



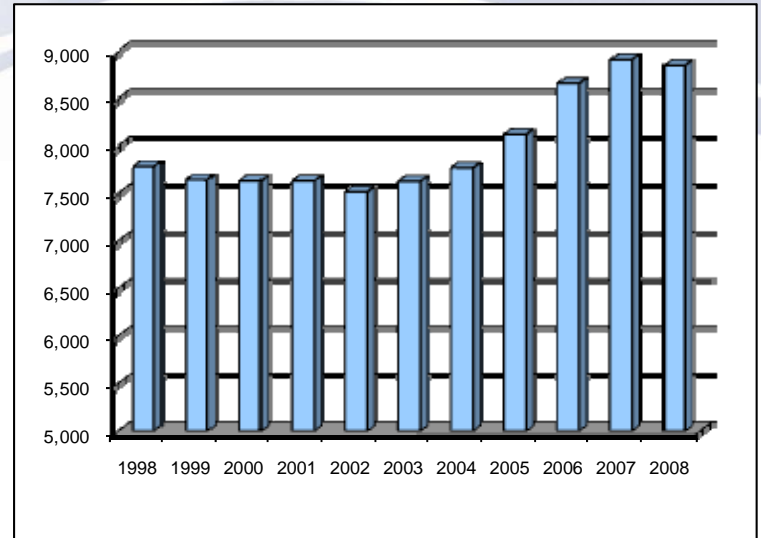
# Valley County

November 2009

## Work Force Trends

### Population

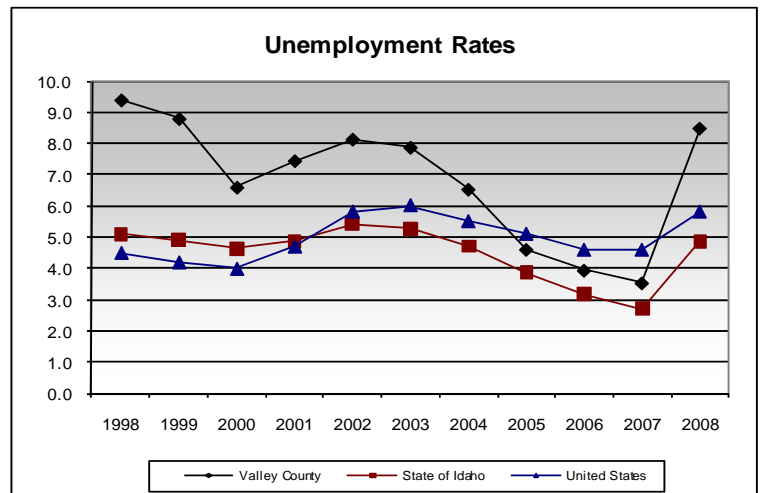
Valley County is the 29<sup>th</sup> most populous county among Idaho's 44 counties and experienced robust population growth starting in 2002 through 2007. The growth was largely fueled by real estate speculation and the Tamarack Resort, which inflated land prices bringing many wealthy investors and second homeowners to the county. With the economy slowing in 2008 and Tamarack's well publicized problems, both land prices and population growth declined. The decline in 2008 was the first loss of population in Valley County since 2002. Despite this, at various times of the year there are still many more people in the county than the population figures indicate. The area is a popular weekend destination for people from Ada and Canyon counties as they seek to take advantage of the multitude of recreational opportunities available in Valley County during every season.



### Labor Force & Employment

The county's civilian labor force patterns have largely mirrored the population patterns. The county experienced an increase from 1998 to 2008 of 809 people down from the 1,056 people from 1997 to 2007 and the 1996 to 2006's growth of 824. The labor force declined by over 300 people in 2008 largely due to the troubles experienced by Tamarack, but also because of the slowing economy. Over the last 10 years the average annual unemployment rate has fluctuated from a high of 9.4 percent in 1998 to a low of 3.5 percent in 2007 while 2008 saw the rate more than double to 8.5 percent.

