



Bingham County

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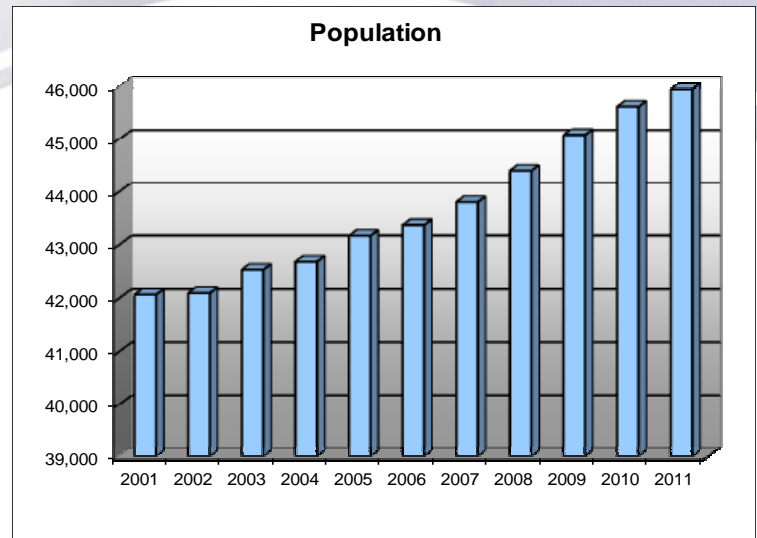
Work Force Trends

Population

Bingham County's population increased steadily, albeit slowly, rising 7 percent since 2000 to 45,607 in the 2010 Census. 2011 estimates show the population to be up to 45,952. Blackfoot is the county seat and largest city. The county is a major farm service, potato processing and shipping center.

Flat and fertile farmland surrounded by mountains and crossed by the Snake River that provides water for fishing, boating and irrigation offer a picturesque setting and a lifestyle few people want to leave.

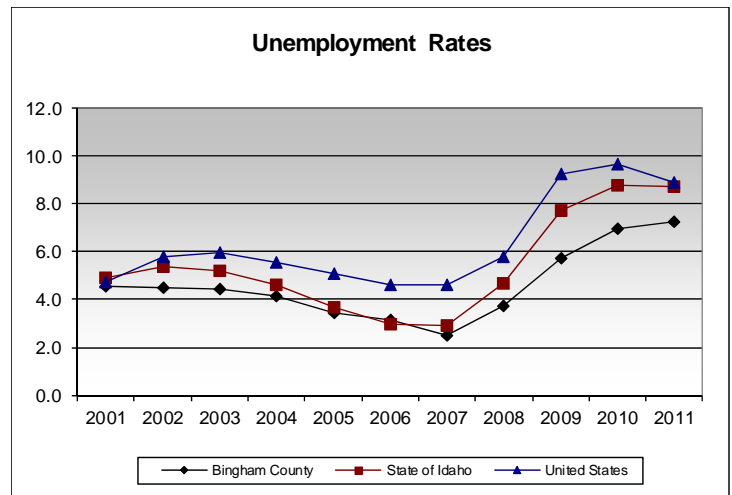
Most of the population increase during the decade was natural – births exceeding deaths. But recently in-migration of workers from other countries and other states contributed significantly.



Labor Force & Employment

Bingham County's economy is heavily dependent on agriculture but has a diverse employer base that demands a diverse work force. High technology metal fabricator Premier Technology and First American Title both have their headquarters in Bingham County. Idaho State Hospital South and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' gambling operation are other large nonfarm employers. The county's location between two major trade centers – Pocatello to the south and Idaho Falls to the north – provides additional work force and employment opportunities.

Bingham County's civilian labor force grew steadily through the decade while its unemployment rate gradually declined until the recession began grabbing hold. The unemployment rate jumped significantly in 2008 and



continued climbing after that while the labor force fell in 2009 before rebounding the following year.

