



Boundary County

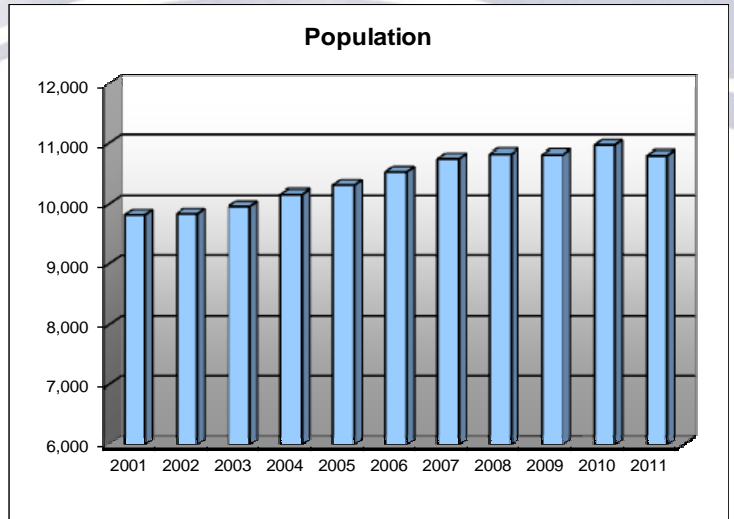
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Work Force Trends

Population

Boundary County's scenery, recreational opportunities, quality of life and expanding job market drew many new residents in the 1980s and 1990s. But in 2001, economic trouble began slowing population growth. Growth resumed in 2005 with the expansion. The county's lower housing costs and rural lifestyle drew some people from neighboring Bonner County. But from 2000 to 2010, the county's population grew only 11.2 percent from 9,871 to 10,972 while Idaho's population grew 20 percent and the U.S. population grew 9.5 percent.

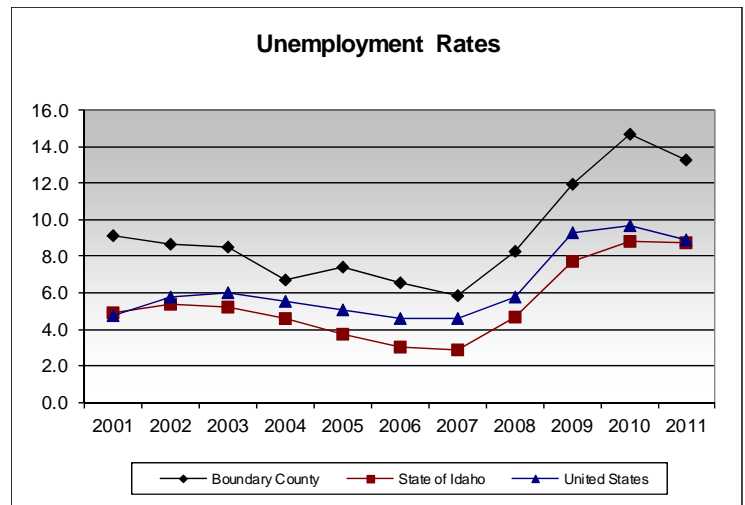
About 90 percent of the county is forested so most of the people live in the Kootenai River Valley where Bonners Ferry has a population of 2,543 and Moyie Springs has a population of 718.



Labor Force & Employment

Timber and agriculture are the county's mainstays. In 2003, one of its two largest mills closed, and as lumber prices fell to extremely low levels in the last two years, another 280 logging and mill jobs have disappeared. Agriculture's importance increased in the 1980s when Anheuser-Busch began growing hops at Elk Mountain Farms, and several ornamental tree nurseries and Christmas tree farms opened. Last year, Elk Mountain Farms cut back production from 1,700 acres to 300.

