



# Madison County

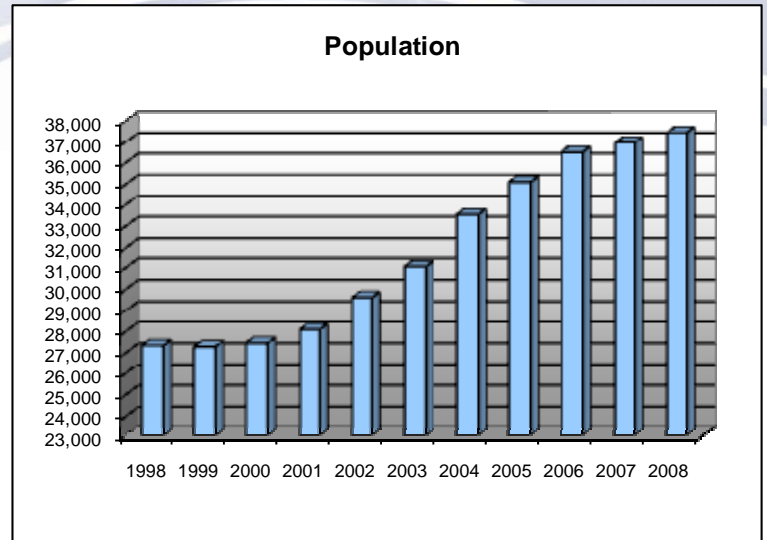
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## Work Force Trends

### Population

Madison County's population increased 37 percent, or 10,107, since 1998 to 37,456 in 2008. The biggest change in the county came in 2001 when two-year Ricks College was converted to Brigham Young University-Idaho, a four-year school. The record-breaking enrollment Ricks had been experiencing has continued, pushing economic growth, especially in housing, for married students.

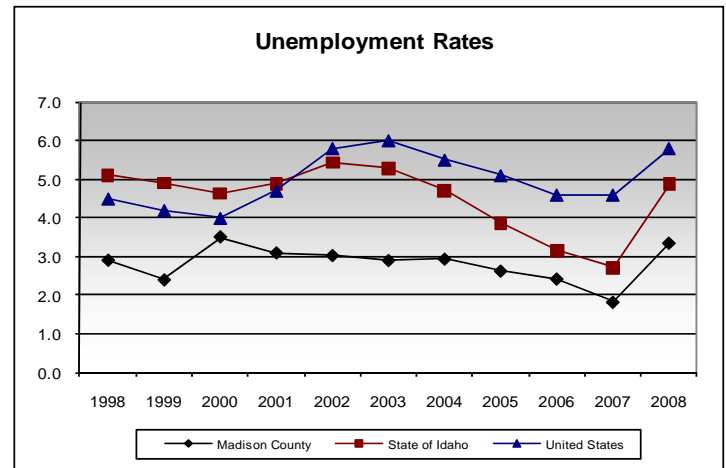
The county has experienced tremendous growth since 2001, an increase of 9,348, or 32 percent. A quarter of that occurred between 2003 to 2004. Madison County ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the state in population while Rexburg ranks 10<sup>th</sup> among cities at 27,575 in 2007.



### Labor Force & Employment

Madison County has maintained one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state since 1998. The county has been well below the national and state rates, and the expansion of existing businesses and emergence of new ones has kept its multilingual labor market very tight. Call centers are finding the bilingual skills of computer-trained students enticing. Out of the county's major employers, three are call center-based businesses. New business parks in Rexburg are also attracting many new and expanding businesses.

Trade generates one-fourth of the county's jobs, strong in both retail and wholesale. Health care and education also play a large role, and the hospital is expanding as the number of clinics countywide increase. The university is still growing and adding more degree programs, fueling an

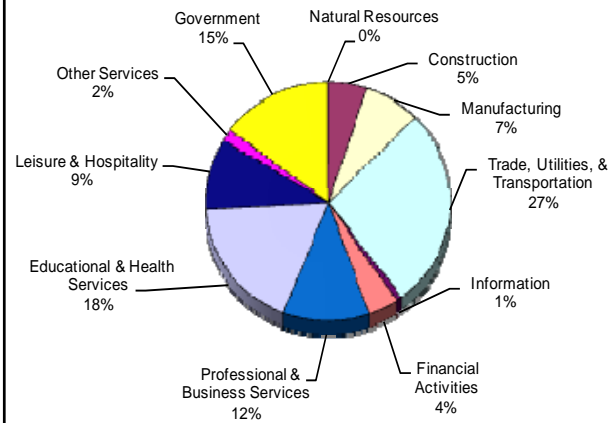


increase in education employment. Professional and business services including Barrett Business Services are also strong. That sector is almost match by the jobs in public education, public health and local and state government.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	18,546	17,448
Total Employment	17,970	16,642
Unemployed	576	806
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.1	4.6
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	10,169	10,453	12,840	13,175	13,774	13,421	14,021	14,855	14,765	16,011	16,187
Unemployment	291	254	449	407	416	388	410	389	357	293	539
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.9	2.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.4	1.8	3.3
Employment	9,878	10,199	12,391	12,769	13,358	13,033	13,611	14,466	14,408	15,719	15,648

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



Major Employers
Artco
Brigham Young University - Idaho
Barret Business Services Inc
Melaleuca, Inc
Discovery Research Group
Western Wats
Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*	Average Wage
Cashiers	\$6.90
Carpenters	\$11.50
Child Care Workers	\$6.34
Cooks & Food Preparation Workers	\$6.40
Customer Service Reps	\$8.07
Food Processing Workers	\$8.10
General Office Clerks	\$7.41
Hand Packers/Packagers	\$6.28
Janitors/Cleaners (not maid/hotels)	\$7.97
Nurses, Registered	\$19.38
Retail Salesperson	\$7.14
Secretaries & Administrative Assistant	\$9.13
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor Trailer	\$9.95

## Covered Employment & Wages

Covered employment increased 39 percent, or 3,600, from 1998 to 2008 while average annual wages rose 42 percent, or \$7,756. Manufacturing led the way in rising wages while losing the most workers. Information, education and health services saw wages rise as well. Jobs in trade increased by almost 1,000 in response to the county's continued population growth.

*Covered Employers are those who are subject to state and federal Unemployment Insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of employers in Idaho.*

\* Wages include 12 counties of eastern Idaho. Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor Web site at <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>	9,343	\$18,384	13,458	\$24,643	12,999	\$26,140
<b>Agriculture</b>	339	\$17,914	362	\$26,683	353	\$27,208
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	273	\$18,947	770	\$24,029	661	\$25,925
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,167	\$18,836	1,074	\$28,988	959	\$31,076
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	2,482	\$15,928	3,323	\$21,443	3,452	\$21,869
<b>Information</b>	74	\$14,728	100	\$24,446	103	\$26,239
<b>Financial Activities</b>	305	\$16,700	486	\$24,332	489	\$24,893
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	892	\$11,921	2,005	\$16,541	1,477	\$20,903
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	1,492	\$29,351	2,186	\$39,408	2,255	\$40,190
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	694	\$7,267	1,113	\$9,168	1,218	\$9,585
<b>Other Services</b>	140	\$14,178	165	\$20,487	156	\$22,449
<b>Government</b>	1,484	\$21,118	1,873	\$28,783	1,875	\$29,969

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Madison County</b>	\$12,471	\$13,499	\$13,854	\$14,438	\$14,835	\$14,325	\$14,342	\$14,617	\$15,219	\$16,212
<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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