



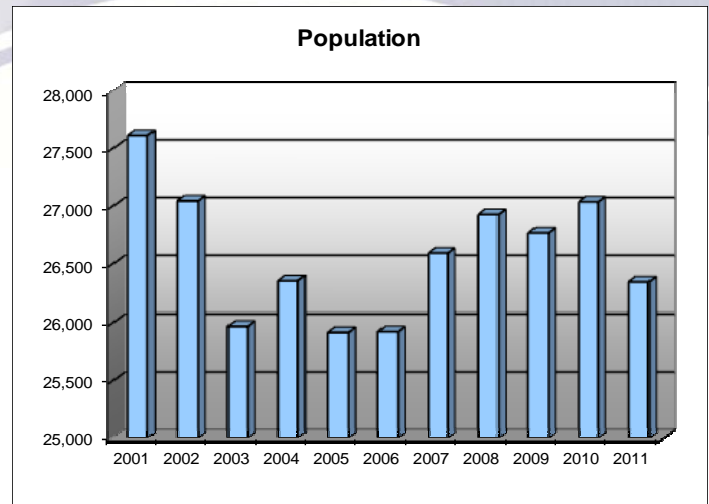
# Elmore County

April 2012

## Work Force Trends

### Population

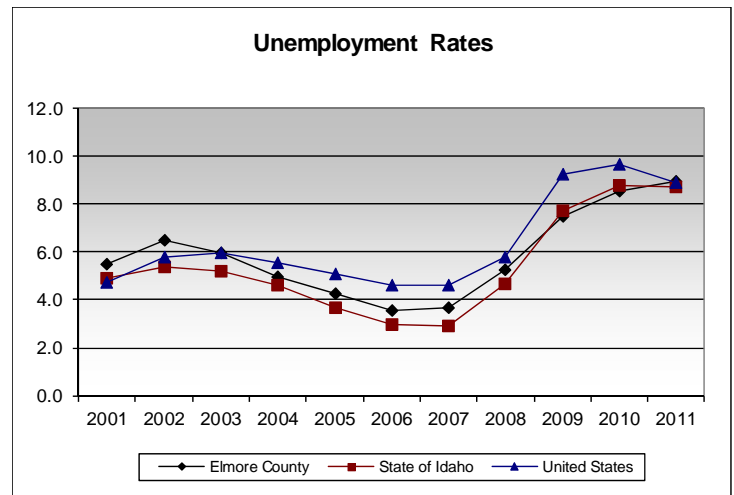
Elmore County is Idaho's 12<sup>th</sup> most populous and sixth among the 44 counties in land size. Seventy-two percent is federally owned including Mountain Home Air Force Base. The county's population showed an ebb and flow over the last decade, ultimately declining by 4.5 percent. This is a direct result of the U.S. government assigning or reassigning military Wings, which take with them hundreds of airmen and their families when they are reassigned. Housing development has increased substantially. Commuters heading to Boise are able to enjoy a more rural lifestyle while simultaneously maintaining a similar commute time to people living in Canyon County because traffic congestion is less.



### Labor Force & Employment

Despite a fluctuating population, Elmore County's civilian labor force was very steady over the past decade with an overall increase of 3.3 percent. Elmore County's unemployment rate however almost tripled from its 2006 low point of 3.6 percent. 2011 recorded an increase to the rate of 9.5 percent up to 9.5 percent for the year. The number of unemployed rapidly increased between 2007 to 2010 before leveling off in 2011. Air base personnel are not part of the civilian labor force but their spouses can be.

