



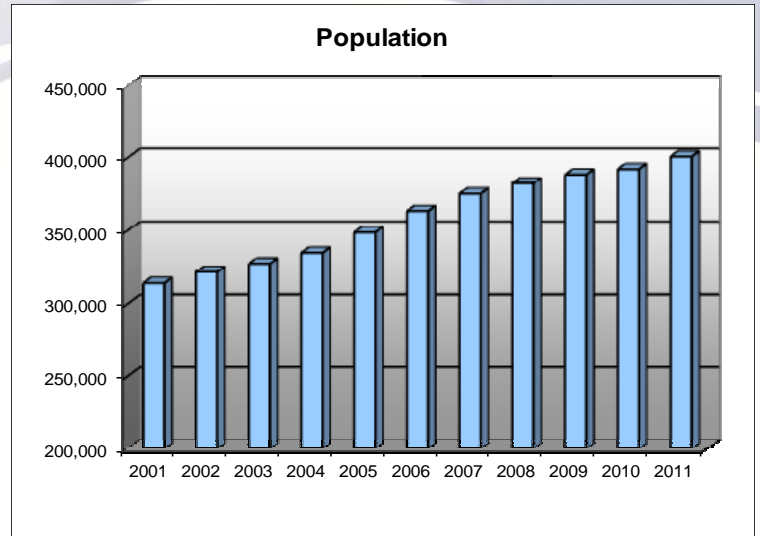
Ada County

April 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

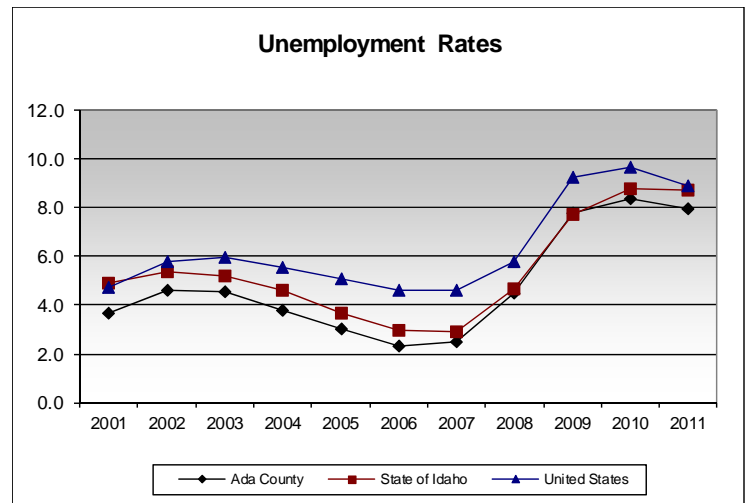
Ada County, Idaho's most populous with over 400,000 residents, is a regional center of government, industry and education. It's more than twice the size of neighboring Canyon County, the state's second most populous. Ada County ranks 31st among the 44 counties in area. Over 29 percent is public land. Ada County has grown rapidly, adding 87,000 residents since 2001. The county was a popular relocation destination, especially in the years leading up to the recession. People from other states flocked to the county for its outdoor lifestyle and comparatively low real estate prices. It was not uncommon for people to sell a small house elsewhere and pay cash for a new, larger home in Ada County. The probability of finding work was high. The unemployment rate hovered at or below 4 percent most of the decade. But the national recession has slowed growth and economic activity, driving home values down and limiting job opportunities.



Labor Force & Employment

The Ada County labor force grew significantly between 2001 and 2011, adding 24,000 workers or just over a quarter of the population growth. But Ada County has more jobs than its labor force supports, requiring commuters from elsewhere to fill them. During 2011, the unemployment rate saw its first annual decline since the recession began in 2007. While 8 percent is a far cry from the low of 2.3 percent recorded in 2006, it is welcome improvement.

Amid deteriorating economic conditions, the number of payroll jobs declined for the second straight year in 2010. Since 2007, average annual employment in construction has fallen by nearly 7,000, or 41 percent. While most counties faced similar construction losses, Ada County also felt comparable losses to manufacturing, which stemmed from layoffs by one of Idaho's largest employer's - Micron Technology. Overall, manufacturing payrolls in Ada County dropped 5 percent during 2010 after falling 20 percent in 2009. The county has typically generated the largest share of



Idaho's wealth in terms of manufacturing exports and attracting outside investment in construction projects. Without these goods producers running on all cylinders, the economy will continue operating below capacity. The decline in consumer spending, a major economic component, has also constrained economic activity in the county. Despite the recession, government, education and health care posted job gains during the year. All three stepped up to accommodate the increased demand for services from a growing population. However, even these industries have had to make tremendous changes internally to maintain some growth.

