



# Bonneville County

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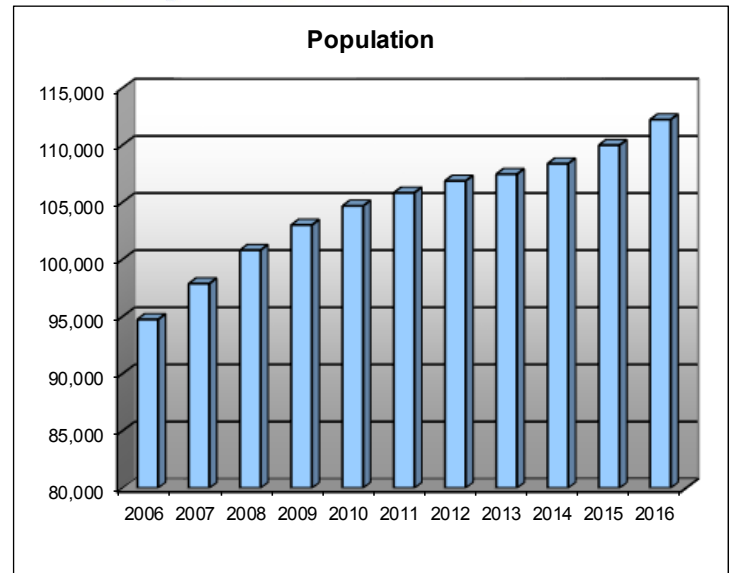
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## Population

By population, Bonneville is the fourth largest county in the state. It grew over 20 percent from 91,709 in 2005 to 112,323 in 2016. The county has experienced steady growth in the last decade with an average population increase of 1,838 a year for the past ten years. The largest increase was 3.3 percent between 2005 to 2006 and 2006 to 2007.

Besides being a medical and retail hub for a large geographic area, diversity and an emphasis on economic development help the area grow. The Idaho Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Bonneville, Butte, and Jefferson counties. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the fourth largest city in the state with a 2016 population of 60,211. The next largest city in the county, Ammon, with a 2016 population of 15,252 people. Bonneville County will now be home to the College of Eastern Idaho, transitioning from EITC in late 2017.

## Workforce Trends

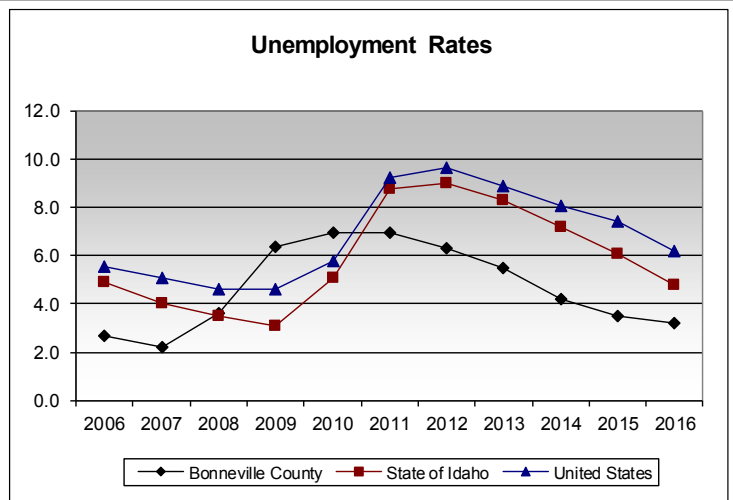


## Labor Force & Employment

Bonneville County unemployment remained below the national and state rates for the last decade. The annual unemployment rate for 2016 was 3.2 percent, the lowest rate since 2007. The county is economically stable and cooperates with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority and has contributed to low unemployment rates.

The civilian labor force increased 4.7 percent during the decade. Unemployment rates began to climb as the national recession took hold. Due to many insulating factors, rates have remained well below the national and state averages.

As a regional health care and retail hub, the county's consumer and client bases extend beyond surrounding



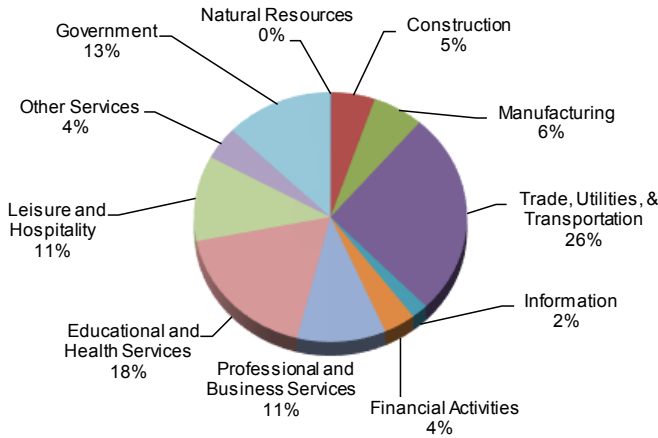
counties to Wyoming and Montana. A skilled and dedicated workforce is credited with attracting new businesses and helping others expand.

