



Elmore County

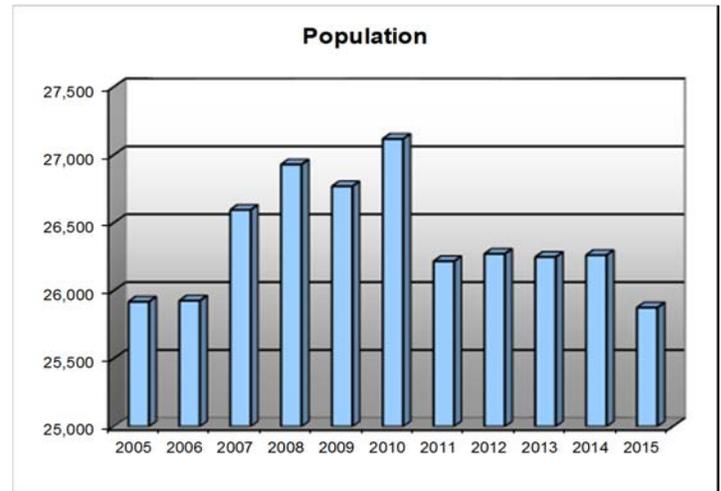
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Workforce Trends

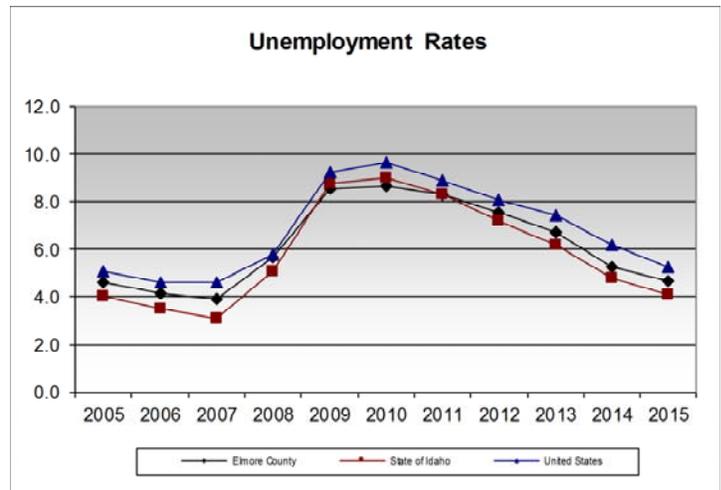
Population

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 has ultimately shrunk by almost 2 percent since 2005. The population peaked in 2010 at 27,118, then sharply declined to 26,217 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

Despite a fluctuating population, Elmore County's civilian labor force has also fluctuated over the past decade but shows no increase between 2005 and 2015. Employment increased by 400 in 2014 bringing both the labor force and 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. The rate hit 8.6 percent in 2010. 2011 saw some improvement, dropping the rate to 8.3 percent, and the trend has continued in to 2015 with a drop to 4.7 percent. The number of unemployed rapidly increased between 2007 to 2010 before leveling off in 2011 and declining into 2015. Air base personnel are not part of the civilian labor force, but their spouses can be if working or searching for a job.

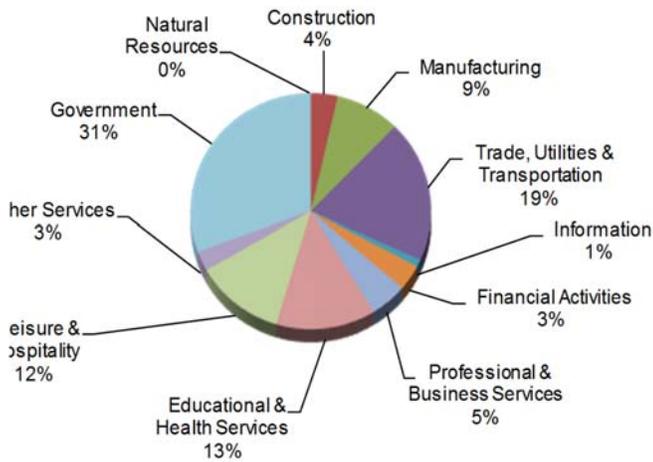


Elmore County's total covered jobs decreased slightly, 60, 2014 and was 39 jobs below 2005 totals. Over the decade, educational and health services and manufacturing have posted the largest gains, while government, construction and trade, utilities and transportation have lost over 650 jobs. A major 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	Oct 15	Oct 16
Civilian Labor Force	10,927	10,826
Total Employment	10,451	10,389
Unemployed	475	438
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.3	4.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	4.0	3.8
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.9

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	10,921	10,931	11,249	11,381	11,408	11,393	10,998	10,675	10,797	11,033	10,918
Unemployment	501	455	440	646	973	984	912	806	729	578	510
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.6	4.2	3.9	5.7	8.5	8.6	8.3	7.5	6.8	5.2	4.7
Employment	10,420	10,476	10,809	10,735	10,435	10,409	10,086	9,869	10,068	10,455	10,408

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



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

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.

Per Capita Income & Employment

Elmore County ranks 21st in per capita income among the 44 counties, up from 28th in 2013. The county had a per capita income of \$33,907 in 2014, up over \$1,500 from 2013.

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.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2005, 2014 & 2015	2005		2014		2015	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	6,545	\$24,524	6,567	\$30,899	6,507	\$31,483
Agriculture	381	\$19,651	471	\$29,880	502	\$32,130
Mining	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	306	\$29,928	186	\$31,263	199	\$32,890
Manufacturing	236	\$20,905	516	\$29,245	526	\$31,358
Trade, Utilities and Transportation	1,276	\$23,448	1,115	\$30,676	1,164	\$30,029
Information	94	\$32,789	67	\$40,427	61	\$45,493
Financial Activities	256	\$39,212	210	\$35,995	205	\$35,453
Professional and Business Services	335	\$27,036	317	\$41,070	301	\$46,196
Educational and Health Services	464	\$21,952	995	\$31,133	812	\$30,424
Leisure and Hospitality	738	\$10,922	712	\$12,426	730	\$12,792
Other Services	178	\$16,445	138	\$26,632	164	\$31,655
Government	2,282	\$28,782	1,840	\$36,390	1,843	\$36,655

Per Capita Income	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Elmore County	\$28,312	\$28,541	\$28,723	\$29,518	\$28,481	\$28,685	\$30,262	\$30,937	\$32,359	\$33,907
State of Idaho	\$29,815	\$31,945	\$32,952	\$32,854	\$31,392	\$32,050	\$33,544	\$34,846	\$35,641	\$36,734
United States	\$35,904	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,266	\$44,438	\$46,049

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis