



Bannock County

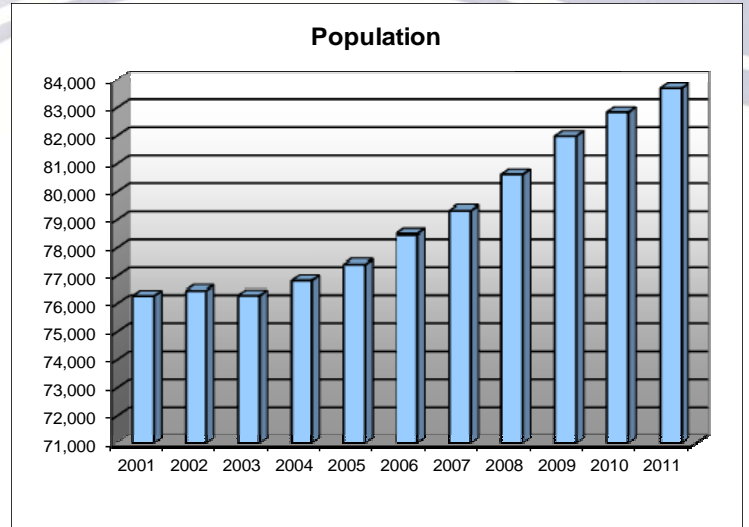
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Work Force Trends

Population

Access to higher education and the intersection of major north-south and east-west interstate highways fuel Bannock County's population and economic growth. The county has benefited from expanding research and energy related programs at Idaho State University, especially alternative energy research and spin-off business activity. The population rose from 75,565 in 2000 to 82,839 in 2010 as both Bannock County and southeastern Idaho were being rediscovered. As of 2011 population is estimated to be 83,691, and future growth is anticipated.

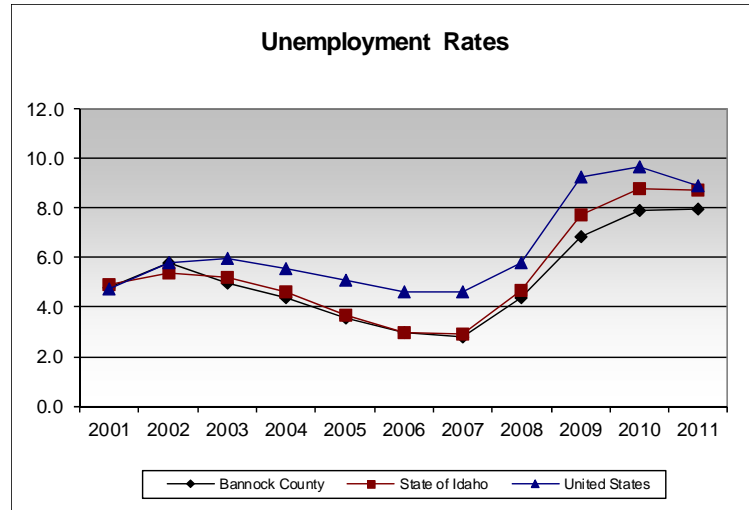
Pocatello, the county seat in the Portneuf River Valley, is a major trade center for southeastern Idaho. It is home to the Idaho Accelerator Center, the Stephens Performing Arts Center and Pebble Creek Ski Area. Spectacular Lava Hot Springs with geothermal pools adds to year-round tourism appeal.



Labor Force & Employment

Bannock County enjoys a diverse and highly-skilled labor force with an excellent work ethic. The high quality workforce combined with the natural beauty of the area make Bannock County an attractive location to do business in.

Over the last decade food manufacturing and construction increased dramatically. During the economically difficult time for the state and the nation Bannock County has weathered the storm better than most. The new Allstate Customer Information Center which opened in fall of 2011, and the coming addition of ATCO to the local job market spell good news for the Pocatello area. Major highway projects and the \$200 million Portneuf Medical Center construction project kept commercial construction employment stable. Another stabilizing factor in the local economy has been the presence of Idaho State University in Pocatello, and the



nearby INL which both continue to be major employers in the area.

The unemployment rate peaked at 5.8 percent in 2002 after the 2001 recession and then began trending down as several businesses expanded and new ones opened. As individuals found it easier to obtain work, the jobless rate sunk to 2.7 percent in 2007. But the recession turned that around. The rate began rising to 6.9 percent in 2009 and then 7.9 percent the next year. In 2011 Bannock County's unemployment moved to 8.0 percent.

