



# Latah County

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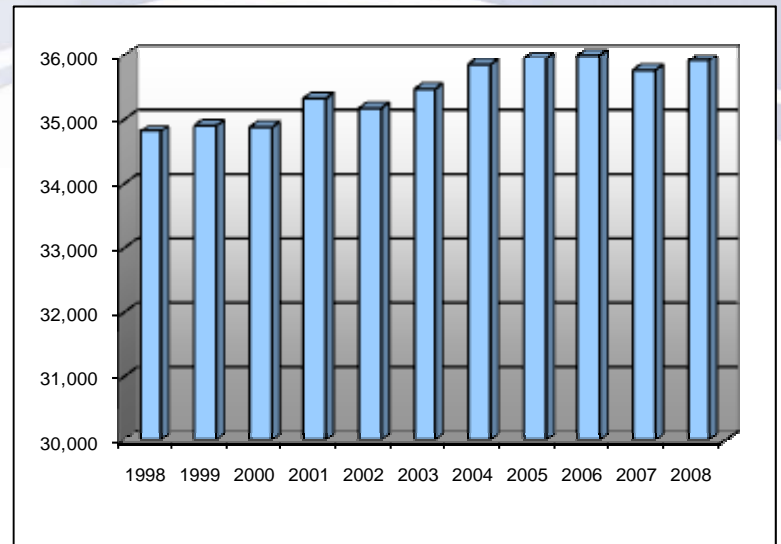
## Work Force Trends

### Population

Latah County's population grew 3 percent from 34,811 in 1998 to 35,906 in 2008 while the U.S. population grew 10 percent and Idaho's population grew 22 percent. Relatively slow job growth was an obstacle to population growth.

New registrations for driver's licenses show that about 6 percent of the people who move to Latah County are from foreign countries.

Moscow, the county seat, has a population of 22,798. The populations of the other incorporated cities are 878 in Genesee, 777 in Troy, 742 in Potlatch, 577 in Juliettea, 541 in Deary, 337 in Kendrick, 287 in Bovill and 217 in Onaway.

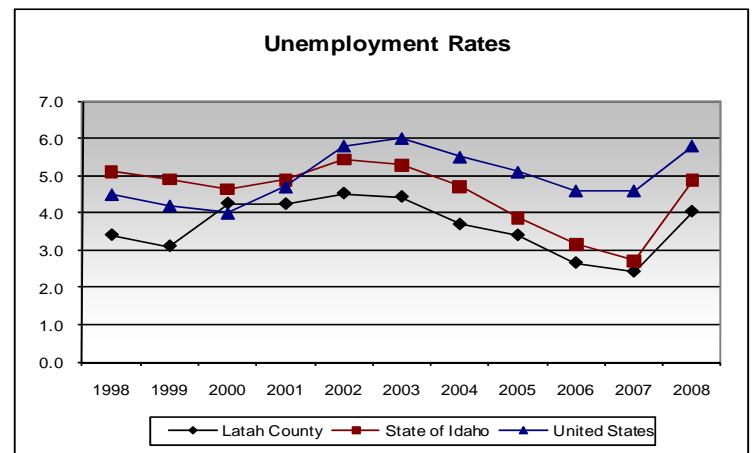


### Labor Force & Employment

The University of Idaho, established in 1889, employs one-third of the county's workers. It provides economic stability and insulates the county from national economic cycles. During the last two years, the university's student enrollment has risen to nearly 12,000.

Manufacturing, retail stores, construction and health services were the source of many new jobs in the three years prior to the recession.. Construction fell sharply in 2008 from the peaks it reached in 2007, and retail jobs have declined slightly. Manufacturing, especially lumber mills, has fallen since the recession began in late 2007.

