



# Fremont County

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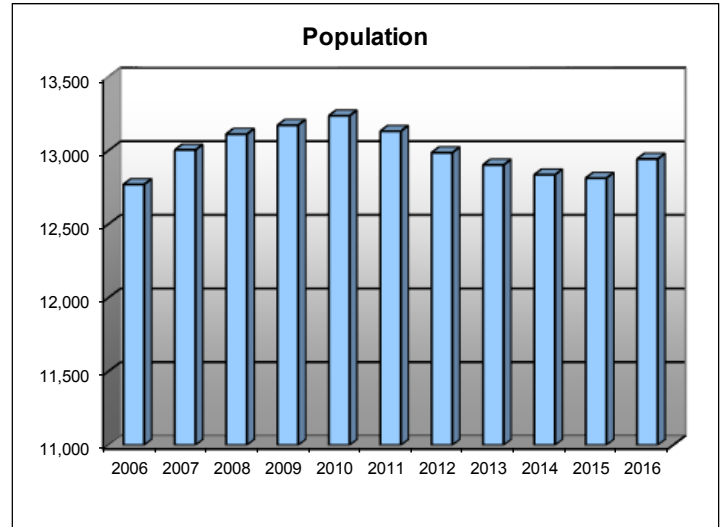
## Workforce Trends

### Population

Fremont County's population grew to 12,943 people between 2006 and 2016. The county experienced modest growth over the last decade as tourism-related industries benefit from a close proximity to Yellowstone National Park. Fremont County is part the Rexburg Micropolitan Statistical Area.

St. Anthony, the county seat, has a population of 2,982. Ashton, the second largest city, had a population of 1,055 in 2016.

Concentrated economic development efforts and the change from a two-year community college to four-year Brigham Young University-Idaho in neighboring Madison County initially contributed to continued growth in the southern end of the county. From 2005 to 2010 the county's population increased 5 percent. Beginning in 2011, however, population declined each year as people moved more toward urban areas.

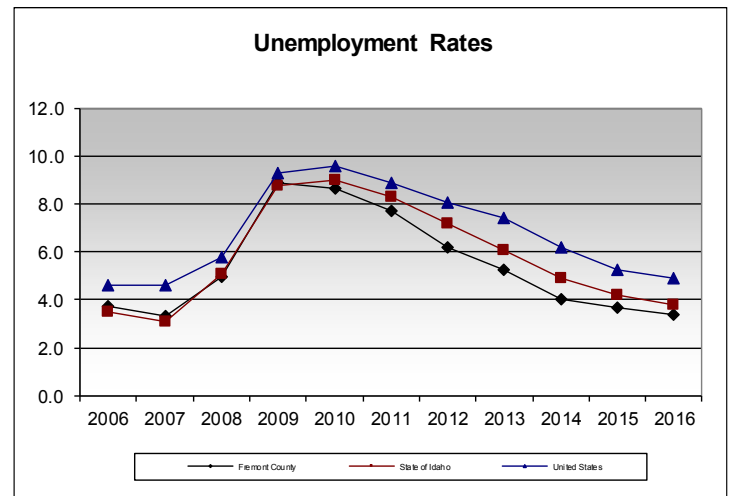


### Labor Force & Employment

Fremont County, bordering Montana and Wyoming, has three significant cities on U.S. Highway 20, which is heavily traveled by tourists headed for Yellowstone National Park, Henry's Lake and Harriman State Park. The county attracts many locals to its recreation areas but also draws national and international tourists.

The closure of a sawmill in the 1980s and relocation of the U.S. Forest Service office to nearby Idaho Falls several years ago hurt the local economy, and rebounding has been difficult. Economic development initiatives are currently underway to strengthen the counties in and around the Teton Valley and Yellowstone.

Since 2005, the unemployment rates have fluctuated from a low of 3.3 percent in 2007 to a high of 8.9 in 2010. The labor



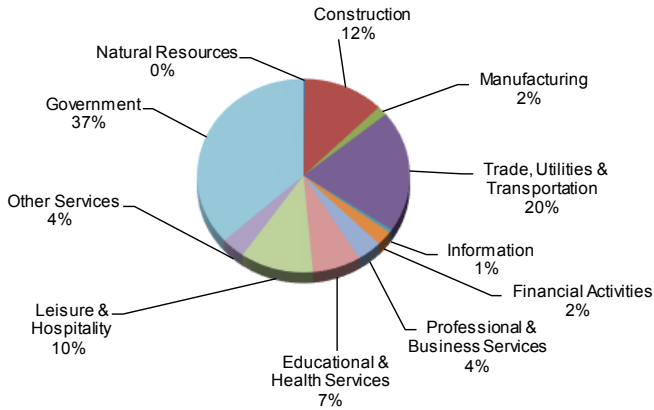
force has remained strong, growing 18.8 percent over the last decade. Fremont County's annual unemployment rate for 2016 was 3.4%, the second lowest rate in the previous decade.

Government provides the most nonfarm payroll jobs, primarily through the state Juvenile Correction Center in St. Anthony. Federal and state governments together own 70 percent of the land so land management agencies employ many workers. Trade, construction and leisure and hospitality also account for large percentages of the county's jobs.

Labor Force	Dec 16	Dec 17
Civilian Labor Force	7,419	7,690
Total Employment	7,167	7,486
Unemployed	252	204
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.4	2.6
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	6,029	5,777	5,763	5,552	6,746	6,704	6,923	6,919	6,986	7,192	7,392
Unemployment	227	191	286	494	584	519	428	365	283	263	250
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.8	3.3	5.0	8.9	8.7	7.7	6.2	5.3	4.0	3.7	3.4
Employment	5,802	5,586	5,477	5,059	6,162	6,184	6,495	6,553	6,703	6,929	7,142

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



## Major Employers

Ashton Memorial Nursing Home
Broulim's Foodtown
Fremont County
Fremont County Joint School District #215
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections
Fall River Rural Electric Coop
U.S. Department of Agriculture / Forest Service
Walters Produce, Inc.

## Covered Employment & Wages

Average covered employment decreased 94 from 2006 to 2016. The annual average wage increased over \$7,427 in the decade. Average wages between 2015 and 2016 rose the most in professional and business services and education and health services. Agriculture was the only sector that posted a job loss, down 9. Eight of the 12 sectors posted employment gains between 2015 and 2016.

Although quite a bit lower than the state or national averages, per capita income has increased steadily since 2011 to \$34,370 in 2016.

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 [imi.idaho.gov](http://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
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	2,939	\$25,769	2,731	\$32,484	2,845	\$33,196
<b>Agriculture</b>	281	\$19,454	221	\$26,566	212	\$29,108
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	310	\$24,905	287	\$38,407	324	\$38,308
<b>Manufacturing</b>	48	\$19,725	35	\$26,025	41	\$26,843
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	481	\$27,385	508	\$36,453	546	\$34,979
<b>Information</b>	36	\$25,214	5	\$98,939	14	\$61,074
<b>Financial Activities</b>	92	\$29,979	65	\$32,832	67	\$35,212
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	111	\$36,370	96	\$31,258	96	\$34,697
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	180	\$23,812	178	\$27,694	195	\$31,552
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	293	\$9,832	292	\$15,252	300	\$15,546
<b>Other Services</b>	59	\$18,757	66	\$34,043	66	\$36,814
<b>Government</b>	1,044	\$30,985	973	\$35,980	982	\$36,483

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Fremont County</b>	\$22,832	\$25,315	\$26,575	\$26,121	\$28,297	\$29,263	\$32,205	\$32,408	\$33,677	\$34,370
<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

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