



# Bonneville County

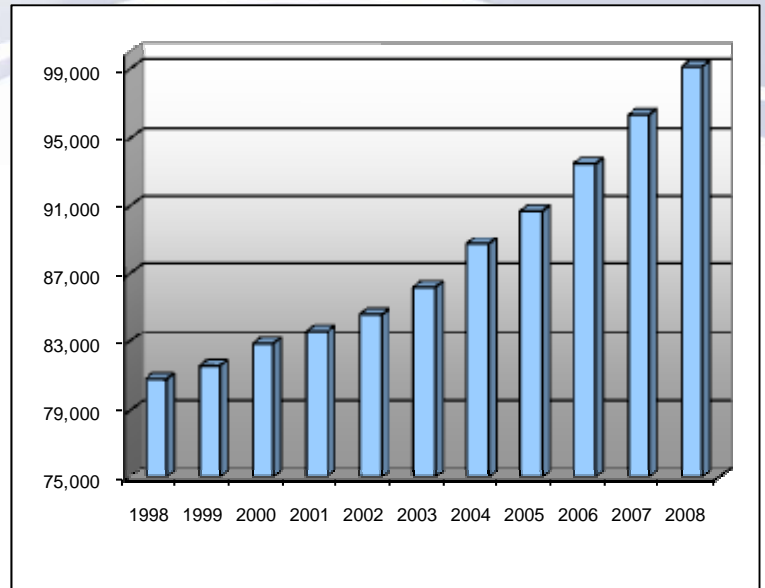
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## Work Force Trends

### Population

By population, Bonneville County is the fourth largest in the state. It grew 18.5 percent from 80,798 in 1998 to 99,135 in 2008. The county has experienced steady growth in the last decade with an average population increase of 2,585 a year for the past five years. The largest increase was 2,935 between 2006 to 2007.

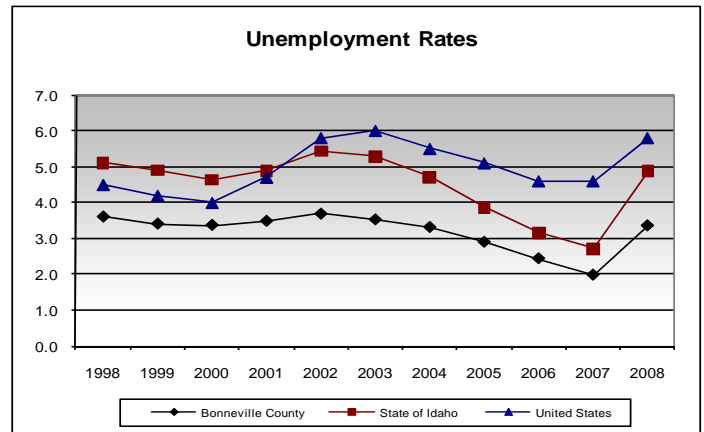
Besides being a medical and retail hub for a large geographic area, diversity and an emphasis on economic development help the area grow. The 2000 census classified Bonneville and Jefferson counties as the Idaho Falls metropolitan statistical area. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the fifth largest city in the state with a 2007 population of 53,279.



### Labor Force & Employment

Bonneville County unemployment remained below the national and state rates for the last decade, averaging just 3.2 percent from 1998 to 2008. The county is economically stable and cooperates with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority.

The civilian labor force increased by almost 4,900 over the decade while unemployment decreased by almost 700. That stopped in 2008 as the fallout from the national recession took hold and doubled average unemployment from the previous year. As a regional health care and retail hub, the consumer and client bases extend beyond surrounding counties to Wyoming



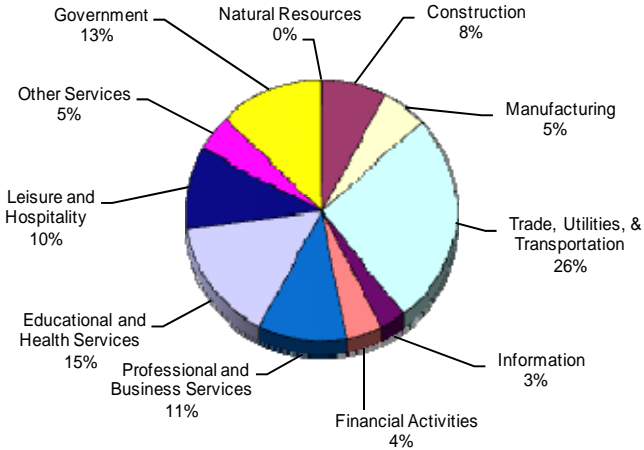
and Montana. A skilled and dedicated work force is credited with attracting new businesses and convincing others to expand.

