



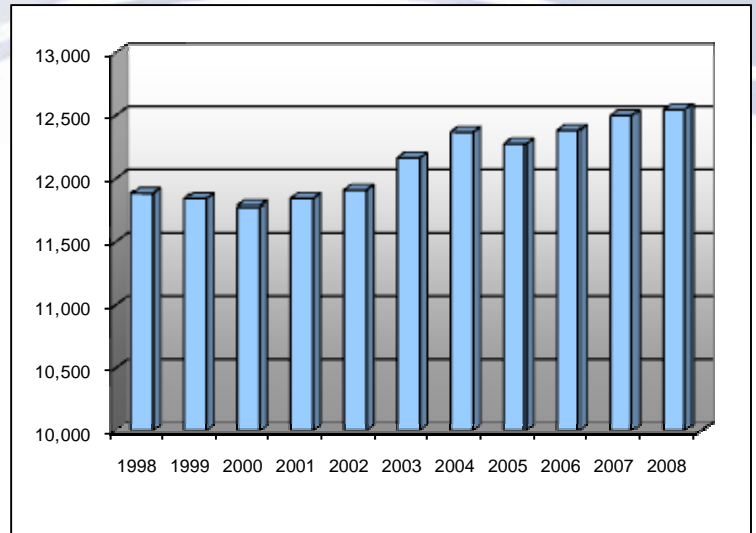
Fremont County

November 2009

Work Force Trends

Population

Fremont County grew by 668 people from 1998 to 2008 in a wave that saw population dip to a low in 2000 at 11,784 before rising steadily. From 2000 to 2004, the county saw a growth of 599 – the largest one year jump was nearly 300 in 2003 – before posting a decline of 78 in 2005 only to rebound again the next year. Growth totaled 281 people from 2005 to 2008 when it totaled 12,551. The county ranks 23rd in the state. Concentrated economic development and the change from a two year community college to the four-year Brigham Young University–Idaho in neighboring Madison County contributed to continued to the growth.

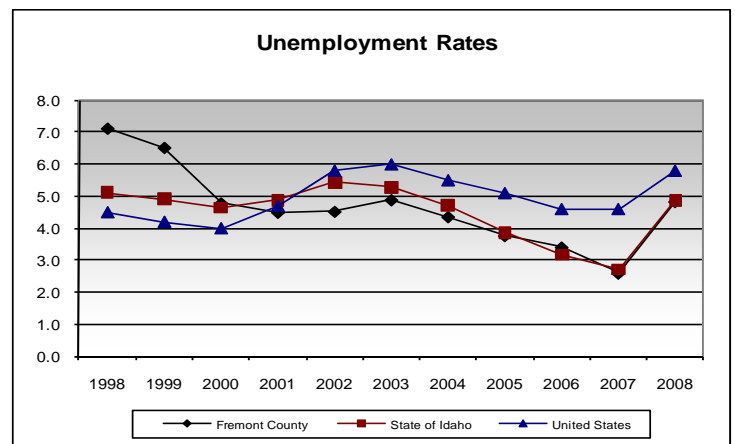


Labor Force & Employment

Fremont County, bordering Montana and Wyoming, has three significant cities located on U.S. Highway 20, which is heavily traveled by tourists headed for Yellowstone National Park, Henry's Lake and Harriman State Park. Although the county attracts many to its recreation areas, it wants to attract national and international tourists as well.

The closure of a sawmill in the 1980s and the U.S. Forest Service office to nearby Idaho Falls several years ago hurt the local economy, and rebounding has been difficult. An economic development specialist was hired for several years to promote business expansion and relocation and had success in drawing several new businesses and seeing others expand.

Since 1998, the unemployment rate has dropped 2.3 percentage points to a low of 2.6 percent in 2007. The labor force grew by 1,508 from 1998 to 2007 before losing over 700 in the national recession.

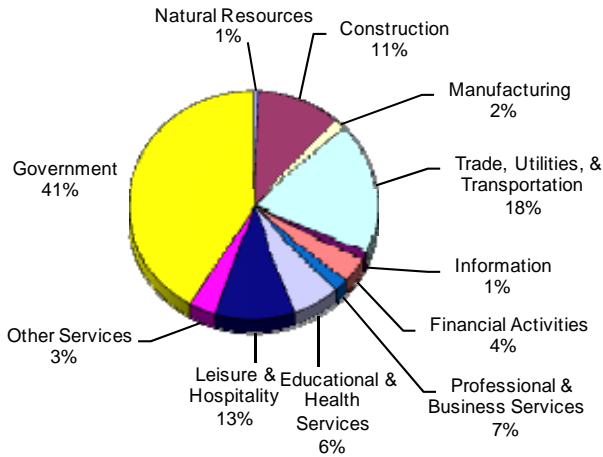


Government provides the most nonfarm payroll jobs, primarily through the state Juvenile Correction Center in St. Anthony. Federal and state governments together own 70 percent of the land so land management agencies employ many workers. Trade, leisure and hospitality and construction also represent large percentages of the county's jobs.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	6,486	6,195
Total Employment	6,224	5,764
Unemployed	262	431
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.0	7.0
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	4,956	4,817	5,689	5,879	5,870	5,703	5,897	6,041	5,975	6,464	5,709
Unemployment	352	313	272	264	265	278	256	227	203	167	275
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.1	6.5	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.9	4.3	3.8	3.4	2.6	4.8
Employment	4,604	4,504	5,418	5,615	5,605	5,425	5,641	5,814	5,772	6,297	5,434

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



Major Employers

Ashton Memorial Nursing Home
 Parkinson Seed Farm Inc.
 Fall River Rural Electric Coop Inc.
 Fremont County
 Fremont County Joint School District #215
 Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections
 U.S. Department of Agriculture
 Walters Produce, Inc.

Covered Employment & Wages

Average covered employment rose 127 from 1998 to 2008, fueled by growth in construction, government and financial services. The annual average wage increased over \$8,500 in the decade. Average wages rose the most in financial services, construction and manufacturing. Jobs in the information sector posted the only decline. Although quite a bit lower than the state or national averages, per capita income increased 39 percent over the decade and should continue to grow.

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.

Occupation Wages*	Average Wage
Agricultural Workers	\$8.59
Cashiers	\$8.17
Computer Support Specialists	\$18.65
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$13.75
Customer Service Reps	\$10.77
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$15.61
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$7.60
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$6.76
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	\$10.05
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$7.75
Retail Sales Workers	\$10.31
Secretaries & Administrative Asst	\$13.63
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$21.35

* Wages represent 12 counties in 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	2,815	\$19,460	2,994	\$26,249	2,942	\$27,967
Agriculture	476	\$15,758	290	\$20,142	287	\$23,591
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	152	\$17,082	360	\$28,875	303	\$31,668
Manufacturing	52	\$14,832	38	\$21,881	43	\$24,036
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	540	\$21,497	512	\$27,280	494	\$29,643
Information	38	\$31,114	31	\$25,376	34	\$24,684
Financial Activities	46	\$23,184	112	\$33,370	99	\$33,772
Professional and Business Services	58	\$14,521	51	\$23,343	52	\$23,198
Educational and Health Services	125	\$15,921	163	\$24,320	169	\$24,927
Leisure and Hospitality	329	\$8,188	293	\$10,837	292	\$11,324
Other Services	34	\$15,820	68	\$19,459	73	\$22,544
Government	961	\$24,887	1,069	\$31,064	1,089	\$32,623

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Fremont County	\$16,403	\$16,942	\$18,074	\$18,632	\$19,860	\$18,498	\$19,920	\$20,522	\$21,288	\$22,815
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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