



Eastern Idaho

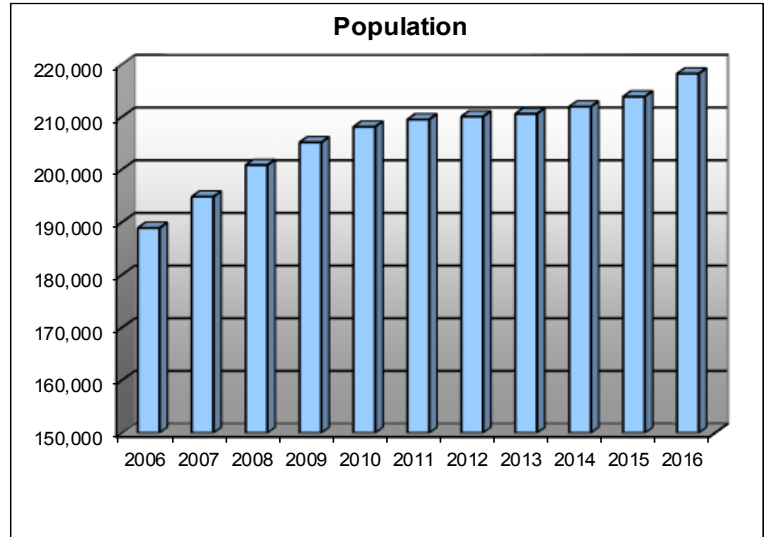
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Workforce Trends

Population

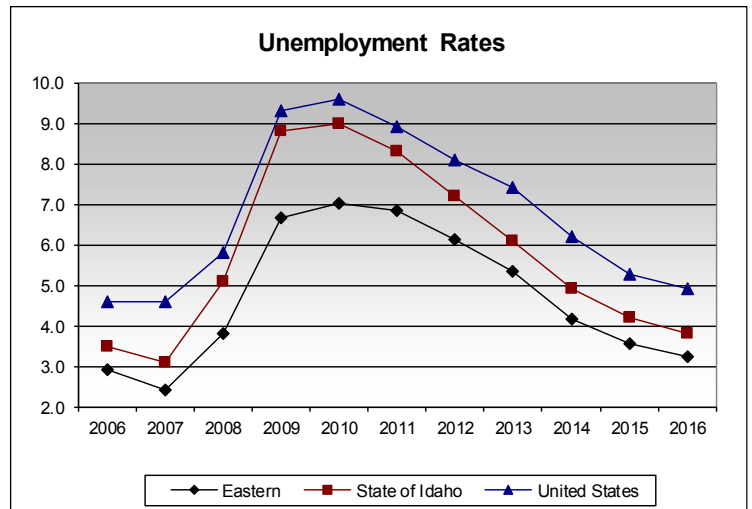
Eastern Idaho consists of nine diverse counties – Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton. The area grew by 30,949 during the decade with Teton, Jefferson, Bonneville and Madison counties experiencing the greatest growth. In 2010 Bonneville, Butte and Jefferson counties were established as the Idaho Falls metropolitan statistical area, which has received national attention for its high growth and low unemployment rates. It is currently one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the nation. Eastern Idaho is flush with educational opportunities with BYU-I in Rexburg and Eastern Idaho Technical College transitioning to the College of Eastern Idaho, this fall, in Idaho Falls.



Labor Force & Employment

The unemployment rate for eastern Idaho remained comparatively low prior even throughout the 2008 recession period. Although the region's unemployment rate did increase during the recession to a high of 7.0 percent in 2010, it remained well below the state and national average. In 2016, the annual regional unemployment rate was 3.2 percent, the lowest it has been since 2007. Economic diversity and workforce stability is provided by the Idaho National Laboratory and other major regional employers.

All nine counties are heavily involved in agriculture and related industries like wholesale food and food processing. The twin cities of Idaho Falls/Ammon are the regions hub for retail and health care. The region is a gateway to popular tourist destinations like Yellowstone National Park, and hundreds of thousands of tourists

