



# Franklin County

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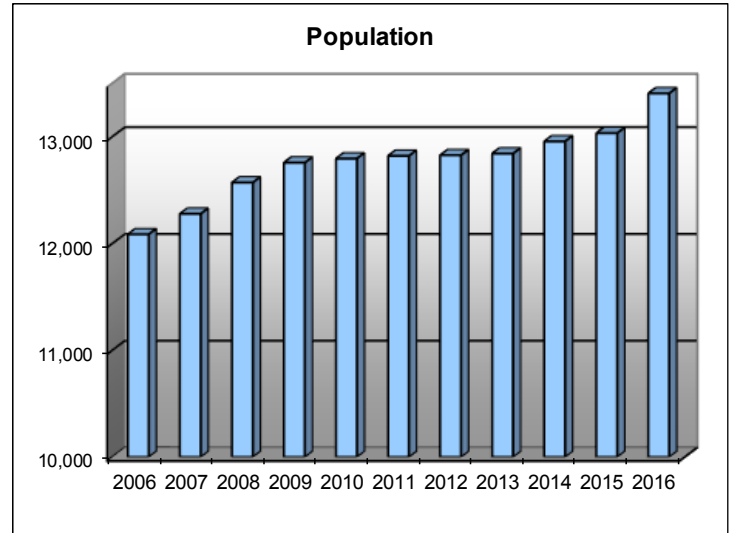
## Workforce Trends

### Population

Located on the Idaho-Utah border, the county became a magnet for Utah residents seeking available land, affordable housing and a rural lifestyle. It became part of the Logan, Utah, metropolitan statistical area after the 2000 census because of its commuting patterns.

Franklin County has experienced rapid population growth in the past 10 years. The population grew 12.9 percent over the decade to 12,786 in the 2010 census. The 2016 estimates place the population at 13,406, up 10.9 percent from 2006.

Franklin County is home to Franklin, Idaho's first city. The county seat, Preston, is the largest city with a population of 5,354 and the trade center in the county. It was the setting for the 2004 cult movie "Napoleon Dynamite."

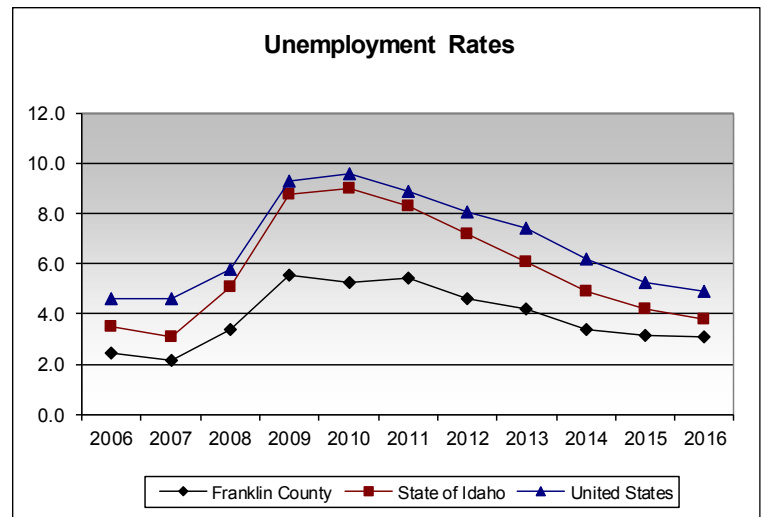


### Labor Force & Employment

With a diverse, skilled labor force, Franklin County has consistently had one of the lowest unemployment rates in southeastern Idaho. Franklin County even during the heart of the recession enjoy an unemployment rate which was among the lowest in the state.

Franklin County's civilian labor force grew by 1.6 percent between 2015 and 2016. Employment also grew by 1.6 percent as jobs generally kept pace with the growing labor force. Both the annual average labor force and employment reached a record high in 2016.