Professional developments like Taylor's Crossing on the River and Snake River Landing continue to emerge in the metropolitan area, complementing revitalization efforts for Idaho Falls' historic downtown. New, larger restaurants, more medical facilities and specialists and new technology from the national laboratory further economic growth.

Labor Force	Nov 16	Nov 17
Civilian Labor Force	52,530	53,590
Total Employment	50,925	52,152
Unemployed	1,606	1,438
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.1	2.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.7	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.6	4.1

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	49,797	50,283	50,146	50,059	49,092	49,315	49,091	48,980	49,666	51,115	52,175
Unemployment	1,331	1,117	1,800	3,187	3,416	3,419	3,105	2,680	2,080	1,797	1,675
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.7	2.2	3.6	6.4	7.0	6.9	6.3	5.5	4.2	3.5	3.2
Employment	48,466	49,166	48,346	46,872	45,677	45,896	45,985	46,300	47,587	49,318	50,500

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



## Covered Employers

Trade, utilities and transportation account for more than a quarter of Bonneville County's jobs with trade by far the largest. Education and health care are next followed by government. The national laboratory makes professional and business service jobs a major economic component. Leisure and hospitality is growing as the county becomes better known for its recreational areas.

Average covered employment increased by nearly 1,551 between 2006 and 2016 while average covered wages increased by \$3,275, growing 10 percent over the decade.

## Major Employers (Private)

Battelle Energy Alliance
Bechtel BWXT
CenturyLink
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Melaleuca, Inc.
Mountain View Hospital
Wal-Mart
Idaho Steel

Idaho Falls MSA Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Accountants and Auditors	\$17.76	\$29.04
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk	\$11.75	\$16.47
Cashiers	\$8.31	\$9.07
Computer Support Specialists	\$8.41	\$17.04
Construction Laborers	\$10.80	\$13.43
Customer Service Reps	\$9.28	\$12.35
Engineers	\$31.38	\$51.01
Food Preparation Workers	\$8.27	\$8.69
Food Service Managers	\$14.32	\$21.84
Information & Record Clerks	\$9.29	\$12.29
Laborers & Material Movers, hand	\$9.12	\$11.96
Registered Nurses	\$21.44	\$28.25
Retail Salespersons	\$8.29	\$10.57
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$11.40	\$15.96
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.21	\$15.94

\* Wage data represents the Idaho Falls metropolitan area. This includes Bonneville and Jefferson counties. Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

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>	47,400	\$31,880	47,563	\$34,382	48,951	\$35,155
<b>Agriculture</b>	667	\$24,744	732	\$32,232	762	\$31,996
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	3	\$10,853	3	\$45,057
<b>Construction</b>	3,628	\$31,876	2,566	\$40,170	2,702	\$40,409
<b>Manufacturing</b>	2,442	\$31,413	3,094	\$40,457	2,820	\$44,126
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	12,273	\$27,744	12,751	\$34,419	12,319	\$33,386
<b>Information</b>	1,235	\$36,450	843	\$37,721	832	\$38,913
<b>Financial Activities</b>	1,945	\$33,869	1,750	\$47,639	1,817	\$49,221
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	7,893	\$47,243	4,717	\$39,617	5,789	\$42,728
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	6,528	\$32,728	8,349	\$36,082	8,707	\$36,906
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	4,129	\$10,695	5,328	\$13,884	5,609	\$14,067
<b>Other Services</b>	1,352	\$23,349	1,246	\$27,013	1,309	\$28,477
<b>Government</b>	5,303	\$35,539	6,185	\$37,774	6,281	\$38,962

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Bonneville County</b>	\$36,459	\$36,535	\$34,440	\$34,516	\$35,446	\$37,130	\$37,257	\$38,438	\$41,632	\$42,728
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,726	\$33,296	\$34,695	\$35,720	\$37,186	\$38,848	\$39,470
<b>United States</b>	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,461	\$44,282	\$44,493	\$46,494	\$48,451	\$49,246

Information provided by Bureau Economic Analysis