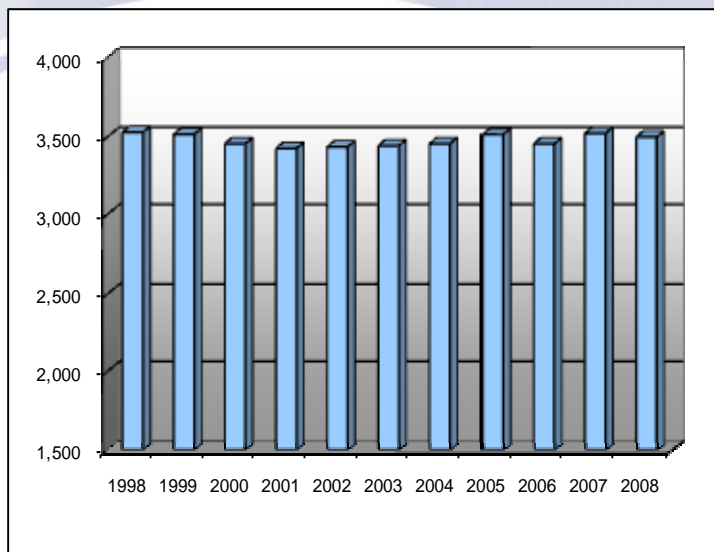
Adams County

November 2009

Work Force Trends

Population

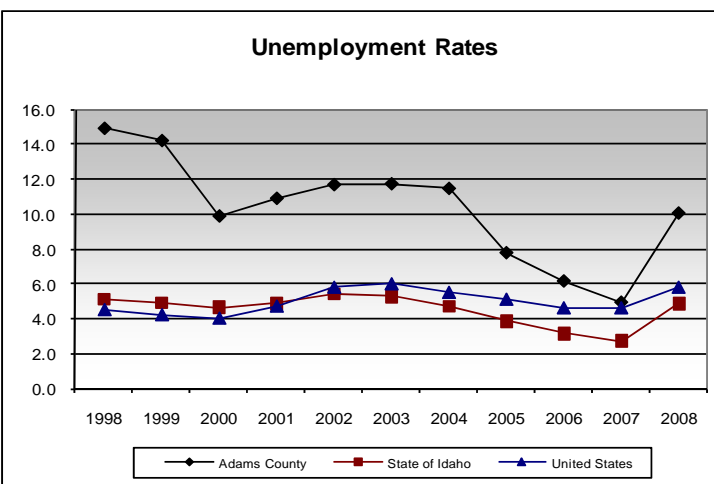
Adams County ranks 41st of Idaho's 44 counties in population and is sixth smallest in area. Its population has remained relatively stable over the last decade, rising in half the years and falling the other half. The fluctuation has been no more than 70 in any one year. It is the only one of the 10 southwestern Idaho counties to lose population between 1998 and 2008. With a drop in 2008, the decline over the decade was 1 percent. Adams County has a core group of residents that keeps it stable. Fluctuations result from the comings and goings of people looking for a rural life and trying to avoid the escalating cost of living in other areas who have trouble finding work in an economy hit hard by the decline of natural resources industries that had been its backbone.



Labor Force & Employment

After seeing its labor force expand by over 25 percent in the decade through 2007, Adams County was hit hard in 2008 by the national recession, and its labor pool fell by 4.9 percent. The labor force had been rising because more and more families needed a second economy to make ends meet, especially in a rural community with limited job opportunities. The unemployment rate reached a 10-year low in 2007 of 4.9 percent and then ballooned to 10 percent in 2008.

