



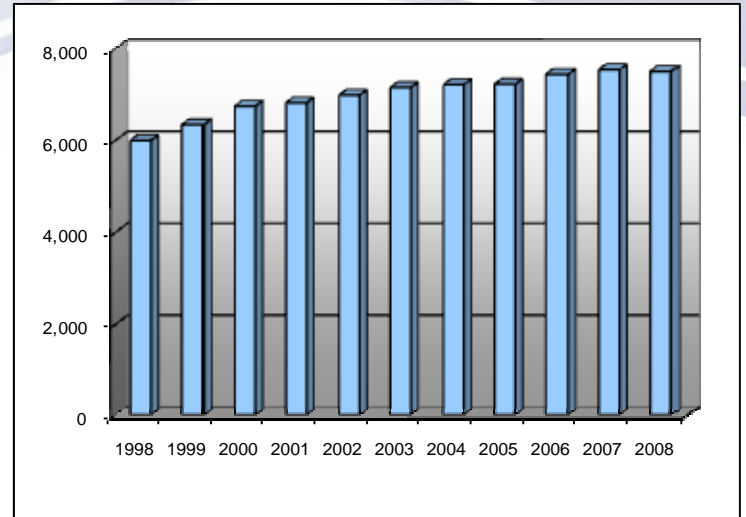
Boise County

November 2009

Work Force Trends

Population

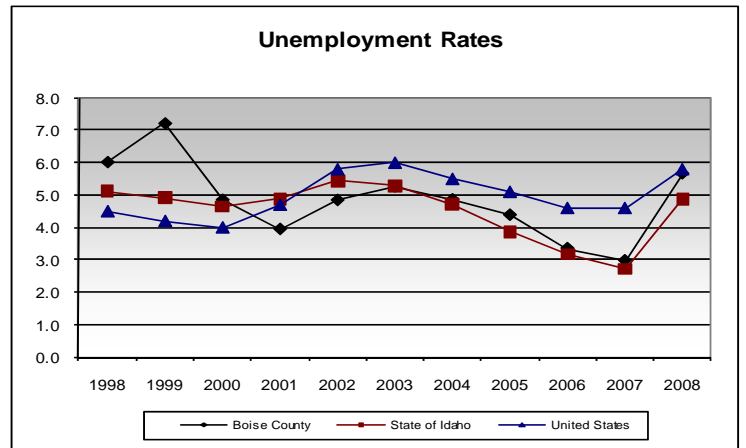
Despite the demise of its resource industries, Boise County continued growing during the last decade due to its proximity to Ada County, Idaho's largest. The population rose from 6,005 in 1998 to 7,504 in 2008, up 25 percent to rank 34th among Idaho's 44 counties. It is 15th in area. Growth in 2008 slowed from the pace of previous years as the economy contracted. Developers have built subdivisions in the Boise County mountains that attract commuters from neighboring Ada County. Attractions in Boise County include the Bogus Basin ski resort, which is just minutes from downtown Boise, and the Payette River, which attracts rafters and kayakers to its world class whitewater rapids.



Labor Force & Employment

After spending two years with unemployment rates between 3 percent and 4 percent, Boise County's labor force declined in 2008 as the average unemployment rate nearly doubled from 3 percent to 5.7 percent. Many commuters to Ada County live in Boise County and were affected by the significant loss of jobs the Boise metropolitan area has suffered. In the last 10 years, the unemployment rate peaked in 1999 at 7.2 percent and then steadily dropped to 3 percent in 2007. The rate could top the 1999 average in 2009 because of few job opportunities in the more remote sections of the county and a slow job market in Ada County.

Not surprisingly, Boise County lost 80 nonfarm jobs in 2008, a decline of 4.7 percent. Despite the overall loss, the mining industry surged as exploratory gold mining continued throughout 2008 while gold prices remained high.