Manufacturing is expected to grow in the next few years as computer software and hardware companies expand. Growing emphasis by the university on technology



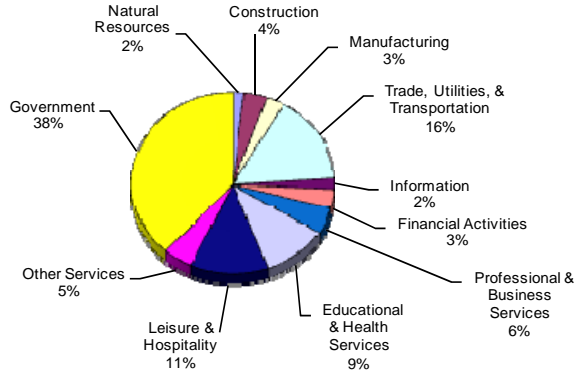
transfer also should bolster manufacturing and professional service employment. Technology transfer is taking new ideas and products developed by researchers and turning them into practical applications that create jobs.

Retail stores and services benefit from enrollment growth at both the University of Idaho and Washington State University with an enrollment of 18,000 eight miles west in Pullman.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	18,206	18,642
Total Employment	17,397	17,392
Unemployed	809	1,250
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.4	6.7
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	15,002	14,886	17,613	17,421	16,611	16,084	17,833	17,793	18,212	17,076	17,287
Unemployment	514	459	748	737	750	712	657	604	483	413	697
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.4	3.1	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.7	3.4	2.7	2.4	4.0
Employment	14,488	14,427	16,865	16,683	15,861	15,372	17,176	17,189	17,729	16,664	16,590

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



## Major Employers

Bennett Lumber Products
City of Moscow
Good Samaritan Society (nursing home)
Gritman Medical Center
Latah County
Moscow School District 281
Rosauers Super Markets
Wal-Mart Associates Inc.
Winco Foods
University Inn – Best Western
University of Idaho
U.S. Forest Service

## Economic Development

Latah County steadily added new businesses during the last 10 years. The number of private-sector employers grew 6 percent from 926 in 1998 to 981 in 2008. The construction industry added the most new businesses with 25. Health care added 12, and scientific and technical consulting added eight.

The Latah Economic Development Council created the Alturas Technology Park with the University of Idaho and the city of Moscow to foster technology-based businesses interested in locating near the university.

## Occupational Wages\*

## Starting Pay

Accountants	\$16.00
Bookkeepers	\$8.50
Carpenters, Journey-Level	\$15.20
Cashiers	\$7.50
Child Care Workers	\$7.00
Computer Techs	\$14.00
Dental & Health Care Assistants	\$10.50
Janitors	\$8.20
Nurses, Registered	\$19.20
Salespersons, Retail	\$7.50
Secretaries	\$9.75
Teachers	\$17.00
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$13.75

\* 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>	12,765	\$22,169	14,034	\$28,305	14,249	\$29,274
<b>Agriculture</b>	288	\$30,899	319	\$41,479	335	\$40,568
<b>Mining</b>	17	\$34,102	18	\$33,299	17	\$34,360
<b>Construction</b>	368	\$22,919	611	\$29,289	523	\$30,431
<b>Manufacturing</b>	425	\$29,544	424	\$39,367	418	\$38,013
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	2,364	\$17,212	2,251	\$23,015	2,277	\$23,612
<b>Information</b>	280	\$23,043	273	\$34,066	280	\$36,269
<b>Financial Activities</b>	374	\$20,481	479	\$29,590	473	\$30,545
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	517	\$23,909	682	\$34,753	705	\$36,037
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	1,217	\$20,154	1,525	\$24,762	1,528	\$26,527
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	1,470	\$7,441	1,835	\$9,404	1,814	\$9,689
<b>Other Services</b>	375	\$16,666	318	\$22,357	350	\$22,585
<b>Government</b>	5,071	\$28,329	5,299	\$35,420	5,530	\$36,419

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Latah County</b>	\$19,528	\$20,160	\$21,230	\$22,707	\$23,436	\$23,342	\$24,973	\$26,112	\$27,106	\$29,216
<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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