



# Adams County

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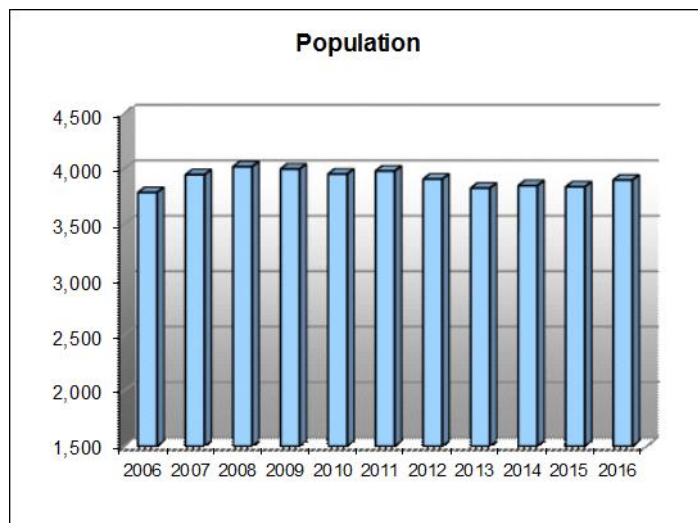
## Workforce Trends

### Population

Adams County's population grew slowly throughout the 1990s. Starting around 2000, its growth accelerated as many retirees moved in and the rapid growth around McCall area caused many workers to move into Adams County. The recession and the bankruptcy of Tamarack Resort, which had spurred much of the McCall growth, caused the population to fall from 4,021 to 3,827 in 2011. It hovered in that range for two years, and then added 70 people in 2016.

Between 2006 and 2016, the county grew 3 percent from 3,788 to 3,900. In the same period, Idaho grew 15 percent and the U.S. grew 8 percent.

In 2016, the county seat, Council, had 818 residents and New Meadows had 477, according to the Census Bureau.

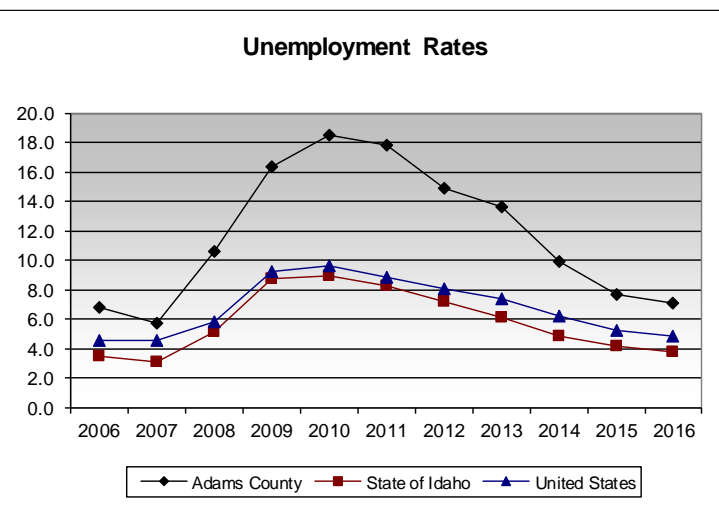


### Labor Force & Employment

Adams County continues to be natural-resource dependent. Farming, ranching, and forestry drive the economy. Mills employ 140 people, logging employs 60, and the Forest Service, which owns 59 percent of the county's land, employs 100.

Adams County's labor force jumped to 2,100 during the influx of people to work on the Tamarack Resort and surrounding developments around 2006. When the resort shut down in 2009, nothing came in to take its place and the labor force steadily declined to 1,679 in 2014. Its labor force increased to 1,744 in 2016, after Tamarack's reopening in winter 2014.

