



# Fremont County

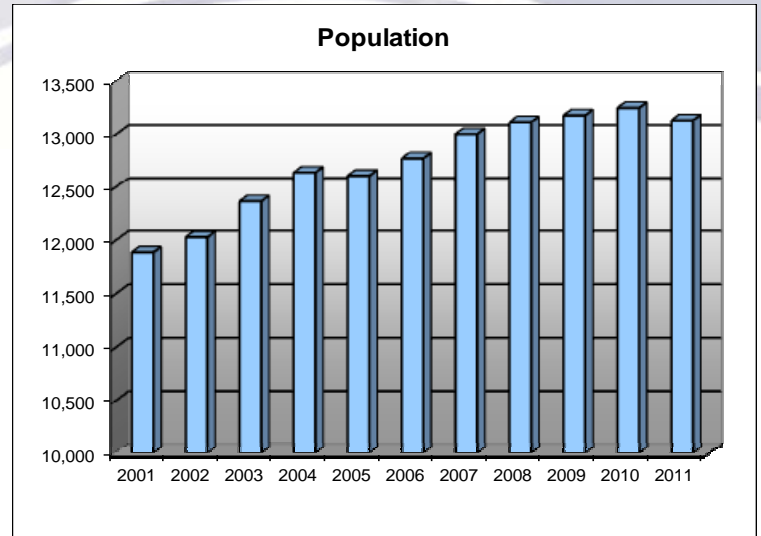
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## Work Force Trends

### Population

Fremont County grew by 1,237 to 13,128 people between 2001 and 2011. The county has experienced steady growth over the last decade as tourism-related industries benefit from a close proximity to Yellowstone National Park. The county ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> in population.

Concentrated economic development and the change from a two-year community college to four-year Brigham Young University–Idaho in neighboring Madison County contributed to continued growth for the southern end of the county.

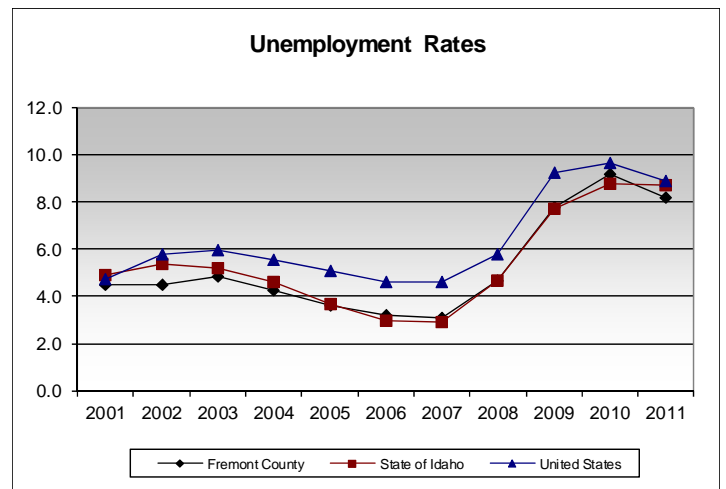


### Labor Force & Employment

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 under way to strengthen the counties surrounding the Teton Valley and Yellowstone regions.

Since 2001, the unemployment rates have fluctuated from a low of 3.1 percent in 2007 to a high of 9.2 in 2010. The labor force has held steady during much of the



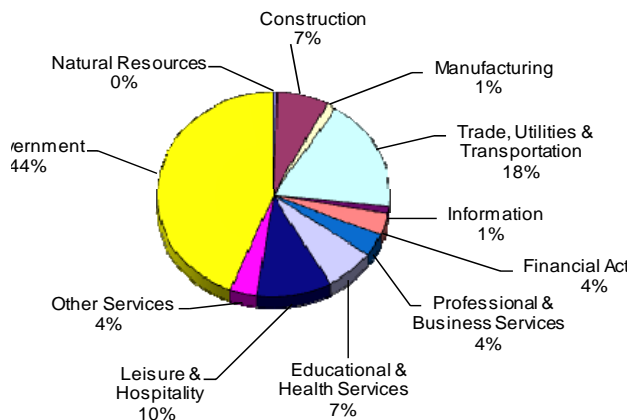
last decade.

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	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	6,044	5,899
Total Employment	5,593	5,488
Unemployed	451	411
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.5	7.0
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	5,879	5,870	5,697	5,851	6,016	5,962	5,763	5,794	5,505	6,022	6,140
Unemployment	264	265	276	250	217	191	177	270	430	552	504
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.3	3.6	3.2	3.1	4.7	7.8	9.2	8.2
Employment	5,615	5,605	5,421	5,601	5,799	5,770	5,587	5,524	5,076	5,470	5,636

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



## Major Employers

Ashton Memorial Nursing Home
Broulim's Foodtown
Fremont County
Fremont County Joint School District #215
Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections
Trouthunter LLC
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Walters Produce, Inc.

## Eastern ID Occupation Wages\*

Occupation	Median Wage
Agricultural Workers	\$8.52
Cashiers	\$8.12
Computer Support Specialists	\$19.57
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$16.81
Customer Service Reps	\$11.08
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$17.27
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$7.77
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$7.45
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	\$9.91
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$8.45
Retail Sales Workers	\$8.96
Secretaries & Administrative Asst	\$15.03
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	\$20.82

\* Wages represent nine counties in eastern Idaho. Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [imi.idaho.gov](http://imi.idaho.gov).

## Covered Employment & Wages

Average covered employment rose 129 from 2000 to 2010, fueled by growth in education, government and financial services. The annual average wage increased over \$6,600 in the decade. Average wages between 2009 and 2010 rose the most in the manufacturing sector. Jobs in the construction posted the largest decline. Although quite a bit lower than the state or national averages, per capita income is trending upward and should continue to grow.

Covered employment includes jobs subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

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>	2,755	\$21,513	2,922	\$27,602	2,884	\$28,176
<b>Agriculture</b>	462	\$16,680	336	\$23,681	351	\$23,687
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	163	\$18,345	241	\$32,943	189	\$36,100
<b>Manufacturing</b>	53	\$17,965	46	\$21,865	37	\$47,901
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	506	\$22,086	471	\$30,598	462	\$30,493
<b>Information</b>	35	\$41,130	30	\$26,831	*	*
<b>Financial Activities</b>	52	\$23,531	95	\$31,789	90	\$31,226
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	62	\$15,447	52	\$23,897	93	\$25,072
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	135	\$16,966	167	\$24,822	181	\$24,499
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	276	\$9,159	296	\$11,329	271	\$12,110
<b>Other Services</b>	29	\$21,786	75	\$22,253	74	\$23,342
<b>Government</b>	979	\$27,895	1,109	\$31,577	1,104	\$31,576

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Fremont County</b>	\$18,361	\$18,747	\$19,697	\$18,845	\$20,169	\$21,082	\$22,216	\$23,153	\$24,254	\$24,433
<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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