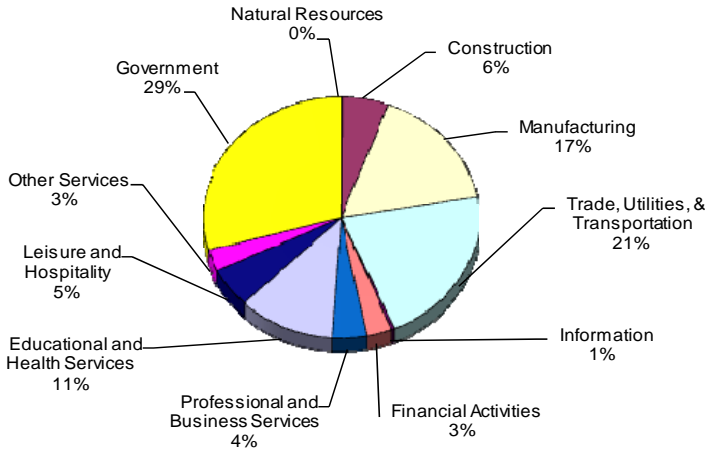
The proximity to the Idaho National Laboratory and the Fort Hall Indian Reservation provides a wide variety of job opportunities.

Efforts to attract new business to the county by Bingham Economic Development Corporation hold promise for the county's economic future.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	23,038	23,528
Total Employment	21,572	22,027
Unemployed	1,466	1,502
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.4	6.4
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	19,972	20,249	20,168	20,374	20,781	20,876	22,206	22,504	21,706	23,102	23,400
Unemployment	913	912	891	848	713	661	551	840	1,246	1,607	1,700
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.4	3.2	2.5	3.7	5.7	7.0	7.3
Employment	19,060	19,338	19,276	19,526	20,068	20,215	21,655	21,664	20,460	21,495	21,700

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Covered Employment & Wages

Bingham County's large agricultural base goes hand in hand with trade and manufacturing to provide nearly half of all jobs in the county.

Government accounts for nearly another 29 percent because of Idaho's State Hospital South, the University of Idaho Agricultural Experimental Station and several local school districts.

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

Major Employers (Private)

Basic American Foods
Bingham Memorial Hospital
Idaho Supreme Potatoes
J.R. Simplot Co.
Nonpareil, Corp.
Premier Technology
Spudnik Equipment Co.
Sho-Ban Gaming
Wada Farms
Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wages

Agricultural Worker	\$7.36
Auto Mechanic/Service Technician	\$9.56
Cashier	\$7.25
Cook	\$7.25
Fast Food Worker	\$7.50
Food Processing Worker	\$9.76
Grader and Sorter, Agriculture	\$7.35
Construction Laborer	\$9.29
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Wkr	\$15.59
Nurse, Licensed Practical	\$12.78
Nurse, Registered	\$22.23
Office Clerk, Information & Record	\$8.29
Retail Sales Clerk	\$7.25
Waiter/Waitress	\$7.25

* 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	13,558	\$22,574	14,858	\$29,907	14,666	\$30,262
Agriculture	1,266	\$17,780	1,393	\$27,456	1,333	\$28,598
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	709	\$23,977	860	\$29,590	751	\$30,737
Manufacturing	2,360	\$28,304	2,426	\$39,335	2,243	\$39,214
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	3,149	\$18,963	2,828	\$26,127	2,861	\$26,556
Information	120	\$19,636	56	\$18,289	50	\$18,327
Financial Activities	273	\$25,300	357	\$35,689	358	\$37,932
Professional and Business Services	335	\$27,766	596	\$37,326	552	\$37,599
Educational and Health Services	586	\$22,310	1,415	\$33,838	1,532	\$34,289
Leisure and Hospitality	867	\$9,722	798	\$8,939	723	\$9,481
Other Services	276	\$19,524	333	\$26,392	344	\$25,974
Government	3,185	\$26,310	3,791	\$29,335	3,912	\$29,288

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Bingham County	\$19,595	\$20,162	\$20,651	\$20,165	\$21,669	\$21,985	\$24,023	\$25,631	\$26,479	\$25,281
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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