



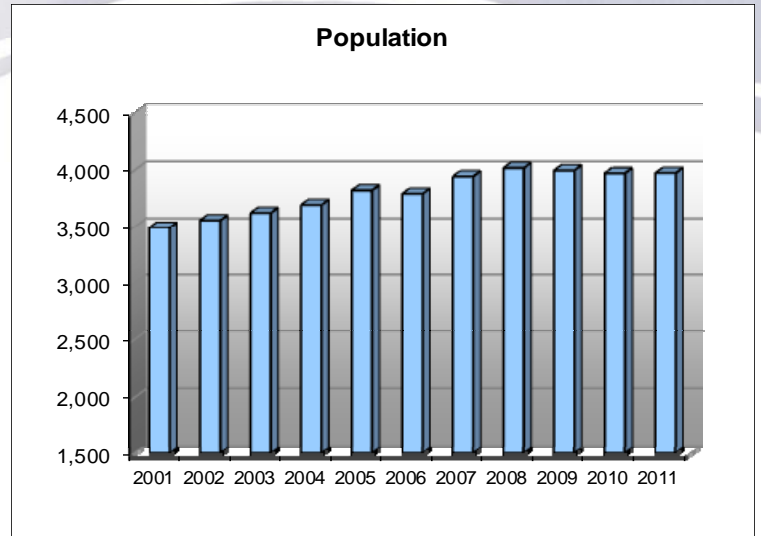
# Adams County

April 2012

## Work Force Trends

### Population

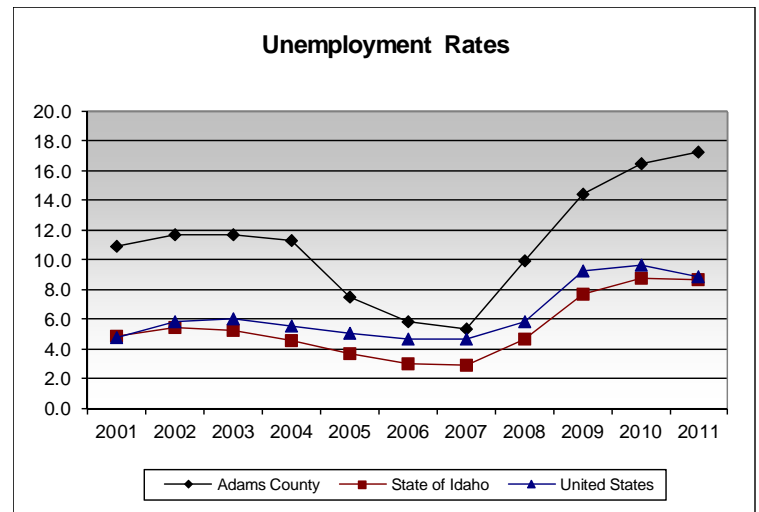
Adams County ranks 40<sup>th</sup> among Idaho's 44 counties in population and is sixth smallest in area. Its population has remained relatively stable over the last decade. There were 500 more people in 2011 than in 2001. The fluctuation has been no more than 100 in any one year until the census data was collected. Adams County has a core group of residents to keep it stable. Fluctuations result from the comings and goings of people looking for a rural life and lower living costs. But many have trouble finding work in an economy hit hard by the decline in natural resource industries. Adams County also loses many of its younger residents to more populous areas with better employment or educational attainment prospects.



### Labor Force & Employment

After seeing its labor force expand by more than 25 percent in the decade through 2007, Adams County was hit hard in 2008. The labor force dropped more than 10 percent before rebounding 9 percent in 2009 although the majority of that increase was unemployed. The unemployment rate reached a 10-year low in 2007 of 4.9 percent and then began ballooning – from 10 percent in 2008 to over 17 percent in 2011.

