



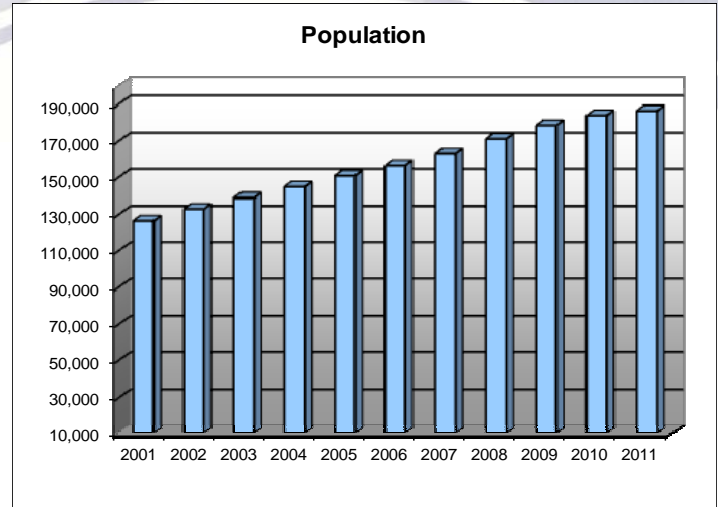
Canyon County

April 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

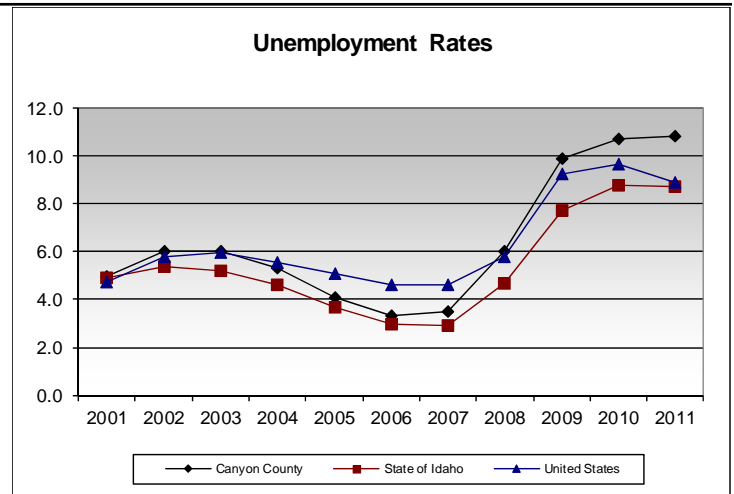
Canyon County is Idaho's second most populous with nearly 192,000 residents. At the same time, it is the seventh smallest county geographically. Combined with Ada County, the population is over 592,000. Many people are drawn to Canyon County by lower housing prices and a rural life style within commuting distance of jobs in Ada County, Idaho's largest. The population has increased almost 65,000, or 51 percent from 2001 to 2011. Nampa and Caldwell are Canyon County's largest cities, ranking second and sixth in population.



Labor Force & Employment

The Canyon County civilian labor force exhibited strong growth throughout the past decade, increasing by 16,600, or 24 percent. By 2005, the county started reaping the benefits of the housing boom and accompanying commercial construction. That drove the unemployment rate to record lows in both 2006 and 2007 before the recession began eating into the county's prosperity in the second half of 2008. The housing bubble, which fueled the expansion, had burst aggravated by rising lumber, concrete and fuel prices. The unemployment rate nearly doubled from 2007 to 2008, then shot up to, 9.9 percent in 2009 and continued to climb in 2010 to record 11.3 percent. 2011 showed increases to the number employed and the labor force, but these were odd offset by increases in the unemployed and kept the rate at 11.3 percent