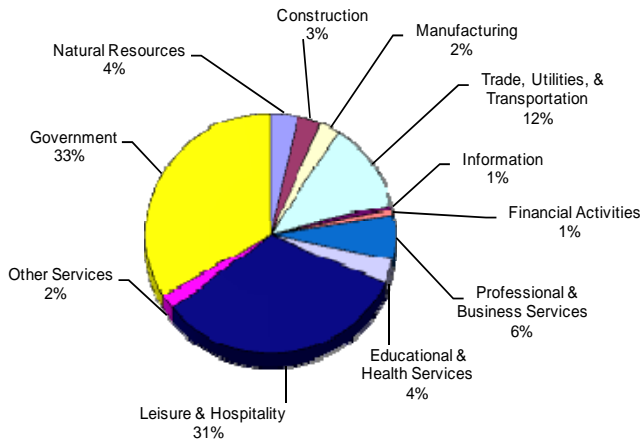


Consistent with the rest of southwestern Idaho, construction took a big hit, losing 104 jobs or two of every three in 2008. Unlike most counties, leisure and hospitality posted a 6 percent job increase in 2008. The reason was Bogus Basin Ski Resort. With the economy struggling, tourism suffering and the ski area so close to a major population center, Bogus Basin cashed in on the stay-close-to-home attitude of many and was able to prop up job levels. Other industries adding jobs in 2008 were government, education and health care.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	3,580	3,449
Total Employment	3,326	3,121
Unemployed	254	328
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.1	9.5
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	2,548	2,468	3,431	3,468	3,450	3,525	3,560	3,651	3,674	3,747	3,567
Unemployment	152	177	166	136	167	185	173	160	123	111	202
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.0	7.2	4.8	3.9	4.8	5.3	4.9	4.4	3.3	3.0	5.7
Employment	2,396	2,291	3,265	3,331	3,284	3,340	3,387	3,491	3,552	3,636	3,365

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



Per Capita Income & Employment

Since 2004 Boise County has moved up in the per capita income rankings, going from 26th to 11th in 2006 and 2007 when income was \$29,626. More affluent people moving to the county to avoid crowded Ada County contributed to the increase in per capita income.

The majority of jobs are in government, one of the highest-paying industries, and leisure and hospitality, one of the lowest paying. These two account for 65.3 percent of covered employment. Trade, utilities, transportation and professional and business services are the next largest industries followed by education and health services. Construction fell out of the top five in 2008 and actually fell below 1998's job level.

Major Employers

Basin School District
Bogus Basin Ski Resort
Boise County
Challenger Companies Inc.
Garden Valley School District
City of Idaho City
Horseshoe Bend School District
Mikylars World Inc
Project Patch
Ward Brothers Inc
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Licensed Practical Nurse	\$14.67
Construction Laborer	\$10.56
Truck Drivers	\$11.03
Administrative Assistants	\$11.79
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$8.95
Auto Mechanics & Technicians	\$10.50
Logging Equipment Operators	\$18.30
School Bus Drivers	\$9.36
Cooks	\$9.46
Waiter/Waitress	\$6.10

* 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	1,374	\$17,973	1,705	\$24,311	1,625	\$24,056
Agriculture	106	\$21,851	52	\$30,416	45	\$34,453
Mining	*	*	16	\$46,292	44	\$32,094
Construction	56	\$22,147	155	\$35,193	51	\$22,495
Manufacturing	55	\$49,319	50	\$26,783	42	\$26,708
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	92	\$11,105	197	\$17,036	191	\$19,472
Information	*	*	13	\$42,465	13	\$37,924
Financial Activities	4	\$12,064	21	\$20,883	12	\$22,059
Professional and Business Services	73	\$21,636	124	\$26,286	92	\$33,205
Educational and Health Services	45	\$14,895	51	\$23,919	56	\$23,697
Leisure and Hospitality	454	\$8,779	508	\$12,477	539	\$12,683
Other Services	*	*	20	\$27,830	18	\$19,832
Government	483	\$22,834	497	\$33,367	523	\$34,094

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Boise County	\$20,043	\$20,252	\$21,538	\$21,827	\$21,914	\$22,881	\$23,371	\$26,362	\$28,121	\$29,626
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

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis



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