



# Elmore County

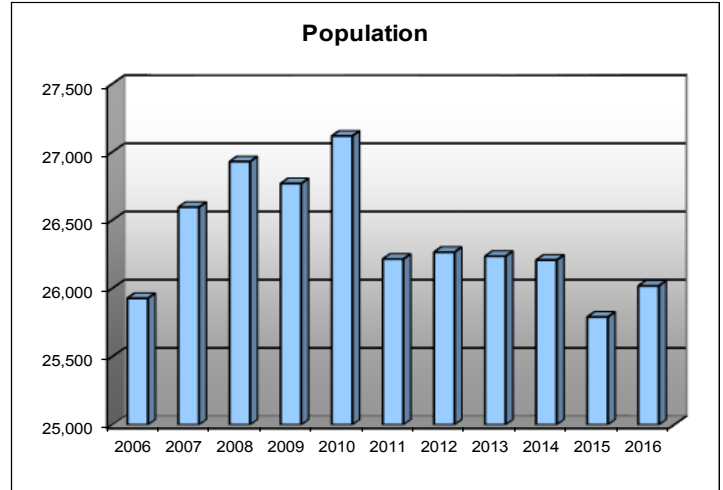
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

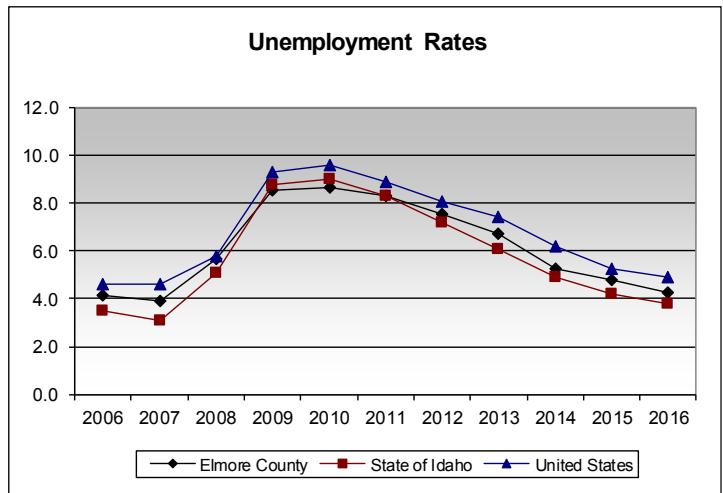
Elmore County is Idaho's sixth among the 44 counties in land size. The county's population has shown an ebb and flow over the last decade, and is unchanged since 2006 at 26,018 in 2016. However, 2016 population increased following a three year decline. The population peaked in 2010 at 27,117, then sharply declined to 26,215 the following year. This is a direct result of the U.S. government assigning or reassigning military wings at Mountain Home Air Force Base, which take with them hundreds of airmen and their families when they are reassigned. 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

Elmore County's civilian labor force has also fluctuated over the past decade but shows no increase between 2006 and 2016. Employment increased by 162 in 2016 bringing employment to the highest level since 2010. Elmore County's unemployment rate, however, more than doubled from its 2007 low point of 3.9 percent to the 8.6 percent in 2010. Since then the unemployment rate has steadily decreased to a low of 4.2 percent in 2016. The number of unemployed rapidly increased between 2007 to 2010 before leveling off in 2011 and declining into 2016. Air base personnel are not part of the civilian labor force, but their spouses can be if working or searching for a job.

Elmore County's total covered jobs decreased slightly, 60, 2014 and was 39 jobs below 2005 totals.

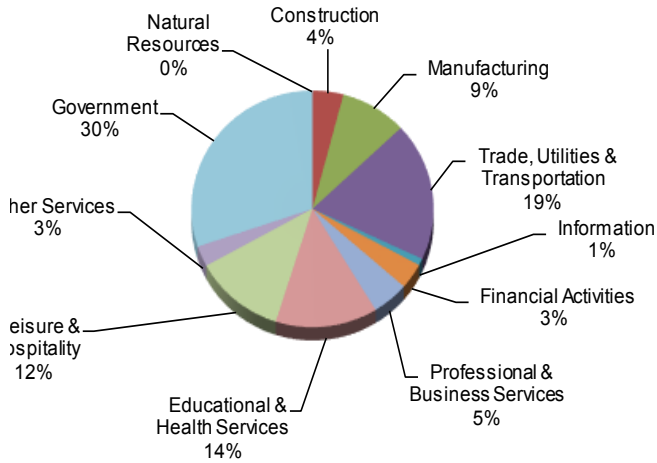


Over the decade, educational and health services and manufacturing have posted the largest gains, while government, construction and trade, utilities and transportation have lost over 650 jobs. A major reason for the decrease in the number of government jobs was a result of the Elmore Medical Center going from a county owned entity to the private sector.

Labor Force	Dec 16	Dec 17
Civilian Labor Force	10,933	11,294
Total Employment	10,506	10,906
Unemployed	427	388
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.9	3.4
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.6	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	4.1

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	10,931	11,249	11,381	11,408	11,393	10,998	10,670	10,788	11,025	10,767	10,878
Unemployment	455	440	646	973	984	912	804	727	579	513	462
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.2	3.9	5.7	8.5	8.6	8.3	7.5	6.7	5.2	4.8	4.2
Employment	10,476	10,809	10,735	10,435	10,409	10,086	9,866	10,061	10,447	10,254	10,416

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



## Per Capita Income & Employment

Elmore County ranks 24th in per capita income among the 44 counties. The county had a per capita income of \$35,734 in 2016, up \$1,501 from 2015.

Government continues to be the main job sector, providing 34 percent of total nonfarm employment, due to the presence of the Air Force Base.

While the half of all covered industries saw job declines, average wages increased in most industries, likely due to the layoff of part-time support workers whose duties were absorbed by other workers.

## 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

Southwest Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Shipping, Receiving, Traffic Clerks	\$10.01	\$13.22
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.72	\$16.38
Construction Laborer	\$9.87	\$13.91
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.37	\$10.61
Truck Driver, Heavy	\$12.76	\$17.36
Agricultural Workers	\$8.11	\$8.94
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$16.37	\$20.39
Registered Nurse	\$24.66	\$30.62
Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers	\$12.29	\$16.26

\* 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 2006, 2015 & 2016	2006		2015		2016	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	6,682	\$25,948	6,508	\$31,501	6,703	\$32,435
<b>Agriculture</b>	413	\$20,537	501	\$32,030	518	\$34,528
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
<b>Construction</b>	363	\$32,053	198	\$33,020	235	\$38,907
<b>Manufacturing</b>	222	\$21,544	526	\$31,370	554	\$33,209
<b>Trade, Utilities and Transportation</b>	1,286	\$25,144	1,164	\$30,022	1,170	\$30,314
<b>Information</b>	100	\$34,628	61	\$45,166	59	\$47,297
<b>Financial Activities</b>	271	\$41,026	205	\$35,506	211	\$35,231
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	363	\$28,395	301	\$46,174	303	\$47,830
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	479	\$22,318	816	\$30,538	852	\$29,776
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	756	\$11,184	729	\$12,880	755	\$12,603
<b>Other Services</b>	185	\$17,384	164	\$31,667	171	\$33,870
<b>Government</b>	2,242	\$30,712	1,843	\$36,651	1,875	\$37,937

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Elmore County</b>	\$27,890	\$28,917	\$27,746	\$27,941	\$29,543	\$30,195	\$31,893	\$33,457	\$35,233	\$35,734
<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 of Economic Analysis