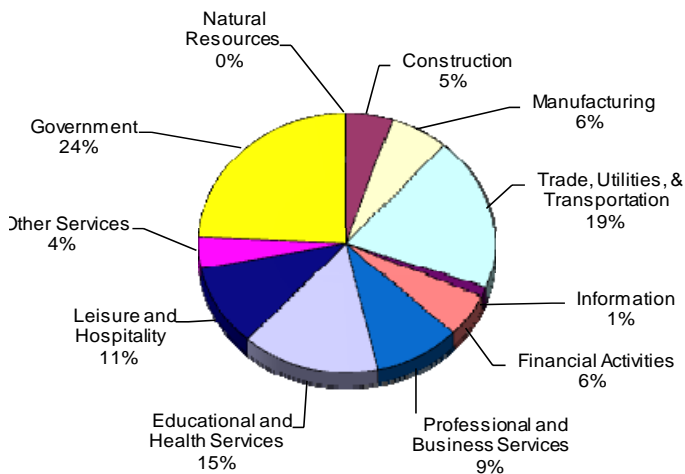
Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	40,481	41,939
Total Employment	37,479	38,926
Unemployed	3,002	3,012
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.4	7.2
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.7	7.9
U.S. % Unemployed	8.9	8.2

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	37,893	38,622	39,359	39,501	40,028	40,020	41,224	39,784	39,062	40,259	40,634
Unemployment	1,805	2,225	1,955	1,738	1,425	1,181	1,152	1,746	2,677	3,184	3,241
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.8	5.8	5.0	4.4	3.6	3.0	2.8	4.4	6.9	7.9	8.0
Employment	36,088	36,396	37,404	37,764	38,604	38,839	40,071	38,037	36,385	37,075	37,394

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Industry Employment & Wages

The trade and service industries provide nearly half the jobs in Bannock County. This tends to lower the average wages since many of these jobs are part-time and in the lower-wage food service sector. Government provides a quarter of the jobs, boosted by the presence of Idaho State University, the Idaho Women's Correctional Facility, the FBI Western Region Customer Support Center, the U.S. Courthouse, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the Idaho Fish and Game regional office and school districts and municipalities.

Wages in Bannock County are lower than in most of the United States and fall in the middle of all Idaho counties.

Major Employers (Private)

Beacon Health Services
 Belmont Care Center
 Convergys Customer Management
 Farmers Insurance
 Heinz Frozen Foods
 Idaho State University
 Portneuf Medical Center
 ON Semiconductor, Inc.
 Union Pacific Railroad
 Varsity Contractors
 Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Assemblers/Production Workers	\$10.34
Cashiers & Retail Sales	\$7.25
Clerks, Information & Record	\$8.50
Corrections Officers	\$13.91
Customer Service Reps.	\$8.48
Home Health & Nurses Aides	\$8.13
Janitors and Cleaners	\$9.34
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$9.94
Nurses, Registered	\$23.78
Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$10.51
Teachers	\$18.84
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$7.25
Truck Drivers	\$10.68

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the 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	30,606	\$24,035	31,700	\$30,528	30,835	\$31,470
Agriculture	75	\$19,183	87	\$27,556	75	\$26,377
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	1,612	\$27,438	1,575	\$32,588	1,662	\$39,410
Manufacturing	2,842	\$37,533	2,284	\$43,325	2,095	\$47,555
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	6,166	\$21,489	5,839	\$26,780	5,753	\$27,814
Information	636	\$23,925	445	\$32,250	414	\$31,717
Financial Activities	1,497	\$27,909	1,650	\$38,075	1,538	\$40,639
Professional and Business Services	3,214	\$17,988	3,599	\$28,899	3,077	\$28,948
Educational and Health Services	2,744	\$25,495	4,749	\$32,614	5,033	\$32,499
Leisure and Hospitality	3,393	\$8,614	3,523	\$11,368	3,455	\$11,798
Other Services	861	\$18,097	791	\$22,755	784	\$23,784
Government	7,548	\$29,212	7,142	\$36,964	6,938	\$36,774

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Bannock County	\$21,275	\$22,279	\$23,068	\$23,668	\$24,922	\$26,041	\$27,257	\$28,490	\$29,141	\$28,726
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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