Boundary County diversified its economic base in the last two decades. In 1982, CEDU Educational Services Inc. founded Rocky Mountain Academy, a boarding school for troubled teens. By 2004, its payroll was over 330, making it the county's largest employer. But in March 2005, the company went into bankruptcy and closed its schools. Late that year, Idaho Educational

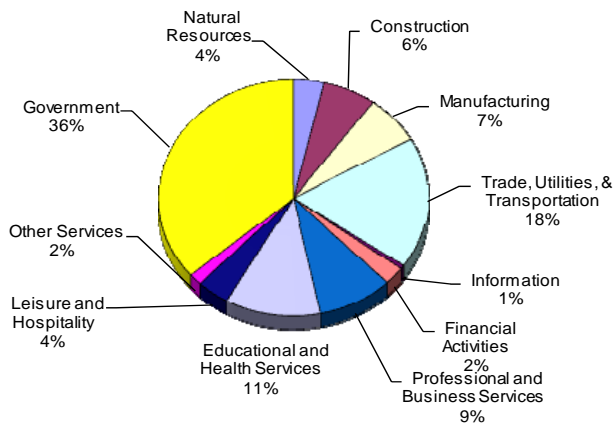


Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	4,662	4,527
Total Employment	4,122	4,063
Unemployed	540	463
% of Labor Force Unemployed	11.6	10.2
State of Idaho % Unemployed	8.7	7.9
U.S. % Unemployed	8.9	8.2

Services took over the schools and currently employs about 150. In 1986, the Kootenai Tribe opened the Kootenai River Inn, giving the county's tourism sector new potential. In the 1990s, it added a casino. The county also benefits from post-2001 employment increases at its two ports of entry on the Canadian border. Bonners Ferry, named by tourists as Idaho's "friendliest city," has made major improvements to its downtown to attract more visitors.

Labor Force	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Civilian Labor Force	4,036	4,043	4,183	4,269	4,172	4,160	4,556	4,601	4,345	4,770	4,924
Unemployment	367	349	356	286	308	272	265	379	520	700	652
% of Labor Force Unemployed	9.1	8.6	8.5	6.7	7.4	6.5	5.8	8.2	12.0	14.7	13.2
Employment	3,670	3,694	3,827	3,983	3,864	3,889	4,291	4,222	3,825	4,070	4,271

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Economic Development

The county's long-term success in diversifying and expanding its economy provides a good environment for attracting new businesses. Population growth and increased tourism also help the county's businesses thrive.

From 2000 to 2010, the number of private-sector employers in Boundary County grew 13 percent from 374 to 421. The industries creating the most new businesses were health care and professional and business services. The Boundary Economic Development Council has been vital in providing opportunities for businesses to locate and prosper in the county.

Large Employers
Boundary Community Hospital
Boundary Regional Community Health (clinic)
Boundary Trading Co. (food & drug store)
Elk Mountain Farms
Idaho Educational Services (schools)
Idaho Forest Group (mill)
Kootenai River Inn & Casino
U.S. Government (border patrol & forest service)

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Bookkeepers	\$8.50
Carpenters, Journey-level	\$16.00
Cashiers	\$7.00
Clerks, General Office	\$8.00
Clerks, Retail	\$7.25
Cooks, Restaurant	\$7.50
Farm Workers	\$7.75
Janitors	\$8.50
Laborers, General	\$9.00
Millwrights	\$15.75
Nurses, Registered	\$18.00
Sawmill Workers	\$11.25
Secretaries, General	\$8.75
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$12.25

* 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	3,523	\$23,141	3,414	\$29,971	3,233	\$29,625
Agriculture	386	\$25,602	348	\$32,219	281	\$32,850
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	183	\$22,554	232	\$28,233	198	\$29,475
Manufacturing	467	\$31,939	283	\$39,389	208	\$45,748
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	557	\$19,162	568	\$28,406	553	\$26,357
Information	25	\$16,902	18	\$13,665	17	\$13,437
Financial Activities	61	\$17,699	90	\$36,246	75	\$29,517
Professional and Business Services	120	\$26,161	245	\$24,964	278	\$24,013
Educational and Health Services	476	\$24,081	368	\$29,439	353	\$28,638
Leisure and Hospitality	320	\$9,272	124	\$11,170	120	\$11,645
Other Services	46	\$15,491	59	\$20,193	50	\$16,224
Government	837	\$24,912	1,079	\$31,743	1,101	\$31,990

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Boundary County	\$17,771	\$18,030	\$19,139	\$19,630	\$20,482	\$21,035	\$22,306	\$23,353	\$24,777	\$24,577
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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