The county's economy depends heavily on agriculture but also benefits from manufacturing, retail trade and services. Over the decade, most job growth occurred in services, trade and construction. The recession slowed residential and commercial construction from the fevered pace of 2007. Manufacturing jobs declined as national



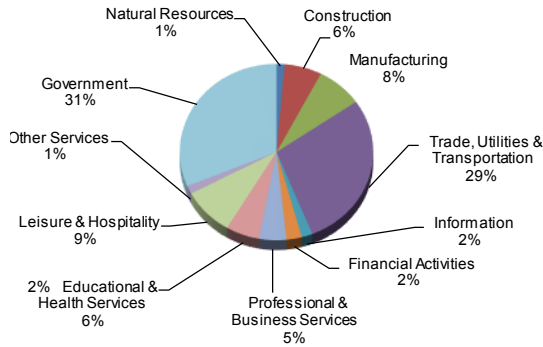
Labor Force	Aug 16	Aug 17
Civilian Labor Force	6,560	6,624
Total Employment	6,345	6,494
Unemployed	215	129
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.3	2.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.8	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.9	4.4

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	6,259	5,751	5,690	5,794	6,194	6,247	6,307	6,268	6,414	6,466	6,569
Unemployment	154	125	192	321	327	339	291	262	217	204	204
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.5	2.2	3.4	5.5	5.3	5.4	4.6	4.2	3.4	3.2	3.1
Employment	6,104	5,626	5,498	5,473	5,867	5,908	6,016	6,006	6,197	6,262	6,365

demand for products diminished.

Despite setbacks from the recession, ample employment, a comfortable lifestyle and outstanding recreational opportunities kept the population at home and enticed workers from other areas. Many residents commute to Logan, Utah, and some continue to work in the oil fields of neighboring Wyoming and Utah.

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



## Industry Employment & Wages

Trade, utilities and transportation provides 29 percent of all non-farm covered jobs in Franklin County. Leisure and hospitality accounted for 9 percent of the job and Government provides another 31 percent, primarily in public education and at the medical center.

Wages in Franklin County are lower than most of the state because a large number of jobs are in trade and services, where pay is typically low. The lowest wage is in leisure and hospitality while the highest is in mining.

Per capita personal income rose 45 percent from 2000 to 2008 before the recession claimed 5 percent of the gain, and per capita income slipped back to \$24,394 in 2009. In 2015 per capita jumped from \$29,175 in 2013 to \$32,057.

### Major Employers (Private)

Bear River Publishing
Egberts of Idaho, Inc
Lundahl Ironworks, Inc
Mountain West Driver Corp.
Ritewood, Inc.
Stokes Marketplace
Trails West Manufacturing
Valley Implement
West Motor Company

Southeast Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wages	Median Wages
Auto Mechanics	\$9.43	\$16.55
Cashiers	\$8.32	\$9.34
Cooks	\$8.30	\$9.27
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$8.33	\$8.82
Janitors & Cleaners	\$8.29	\$9.50
Construction Laborers	\$8.62	\$13.41
Maids	\$8.26	\$9.08
Nurses, Registered	\$22.26	\$28.47
Office Clerks, Information & Record	\$14.33	\$17.94
Teachers, Elementary	\$29,091	\$41,298
Teachers, Secondary	\$27,556	\$40,945

\* 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>	3,142	\$23,279	3,319	\$27,745	3,476	\$28,493
<b>Agriculture</b>	189	\$17,449	216	\$27,481	258	\$27,580
<b>Mining</b>	46	\$28,215	42	\$45,141	45	\$46,423
<b>Construction</b>	313	\$30,984	191	\$35,423	197	\$36,897
<b>Manufacturing</b>	193	\$49,501	224	\$43,527	250	\$42,843
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	785	\$23,103	919	\$29,705	906	\$29,911
<b>Information</b>	94	\$17,734	61	\$18,756	59	\$19,216
<b>Financial Activities</b>	115	\$27,171	86	\$27,995	82	\$28,135
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	78	\$24,497	112	\$41,477	147	\$44,696
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	165	\$16,607	168	\$19,296	183	\$20,064
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	231	\$7,051	264	\$10,415	283	\$10,563
<b>Other Services</b>	46	\$16,138	43	\$21,841	49	\$23,477
<b>Government</b>	887	\$21,809	994	\$25,497	1,017	\$26,491

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Franklin County</b>	\$22,850	\$24,921	\$25,334	\$24,394	\$25,820	\$26,777	\$28,663	\$29,175	\$31,000	\$32,057
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$31,357	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,727	\$33,296	\$34,691	\$35,703	\$37,153	\$38,392
<b>United States</b>	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,267	\$44,462	\$46,414	\$48,112

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