Professional developments like Taylor Crossing on the River and Snake River Landing continue to emerge in the metropolitan area. New, larger restaurants, more medical facilities and specialists and new technology from the national laboratory further economic growth. France-based AREVA has proposed a multibillion-dollar uranium enrichment plant for the area.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	51,432	50,824
Total Employment	49,612	47,800
Unemployed	1,820	3,025
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.5	6.0
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	45,936	46,507	41,612	42,707	43,579	45,690	46,722	48,594	49,407	50,715	50,829
Unemployment	1,664	1,598	1,400	1,485	1,604	1,608	1,544	1,405	1,200	997	1,704
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.3	2.9	2.4	2.0	3.4
Employment	44,272	44,909	40,212	41,223	41,975	44,082	45,178	47,190	48,208	49,718	49,125

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



## Covered Employers

Trade, utilities and transportation account for more than a quarter of Bonneville County's jobs with trade by far the largest. Education and health care are next, followed by government. Professional and business services are also a large factor since this is the sector that includes most jobs at the national laboratory. Leisure and hospitality is also growing as the county becomes better known.

Average employment increased by over 8,500 between 1998 and 2008 while average annual wages increased by over \$6,200.

## Major Employers (Private)

Battelle Energy Alliance
Bechtel BWXT
Center Partners
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Melaleuca, Inc.
Qwest Communications
U.S. Department of Energy
Wal-Mart

## Occupational Wages\*

## Average Wage

Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk	\$12.15
Cashiers	\$8.40
Computer Support Specialists	\$19.37
Construction Trades Workers	\$16.92
Customer Service Reps	\$11.61
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	\$25.54
Engineers (All)	\$36.65
Financial Clerks	\$11.58
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$7.33
Food Processing Workers	\$13.23
Information & Record Clerks	\$11.58
Laborers & Material Movers, hand	\$9.66
Registered Nurses	\$24.17
Retail Sales Workers	\$10.60

\* Wage data includes 15 counties in and around this county area. Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://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
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	37,043	\$24,943	45,845	\$30,654	45,631	\$31,201
<b>Agriculture</b>	664	\$16,696	530	\$24,420	522	\$28,299
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	43	\$23,232
<b>Construction</b>	2,650	\$28,483	3,978	\$36,161	3,586	\$37,364
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,844	\$25,100	2,545	\$33,532	2,467	\$34,693
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	10,362	\$20,245	12,179	\$29,823	12,081	\$30,035
<b>Information</b>	686	\$25,968	1,253	\$35,248	1,412	\$35,012
<b>Financial Activities</b>	1,502	\$24,242	1,976	\$36,389	1,966	\$37,075
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	5,210	\$41,427	5,127	\$34,837	4,857	\$36,227
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	4,311	\$26,656	6,845	\$32,952	7,067	\$33,263
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	3,491	\$9,104	4,517	\$11,023	4,561	\$11,414
<b>Other Services</b>	1,225	\$16,341	1,335	\$23,687	1,353	\$24,379
<b>Government</b>	5,090	\$28,366	5,559	\$35,677	5,718	\$36,235

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Bonneville County</b>	\$21,643	\$22,641	\$23,663	\$25,448	\$25,943	\$27,038	\$28,552	\$31,024	\$32,155	\$33,468
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,077	\$25,024	\$25,234	\$25,543	\$27,389	\$28,681	\$30,374	\$31,804
<b>United States</b>	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,843	\$30,574	\$30,838	\$31,530	\$33,157	\$34,690	\$36,794	\$38,615

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