Two ski areas, Brundage Mountain and the Little Ski Hill, are in the county. Fishing, hunting, whitewater, and



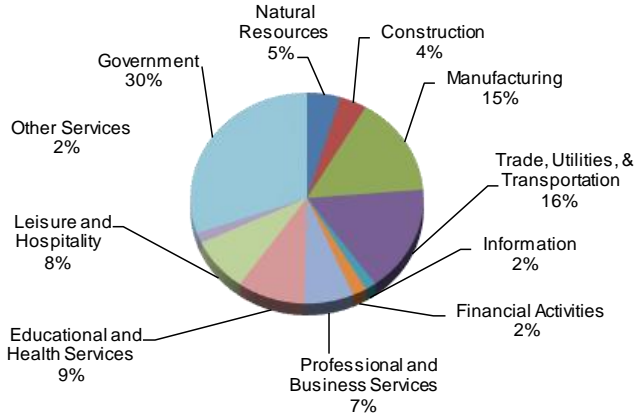
Labor Force	July 16	July 17
Civilian Labor Force	1,741	1,761
Total Employment	1,633	1,673
Unemployed	108	88
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.2	5.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.8	3.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.9	4.3

hiking and snowmobile trails draw tourists. About 100 people work in the leisure and hospitality sector.

In 2007, the unemployment rate reached 5.8 percent, the lowest level in more than 30 years. After the recession and Tamarack's troubles, the unemployment rate soared to 18.5 percent in 2010. As the economy gradually improved, it declined to 7.1 percent by 2016.

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	2,159	2,000	1,913	2,123	1,860	1,744	1,742	1,710	1,679	1,720	1,744
Unemployment	146	115	203	347	345	312	260	234	167	132	124
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.8	5.8	10.6	16.3	18.5	17.9	14.9	13.7	10.0	7.6	7.1
Employment	2,013	1,884	1,710	1,776	1,516	1,432	1,481	1,476	1,511	1,588	1,620

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



Major Employers
Adams County
C & M Lumber
Council Community Hospital
Council School District
Meadows Valley Market
Jl Morgan Inc (logging)
Meadows Valley School District
Idaho Transportation Department
U.S. Forest Service

Southwest Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Accountants and Auditors	\$21.38	\$29.96
Cashier	\$8.30	\$9.36
Construction Worker/Laborer	\$9.87	\$13.91
Cooks, Restaurant	\$8.37	\$10.61
General and Operations Managers	\$19.59	\$32.25
Hotel, Motel and Resort Desk Clerks	\$9.53	\$12.80
Logging Equipment Operator	\$14.54	\$19.06
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$15.81	\$22.17
Recreation Workers	\$8.27	\$8.71
Registered Nurses	\$24.66	\$30.62
Truck Driver, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.76	\$17.36
Waiters/Waitresses	\$8.26	\$8.90

\*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's per capita income of \$36,800 in 2015 was 24 percent below U.S. per capita income and 4 percent below Idaho's per capita income.

Between 2005 and 2015, per capita income grew somewhat faster—30 percent—in Adams County than in the state—22 percent—or nation—26 percent.

Government is the dominant employer in Adams County, representing almost a third of all payroll jobs. This employment comes largely from the public schools and federal land management agencies. Trade, Utilities, and Transportation is the next largest group, with 17 percent.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2006, 2015 & 2016	2006		2015		2016	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	1,215	\$26,030	1,040	\$34,292	1,090	\$35,925
<b>Agriculture</b>	87	\$35,256	55	\$41,402	60	\$43,609
<b>Mining</b>	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
<b>Construction</b>	111	\$24,956	38	\$28,301	38	\$33,132
<b>Manufacturing</b>	20	\$22,095	163	\$39,033	168	\$41,528
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	294	\$24,124	177	\$29,536	175	\$31,513
<b>Information</b>	*	*	16	\$58,527	15	\$85,930
<b>Financial Activities</b>	37	\$23,719	31	\$40,887	21	\$60,645
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	76	\$28,994	49	\$39,625	73	\$30,202
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	40	\$20,351	88	\$35,279	102	\$38,846
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	210	\$13,458	90	\$12,085	90	\$11,774
<b>Other Services</b>	7	\$23,542	18	\$23,171	17	\$23,260
<b>Government</b>	325	\$34,209	316	\$37,975	330	\$38,085

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Adams County</b>	\$28,277	\$27,773	\$28,766	\$27,487	\$27,994	\$29,419	\$31,243	\$32,761	\$34,596	\$36,800
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$31,357	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,727	\$33,296	\$34,691	\$35,703	\$37,153	\$38,392
<b>United States</b>	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,267	\$44,462	\$46,414	\$48,112