Non-farm jobs declined by a further 2.5 percent in 2010 from their 2009 levels. The greatest declines occurred in the information sector, where nearly three-quarters of employment was lost, dropping from 20 jobs in 2009 to 5 jobs in 2010. This loss was made up for by the 15 jobs added in financial activities, which grew by 48 percent to 47 jobs. Two other major job losers were in construction and government. They combined for a reduc-

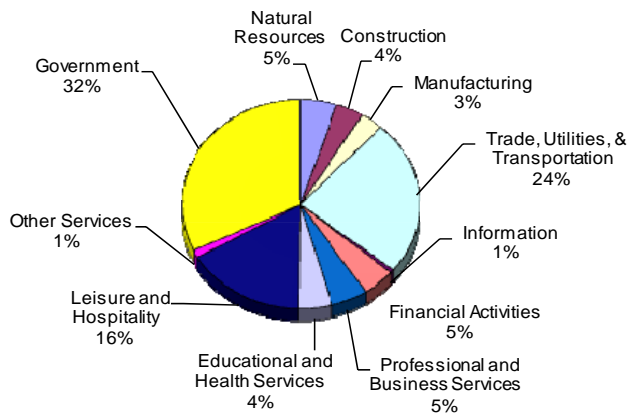


tion of 42 jobs. As with many other counties in Idaho, several industry sectors showed gains, although these gains were marginal and not enough to offset the larger losses in other sectors like construction, which suffered dramatically when work stopped at the bankrupt Tamarack Resort.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	1,783	1,872
Total Employment	1,517	1,633
Unemployed	266	239
% of Labor Force Unemployed	14.9	12.8
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	1,950	1,866	1,853	1,839	1,877	2,125	1,992	1,915	2,083	2,020	1,850
Unemployment	212	218	216	207	140	124	107	190	301	333	320
% of Labor Force Unemployed	10.9	11.7	11.7	11.3	7.5	5.8	5.4	9.9	14.5	16.5	17.3
Employment	1,737	1,648	1,637	1,632	1,737	2,001	1,885	1,724	1,782	1,687	1,530

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



## Major Employers

Adams County
Council Community Hospital
Council School District
Meadows Valley Market
Jl Morgan Inc
Tom Mahon Logging Inc
Meadows Valley School District
Idaho Transportation Department
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

## Occupational Wages\*

## Starting Wage

Logging Equipment Operator	\$14.29
Cashier	\$8.14
Recreation Workers	\$8.14
Hotel, Motel and Resort Desk Clerks	\$8.18
Construction Worker/Laborer	\$10.46
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$16.22
Truck Drivers	\$13.09
Registered Nurses	\$23.23
Cooks, Restaurant	\$8.27
Accountants and Auditors	\$18.96
General and Operations Managers	\$19.88
Waiters/Waitresses	\$7.83

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

## Per Capita Income & Employment

Adams County ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in the state in per capita income in 2009 at \$31,857, down from 16<sup>th</sup> in 2007. Adams was one of only six counties to see actual per capita income decline from 2007 as affluent homeowners and speculators, drawn by the Tamarack Resort in neighboring Valley County, pulled back from Adams County when the resort went bankrupt.

Though government has become a slightly smaller, more stable sector of the county economy, its jobs still make up 31 percent of covered employment and are among the best paying in the county.

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
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	951	\$22,687	1,029	\$27,286	1,032	\$27,768
<b>Agriculture</b>	90	\$29,265	59	\$34,340	60	\$34,767
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
<b>Construction</b>	64	\$19,085	57	\$18,695	40	\$16,009
<b>Manufacturing</b>	*	*	36	\$15,947	33	\$19,258
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	138	\$14,727	256	\$30,244	252	\$29,200
<b>Information</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Financial Activities</b>	23	\$19,925	32	\$29,148	40	\$29,818
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	11	\$17,236	49	\$30,049	52	\$38,656
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	14	\$5,780	39	\$24,334	47	\$24,486
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	122	\$8,659	162	\$14,624	172	\$13,968
<b>Other Services</b>	*	*	10	\$21,696	12	\$25,373
<b>Government</b>	385	\$28,238	324	\$32,439	319	\$33,433

## ADAMS COUNTY

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Adams County	\$22,111	\$22,770	\$23,809	\$24,770	\$27,688	\$28,329	\$31,103	\$31,061	\$30,647	\$30,924
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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