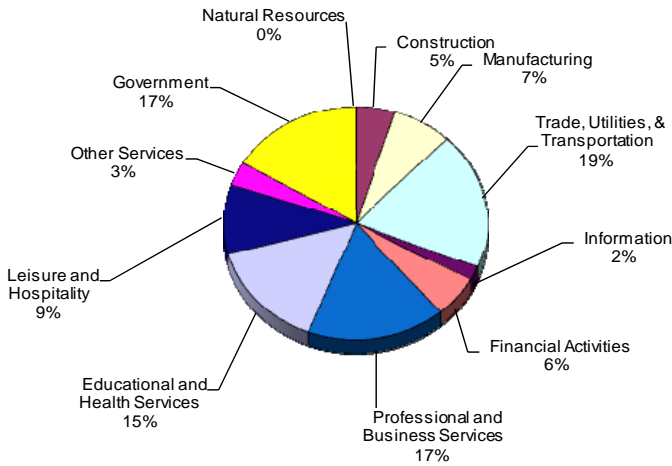
Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	198,457	202,454
Total Employment	182,745	188,433
Unemployed	15,712	14,021
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.9	6.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.7	7.9
U.S. % Unemployed	8.9	8.2

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	175,774	175,436	176,702	177,136	184,794	191,981	196,480	197,309	194,669	197,470	199,770
Unemployment	6,488	8,102	8,035	6,691	5,648	4,419	4,946	8,881	15,169	16,517	15,894
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.7	4.6	4.5	3.8	3.1	2.3	2.5	4.5	7.8	8.4	8.0
Employment	169,286	167,334	168,667	170,446	179,146	187,562	191,535	188,429	179,500	180,953	183,876

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Per Capita Income & Employment

Ada County ranks third among the 44 counties in per capita income at \$39,827, which was down another \$2,000 from 2008 after falling \$700 from 2007. That was still 25 percent higher than statewide per capita income but less than \$200 above national per capita income. While the recession has significantly dampened economic activity, Ada County is attracting a growing number of wealthy retirees seeking its comparatively lower cost of living that boosts per capita income as a byproduct.

Most sectors pay an average annual wage over \$40,000. From 2000 through 2009, Ada County gained jobs in every major sector except manufacturing and construction. The recession eroded some of those gains in 2010.

Major Private Employers

St. Luke's Regional Medical Center
 St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center
 Blue Cross of Idaho Health Services
 DirecTV
 Hewlett Packard
 Idaho Power Co.
 Micron Technology, Inc.
 Fred Meyer
 Wal-Mart
 Citicorp
 Supervalu

Occupational Wages*

Entry Level Wage

Occupational Wages*	Entry Level Wage
Medical Assistants	\$11.97
Waiters and Waitresses	\$7.83
Structural Metal Fabricators and Fitters	\$13.70
Customer Service Representatives	\$9.83
Electricians	\$15.29
Construction Laborers	\$10.46
Team Assemblers	\$9.02
Registered Nurse	\$23.23
Exec Secretaries & Admin Assistants	\$13.02
Welders	\$12.26
Retail Salespersons	\$8.14

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2000, 2009 & 2010	2000		2009		2010	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	177,686	\$34,465	194,151	\$39,819	192,142	\$40,887
Agriculture	626	\$22,090	795	\$29,487	756	\$30,371
Mining	110	\$28,042	77	\$82,758	86	\$85,688
Construction	12,544	\$33,081	10,309	\$45,396	9,468	\$46,055
Manufacturing	24,227	\$69,093	15,039	\$68,285	14,252	\$75,833
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	37,199	\$30,474	36,591	\$34,931	36,642	\$36,131
Information	3,619	\$39,501	3,707	\$47,670	3,690	\$47,283
Financial Activities	10,042	\$36,457	10,835	\$46,923	10,615	\$47,158
Professional and Business Services	24,008	\$29,288	33,881	\$40,307	33,410	\$40,951
Educational and Health Services	17,931	\$30,896	27,820	\$41,189	29,126	\$41,753
Leisure and Hospitality	16,197	\$10,877	18,538	\$14,277	18,233	\$14,708
Other Services	5,123	\$21,450	5,398	\$24,348	5,293	\$24,692
Government	26,060	\$31,937	31,162	\$42,847	30,572	\$43,400

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Ada County	\$34,153	\$34,390	\$34,948	\$35,472	\$38,442	\$39,284	\$42,826	\$42,591	\$41,815	\$39,827
State of Idaho	\$24,683	\$25,642	\$26,007	\$26,438	\$28,414	\$29,594	\$31,585	\$32,734	\$33,062	\$31,857
United States	\$30,318	\$31,145	\$31,461	\$32,271	\$33,881	\$35,424	\$37,698	\$39,461	\$40,674	\$39,635

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