Total nonfarm jobs continued to decline for a second straight year, falling 322, or 4.9 percent, in 2010. Professional and business services declined at the greatest rate – 18 percent – with manufacturing following at 16 percent and financial services at 12 percent. Only three industry sectors showed growth from 2009 to 2010 –

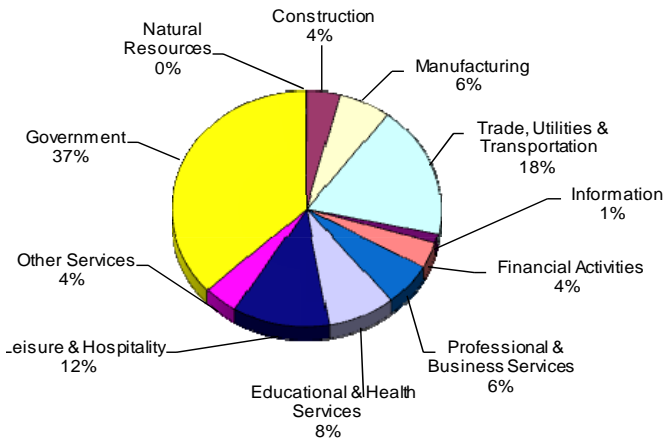


natural resources added five jobs, government one and information two for a total of just eight. This could not offset the 330 jobs lost in the other sectors of the economy. While construction continued to decline in 2010, it declined at a much slower pace than previous years, losing only 10 jobs, or 4 percent, of total construction jobs.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	11,130	11,043
Total Employment	10,178	10,134
Unemployed	952	908
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.6	8.2
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	10,960	10,935	10,667	10,625	10,774	10,802	11,224	11,429	11,315	11,402	11,146
Unemployment	603	707	638	530	456	385	413	603	845	973	999
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.5	6.5	6.0	5.0	4.2	3.6	3.7	5.3	7.5	8.5	9.0
Employment	10,357	10,229	10,029	10,095	10,318	10,417	10,811	10,826	10,470	10,430	10,148

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Major Employers
NAF Financial Management Branch
Best Western Foot Hills Motor Inn
City of Mountain Home
Elmore Medical Center
Elmore County
Three Springs Inc
Glenns Ferry School District
Pioneer Federal Credit Union
Mountain Home Air Force Base
Mountain Home School District
Wal-Mart
Marathon Cheese

## Per Capita Income & Employment

Elmore County ranked 18th among the counties with per capita income of \$30,826 in 2009, up from 22nd in 2008. This is the highest ranking that Elmore County has had in the last decade.

Agriculture continued to grow slightly through 2010, showing a 2 percent increase in wages.

While the majority of industries saw job declines, average wages increased in more than half, likely due to the layoff of part-time support workers with their job duties absorbed by other workers.

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Shipping, Receiving, Traffic Clerks	\$9.68
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.08
Construction Laborer	\$10.46
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.27
Truck Driver, Heavy	\$13.09
Agricultural Workers	\$8.05
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$16.01
Registered Nurse	\$23.23
Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers	\$12.26

\* 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 2000, 2009 & 2010	2000		2009		2010	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	6,442	\$19,817	6,721	\$28,184	6,553	\$28,807
<b>Agriculture</b>	436	\$17,876	434	\$23,906	444	\$24,351
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	225	\$26,680	260	\$29,218	250	\$32,257
<b>Manufacturing</b>	449	\$15,622	463	\$27,580	390	\$30,102
<b>Trade, Utilities and Transportation</b>	1,266	\$18,029	1,150	\$25,955	1,111	\$27,793
<b>Information</b>	87	\$25,591	72	\$37,052	74	\$37,269
<b>Financial Activities</b>	201	\$21,149	220	\$33,208	206	\$32,042
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	280	\$28,586	446	\$36,947	367	\$32,194
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	304	\$17,561	536	\$27,207	509	\$26,731
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	668	\$8,468	738	\$11,533	726	\$11,525
<b>Other Services</b>	179	\$15,076	134	\$21,036	181	\$27,065
<b>Government</b>	2,346	\$23,793	2,270	\$33,712	2,293	\$34,482

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Elmore County</b>	\$20,677	\$21,837	\$23,335	\$23,864	\$25,361	\$26,716	\$28,006	\$29,387	\$30,792	\$30,826
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$24,683	\$25,642	\$26,007	\$26,438	\$28,414	\$29,594	\$31,585	\$32,734	\$33,062	\$31,857
<b>United States</b>	\$30,318	\$31,145	\$31,461	\$32,271	\$33,881	\$35,424	\$37,698	\$39,461	\$40,674	\$39,635

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