Nonfarm employment peaked at over 57,000 in

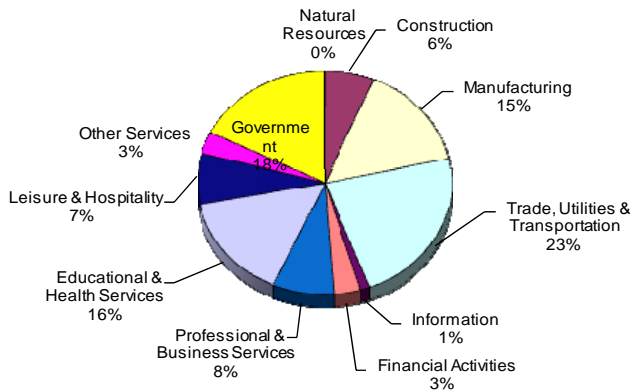


2007 before the recession started reclaiming jobs — nearly 2,200 in 2008, over 3,800 in 2009 and then just 29 in 2010. The construction industry was at the center of the decline but not its only victim. Manufacturing cut back as inventories outgrew demand. The loss of those relatively high-paying jobs combined with rising fuel and other costs rippled through the rest of the economy — professional and business services, finance and retail trade.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	85,433	87,195
Total Employment	76,718	79,106
Unemployed	8,715	8,089
% of Labor Force Unemployed	10.2	9.3
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	69,072	70,635	73,036	74,476	77,740	81,632	83,089	84,381	84,224	85,057	86,517
Unemployment	3,435	4,267	4,404	3,945	3,190	2,724	2,894	5,078	8,324	9,119	9,351
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.0	6.0	6.0	5.3	4.1	3.3	3.5	6.0	9.9	10.7	10.8
Employment	65,638	66,368	68,631	70,531	74,550	78,907	80,195	79,303	75,900	75,938	77,165

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Industry Employment and Wages

Despite commuters who work in neighboring Ada County, Canyon County ranked second to last – 43rd – in per capita income at \$23,173 in 2009, and that was down 2 percent from 2008. Statewide per capita income was \$31,857, down 3.6 percent from 2008. The county's larger-than-average family sizes and its disproportionately low number of professional, business services and health care jobs, which typically pay higher wages, were responsible.

Average wages range from \$11,771 in the hospital-ity sector to \$36,788 in information. A small percentage average almost \$40,000 in mining. Most jobs are in manufacturing, trade and services.

Major Employers

Amalgamated Sugar Co.
Caldwell School District
Canyon County
City of Nampa
J.R. Simplot
Mercy Medical Center
Nampa School District
Plexus Corp.
Woodgrain Millwork Inc.
Vallivue School District
Wal-Mart
West Valley Medical Center

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Home Health Aides	\$8.21
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$16.01
Registered Nurses	\$23.23
Welders	\$12.00
Billing and Posting Clerks	\$12.16
Automotive Service Technicians	\$10.41
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$13.09
Agricultural Workers	\$8.05
File Clerks	\$9.46
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.08
Landscaping Workers	\$9.08

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at imi.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	44,337	\$24,342	54,946	\$30,100	51,160	\$30,329
Agriculture	2,868	\$16,760	2,827	\$25,451	2,892	\$24,518
Mining	40	\$46,417	57	\$39,462	35	\$39,880
Construction	3,436	\$25,647	4,449	\$31,139	3,113	\$31,155
Manufacturing	11,069	\$30,054	9,092	\$35,154	7,452	\$36,788
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	8,178	\$22,958	11,480	\$29,762	10,955	\$30,254
Information	630	\$28,273	606	\$35,679	579	\$35,190
Financial Activities	1,340	\$24,139	1,846	\$34,724	1,646	\$35,221
Professional and Business Services	2,377	\$23,329	4,180	\$32,303	3,771	\$32,497
Educational and Health Services	4,559	\$26,537	6,888	\$30,643	7,162	\$30,484
Leisure and Hospitality	2,642	\$8,654	3,780	\$11,329	3,515	\$11,771
Other Services	1,000	\$17,791	1,551	\$25,299	1,498	\$25,149
Government	6,200	\$24,772	8,189	\$32,475	8,541	\$32,600

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Canyon County	\$19,561	\$20,247	\$20,392	\$20,111	\$20,105	\$20,710	\$21,613	\$22,991	\$23,577	\$23,173
State of Idaho	\$23,269	\$24,683	\$25,647	\$26,015	\$26,451	\$28,425	\$29,606	\$31,598	\$32,837	\$32,994
United States	\$28,333	\$30,318	\$31,145	\$31,462	\$32,271	\$33,881	\$35,424	\$37,698	\$39,392	\$40,166

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