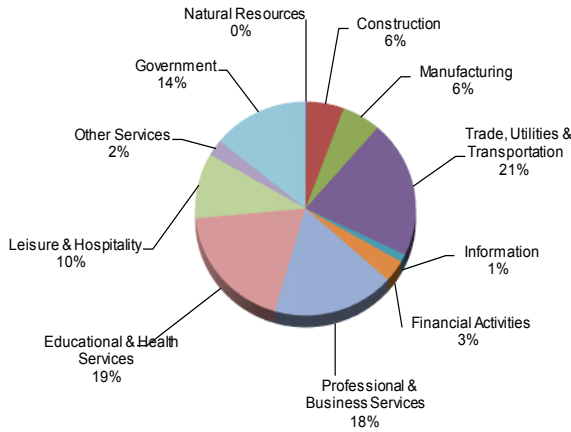


Labor Force	Aug 16	Aug 17
Civilian Labor Force	105,602	105,810
Total Employment	102,216	103,463
Unemployed	3,385	2,346
Eastern Idaho % Unemployed	3.2	2.2
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.8	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.9	4.4

pass through it annually on U.S. Highway 20. Henry's Lake, known worldwide for its trout fishery, and Borah Peak, the highest point in the state, are some of the attractions. Butte County is home to the world's first nuclear power plant, EBR-1, and Arco, the first city in the world to be lit by nuclear energy. The inventor of television, Philo Farnsworth, was from Jefferson County. High mountains, deep rivers and fertile valleys underscore the area's beauty.

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	94,945	96,687	97,231	97,122	99,336	99,551	99,594	99,329	100,849	103,649	105,968
Unemployment	2,768	2,325	3,712	6,472	6,978	6,825	6,120	5,326	4,195	3,685	3,416
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.9	2.4	3.8	6.7	7.0	6.9	6.1	5.4	4.2	3.6	3.2
Employment	92,177	94,363	93,519	90,650	92,358	92,726	93,474	94,004	96,654	99,964	102,552

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



Covered Employers

Average employment increased by nearly 6,500 during the decade, and average wages increased by \$7,262. The larger industries are trade, health and education, government and professional and business services — most are INL jobs. Government includes the local, state and federal departments operating in the region but also hospitals and correctional facilities operated by these governments. Other significant government employers are the federal departments of Energy and Agriculture and the Bureau of Land Management along with the Idaho Fish and Game Department. Construction, although it has declined due to the recession, and leisure and hospitality are also strong.

Major Employers

Battelle Energy Alliance
Bechtel Bettis
Bechtel BWXT
Brigham Young University Idaho
CH2M-WG Idaho LLC
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Melaleuca, Inc.
Century Link
Wal-Mart

Eastern Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Retail Salespersons	\$8.34	\$10.73
Office Clerks	\$9.04	\$12.64
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$12.44	\$17.34
General Managers	\$20.57	\$36.92
Cashiers	\$8.32	\$9.29
Customer Service Representatives	\$9.00	\$12.18
Waiters & Waitresses	\$8.24	\$8.97
Registered Nurses	\$20.69	\$27.67
Food Preparation Workers	\$8.26	\$8.71
Construction Laborers	\$10.27	\$13.33
Laborers	\$9.10	\$12.12
Janitors & Cleaners	\$8.29	\$10.30
First-Line Supervisors, Retail Sales	\$11.79	\$16.45
Bookkeeping and Accounting Clerks	\$11.54	\$16.02
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	\$8.28	\$10.43

* 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 2006, 2015 & 2016	2006		2015		2016	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	81,618	\$31,958	84,754	\$37,585	87,782	\$38,148
Agriculture	2,323	\$23,887	2,498	\$30,937	2,443	\$31,566
Mining	291	\$79,880	73	\$105,476	72	\$89,381
Construction	6,260	\$28,911	4,460	\$38,109	4,793	\$38,724
Manufacturing	5,001	\$28,982	5,273	\$37,607	5,108	\$39,885
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	17,808	\$26,191	18,960	\$32,733	18,532	\$32,283
Information	1,552	\$34,124	1,081	\$37,315	1,072	\$38,061
Financial Activities	3,011	\$31,489	2,806	\$42,561	2,898	\$43,536
Professional and Business Services	15,306	\$51,599	14,051	\$62,223	15,996	\$61,157
Educational and Health Services	9,734	\$32,194	12,762	\$36,908	13,369	\$36,880
Leisure and Hospitality	6,843	\$10,482	8,524	\$13,758	8,882	\$13,968
Other Services	1,800	\$22,610	1,831	\$26,025	1,960	\$27,097
Government	11,689	\$31,989	12,434	\$35,513	12,655	\$36,509

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Eastern Idaho	\$28,446	\$29,984	\$30,801	\$29,238	\$29,360	\$31,331	\$32,593	\$32,934	\$33,471	\$34,798
State of Idaho	\$31,357	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,727	\$33,296	\$34,691	\$35,703	\$37,153	\$38,392
United States	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,267	\$44,462	\$46,414	\$48,112

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis