



Clark County

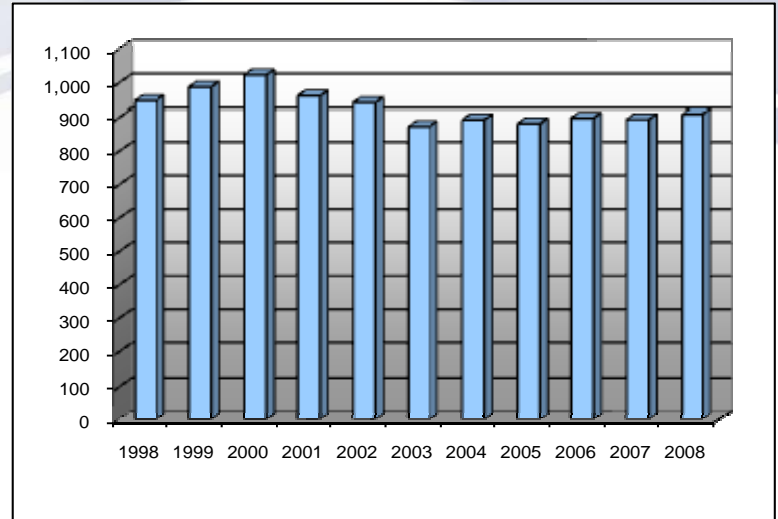
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Work Force Trends

Population

Clark County is the smallest by population in the state at just 910 residents in 2008. That was 38 fewer than in 1998 and more than 100 below its peak of 1,024 in 2000. Clark County has just one person for every two square miles, severely limiting its labor force.

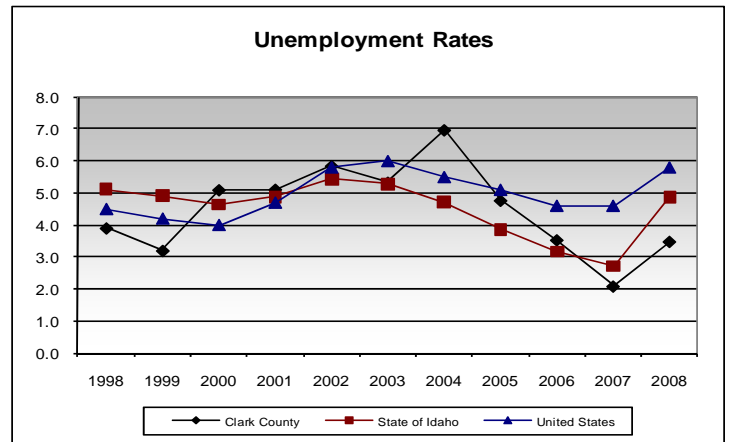
The largest annual increase was 40 between 1998 and 1999. Clark County is highly dependent on agriculture and government.



Labor Force & Employment

Clark County's unemployment rate has been on a rollercoaster the last decade, running below the state and national rates in the late 1990s, then rising as much as 2.3 percentage points above the state rate in 2004 before plunging to nearly three percentage points below the state rate in 2008. Unemployment in the agriculturally dependent county spiked from 2000 to 2005 because of water shortages. The county experienced a steady decline in its labor force from 1998 to 2002 before it began slowly rebounding. But over the decade, the labor force lost 24. As the average age of farmers rises, the county is losing younger population to urban education and employment.

Farming is the largest industry in the county. Over 66 percent of the land is owned by the federal government with another 7 percent owned by the state. The majority is considered rangeland, and sheep are a major commodity. Among the other industrial sectors, manufacturing provides the most jobs, employing 41.1 percent. Two of the county's



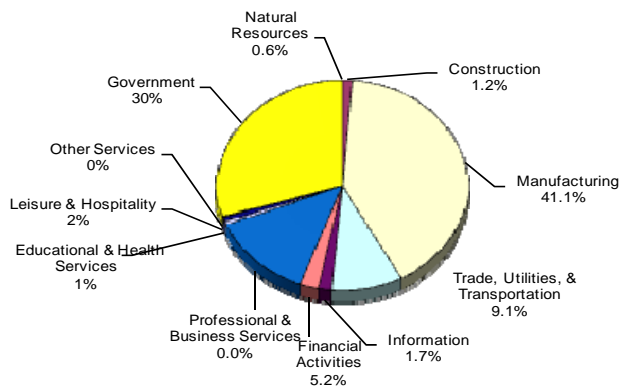
largest employers are Blaine Larsen Farms Inc., which produces and processes hay and other crops, and Idahoan Foods, which processes potatoes. However, this plant just closed so this number will decrease when the 2009 data is available. Government is the second largest industry, employing 30 percent of workers including the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The county is located on the Montana border and includes part of the Continental Divide. The city of Dubois is virtually the last place of refuge when winter storms intermittently cause closure of U.S. Interstate 15.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	587	585
Total Employment	562	553
Unemployed	25	32
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.3	5.5
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	589	554	539	559	503	536	542	541	522	522	565
Unemployment	23	18	27	29	29	29	38	26	18	11	20
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.9	3.2	5.1	5.1	5.8	5.3	6.9	4.8	3.5	2.1	3.5
Employment	566	536	512	530	474	507	505	515	503	511	545

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



Covered Employment & Wages

Covered employment increased 27.6 percent, or 134, between 1998 and 2008, primarily in manufacturing although specifics are confidential because the sector is so small. Average wages increased \$15,419, or 84.4 percent, during the decade. Wages in financial services were up \$42,417 while those in agriculture rose \$15,320. Government wages also increased \$12,462, but employment decreased slightly.

Covered employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Major Employers

Clark County
Clark County School District #161
North American Foods
Ikes 66 LLC
Aquent LLC
Advantech Solutions III Inc.
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Eastern ID Occupational Wages*

Occupation	Average Wage
Cashiers	\$8.17
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$15.61
Industrial Truck/Tractor Operators	\$10.18
Agricultural Workers	\$8.59
Food Processing Workers	\$12.45
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$6.76
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$7.75
Office Clerks, General	\$11.46
Retail Sales Workers	\$10.31
Truck Drivers, Light	\$13.99
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$14.17

* Wage data includes 12 counties of eastern Idaho. 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	485	\$18,272	541	\$31,134	619	\$33,691
Agriculture	15	\$12,802	56	\$26,956	68	\$27,822
Mining	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	0	\$0	5	\$37,562	7	\$40,231
Manufacturing	*	*	220	\$27,405	236	\$34,374
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	58	\$12,737	21	\$27,827	44	\$18,118
Information	*	*	*	*	*	*
Financial Activities	16	\$27,117	15	\$43,002	14	\$69,534
Professional and Business Services	*	*	63	\$47,189	78	\$43,947
Educational and Health Services	8	\$4,522	*	*	3	\$27,038
Leisure and Hospitality	17	\$4,385	*	*	*	*
Other Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Government	162	\$19,150	145	\$31,530	155	\$31,612

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Clark County	\$21,283	\$23,598	\$23,322	\$28,241	\$24,938	\$25,332	\$26,171	\$25,174	\$23,348	\$29,525
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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