The growth of Valley County nonfarm jobs ceased in 2008. During that year the county lost 327 nonfarm jobs. Not surprisingly construction bore the brunt of this, accounting for 64 percent of the job losses with the total number of jobs declining by 209. Leisure and hospitality was next in the number of jobs lost at 67. Despite the job losses, leisure and hospitality still makes up 26 percent of all nonfarm jobs in Valley County while construction makes up 11 percent. The

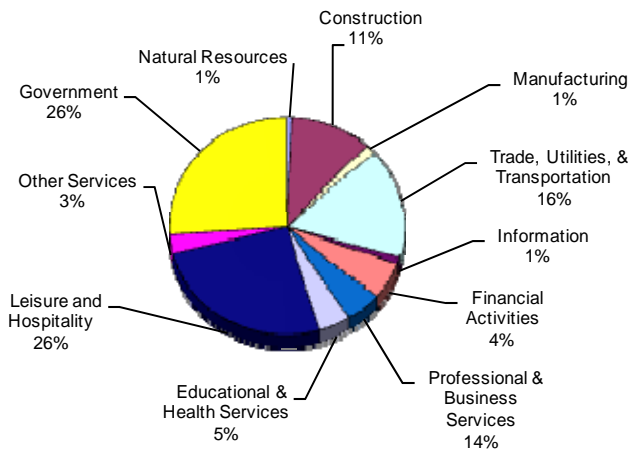


slowdown in the nonfarm job and labor force growth really began in early summer 2007. Construction, which had been driving much of the job creation only added nine jobs in 2007 as the slowing national economy and problems at Tamarack Resort brought building activity to a halt. These factors were subsequently felt in other industries such as financial activities, professional and business services and retail trade. Valley County continued to eke out job gains in most other industries in 2007, but was not able to hold out during 2008. Typically not a leading industry, government, mostly federal, added 45 jobs in 2008 that were mostly seasonal.

Labor Force	Oct 2008	Oct 2009
Civilian Labor Force	4,531	4,484
Total Employment	4,006	3,651
Unemployed	525	834
% of Labor Force Unemployed	11.6	18.6
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	4,155	4,044	4,116	4,033	4,001	4,001	4,217	4,645	4,930	5,270	4,964
Unemployment	391	355	272	301	326	315	276	214	194	186	422
% of Labor Force Unemployed	9.4	8.8	6.6	7.5	8.1	7.9	6.5	4.6	3.9	3.5	8.5
Employment	3,764	3,689	3,844	3,733	3,675	3,686	3,942	4,431	4,736	5,084	4,542

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2008



## Major Employers

Ridley's
Cascade School District
City of McCall
Tamarack Resort
McCall-Donnelly School District
McCall Memorial Hospital
Franklin Building Supply Co
Cascade Hospital
US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
Valley County

## Occupational Wages\*

Occupation	Starting Wage
Maintenance Worker	\$10.50
Cashier	\$9.00
Mechanic	\$18.50
Retail Salesperson	\$12.00
Construction Laborer	\$14.25
Cook	\$9.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$10.00
Truck Driver	\$15.25
Equipment Operator	\$16.50
Maid/Housecleaner	\$9.25
Receptionist/Front Desk Attendant	\$9.19
Waiter/Waitress	\$6.30

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

## Per Capita Income & Employment

Valley County's per capita income remained well above the state per capita income and moved slightly higher than the national average in 2006. Per capita income moved from fourth in the state to third between 2004 and 2005 with only Blaine and Ada counties ranking higher. The county remained at third in 2006 with an increase of 6.5 percent in per capita income on the heels of a 6.9 percent increase between 2004 and 2005. Valley County will likely continue to maintain a high per capita income because many of the wealthy residents that have moved to the area will continue to stay despite the downturn in the economy. Valley County continues to be a tourist destination and a playground for the wealthy, and the high per capita income is a result.

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>	3,394	\$19,064	4,759	\$29,885	4,347	\$29,176
Agriculture	102	\$17,394	82	\$23,118	82	\$23,870
Mining	16	\$43,449	27	\$47,848	13	\$47,130
Construction	266	\$18,059	688	\$35,391	490	\$32,248
Manufacturing	130	\$27,436	64	\$27,807	63	\$29,914
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	597	\$15,024	750	\$23,950	694	\$24,310
Information	48	\$34,897	47	\$49,880	42	\$54,740
Financial Activities	118	\$20,622	267	\$33,513	235	\$30,236
Professional and Business Services	126	\$27,818	238	\$35,514	203	\$35,868
Educational and Health Services	152	\$16,401	188	\$28,520	198	\$32,716
Leisure and Hospitality	750	\$9,267	1,214	\$22,316	1,079	\$19,731
Other Services	71	\$13,982	103	\$23,060	110	\$21,261
Government	1,021	\$26,344	1,092	\$37,003	1,138	\$37,701

Per Capita Income	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Valley County</b>	\$24,608	\$25,958	\$27,797	\$28,477	\$29,063	\$29,871	\$32,696	\$35,499	\$36,851	\$38,025
<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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