As the population and labor force declined in 2008 so did nonfarm jobs. Adams County lost 125 nonfarm jobs during the year. While the number was small, that was 10 percent of total jobs. Half the loss was in construction, the result of work stopping on the Tamarack resort in neighboring Valley County. Large job losses were also suffered in trade, transportation and utilities as well as in

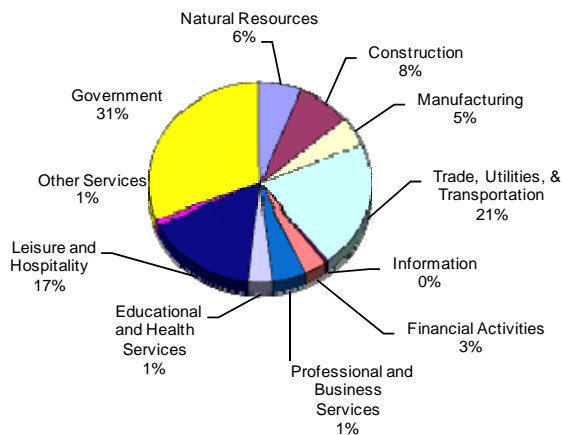


leisure and hospitality. These industry groups are typically some of the first to shed jobs when recession hits. Thirty four jobs were added in manufacturing, although the pay for the manufacturing sector in Adams County is not significantly higher than in leisure and hospitality. Government agencies added a small number of jobs as did education, health care and other services.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	1,863	2,019
Total Employment	1,635	1,600
Unemployed	228	419
% of Labor Force Unemployed	12.3	20.8
State of Idaho % Unemployed	5.6	8.9
U.S. % Unemployed	6.6	10.2

Labor Force	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Civilian Labor Force	1,663	1,609	1,909	1,950	1,866	1,856	1,856	1,888	2,133	2,141	2,037
Unemployment	247	228	189	212	218	218	213	147	131	106	205
% of Labor Force Unemployed	14.9	14.2	9.9	10.9	11.7	11.7	11.5	7.8	6.2	4.9	10.0
Employment	1,416	1,381	1,721	1,737	1,648	1,638	1,643	1,741	2,002	2,036	1,833

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



Major Employers

Adams County
Council Community Hospital
Council School District
Meadows Valley Market
Jl Morgan Inc
Tom Mahon Logging Inc
Meadows Valley School District
Idaho Transportation Department
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Per Capita Income & Employment

Adams County ranked 12th in the state in per capita income in Idaho during 2007 at \$29,564, down from 10th in 2006. The county's per capita income is 7.6 percent below the state level and 23.4 percent below the national level. Per capita income did not increase as quickly during 2007 because affluent homeowners and speculators, drawn by the resort in neighboring Valley County, pulled back from Adams County as the resort's viability came into question.

Though government has become a slightly smaller, more stable sector in Adams County, government jobs still make up 29.4 percent of covered employment and are the best paying in the county.

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Logging Equipment Operator	\$14.47
Cashier	\$6.46
Recreation Workers	\$9.93
Hotel, Motel and Resort Desk Clerks	\$7.62
Construction Worker/Laborer	\$9.31
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$15.06
Truck Drivers	\$11.49
Registered Nurses	\$17.55
Cooks	\$8.42
Accountants and Auditors	\$15.78
General and Operations Managers	\$13.93
Writers/Waitresses	\$6.22

*Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1998, 2007 & 2008	1998		2007		2008	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	819	\$19,677	1,209	\$26,092	1,085	\$26,490
Agriculture	116	\$25,001	88	\$36,804	76	\$34,552
Mining	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	58	\$16,416	150	\$26,309	87	\$21,286
Manufacturing	*	*	17	\$25,976	51	\$15,766
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	108	\$15,000	277	\$23,837	227	\$27,891
Information	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	21	\$21,983	39	\$19,425	30	\$22,541
Professional and Business Services	8	\$11,196	73	\$30,312	56	\$28,213
Educational and Health Services	13	\$9,192	36	\$22,418	37	\$23,062
Leisure and Hospitality	101	\$7,411	206	\$13,247	185	\$13,582
Other Services	*	*	8	\$24,447	11	\$20,397
Government	386	\$23,648	309	\$33,709	319	\$34,729

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Adams County	\$19,404	\$20,113	\$21,794	\$22,226	\$22,623	\$23,617	\$26,267	\$26,906	\$28,568	\$29,564
State of Idaho	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,234	\$25,543	\$27,389	\$28,681	\$30,374	\$31,804
United States	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,838	\$31,530	\$33,157	\$34,690	\$36,794	\$38,615

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