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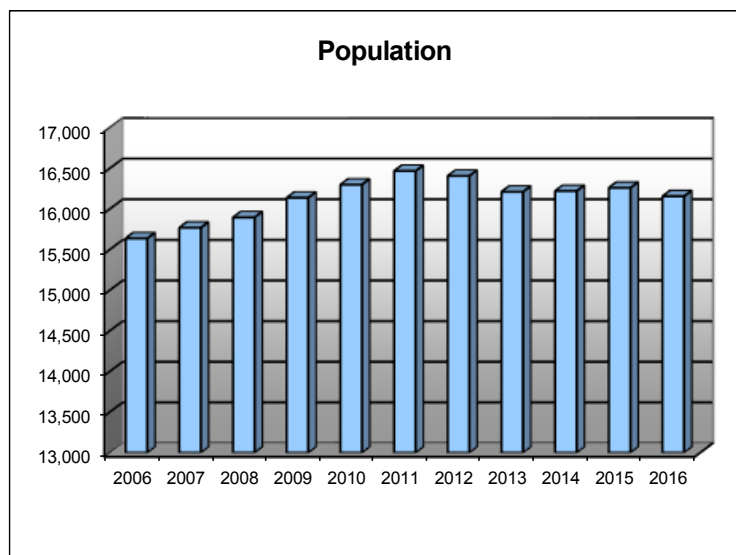
Workforce Trends

Population

Idaho County's population grew 3 percent from 15,638 in 2006 to 16,156 in 2016, while U.S. population grew 8 percent and the state's population grew 15 percent.

The relatively slow growth has resulted in the county's population being relatively old. Many of the county's youth leave the area after high school, and are unable to return. Most newcomers to the county are retirees from other parts of the Pacific Northwest and California, drawn by the scenic beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, and rural lifestyle.

The 2016 populations of Idaho County's incorporated cities were 3,139 in Grangeville, 917 in Cottonwood, 651 in Kooskia, 406 in Riggins, 228 in Stites, 161 in Ferdinand, and 91 in White Bird.

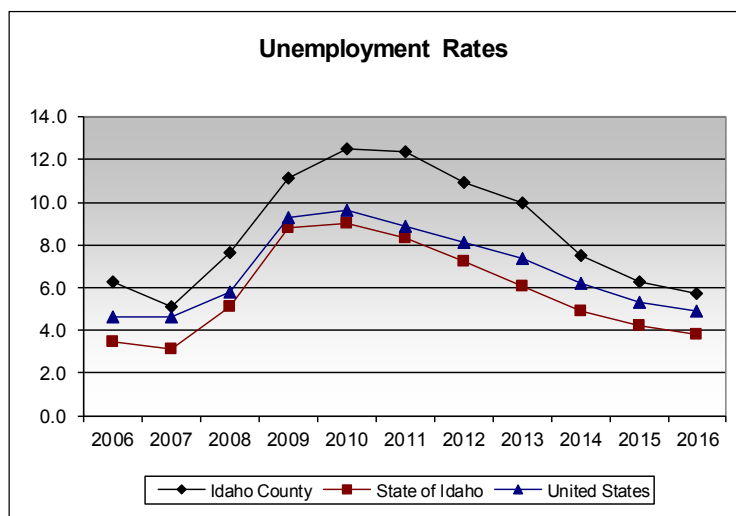


Labor Force & Employment

Idaho County's economy remains heavily dependent on natural resources — both forest products and agriculture. The U.S. Forest Service employs more than 300 people. One in eight of the county's private sector jobs is in logging or wood products manufacturing. Idaho Forest Group in Grangeville employs more than 160 people, making it the county's largest manufacturer.

Other manufacturers have expanded in recent years. Among the larger are Idaho Sewing for Sport and Advanced Welding and Steel in Grangeville, Pacific Cabinets in Ferdinand, and Uhling Products near Cottonwood.

Other large employers include the hospitals in Cottonwood and Grangeville, Seubert Excavators, the Bureau of Land Management in Cottonwood, and the



state prison on Cottonwood Butte.

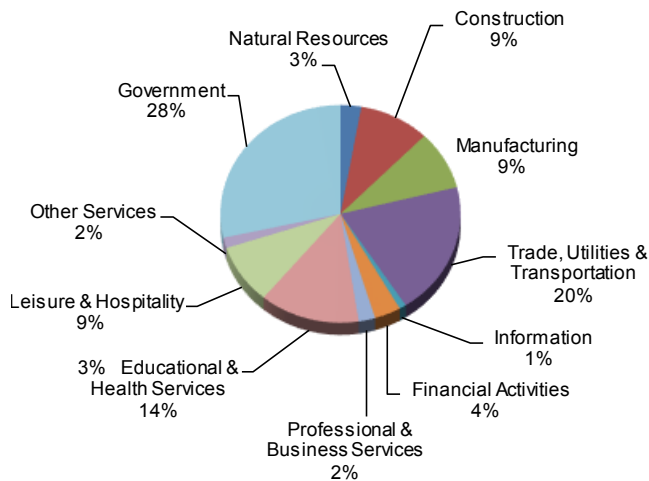
Although graced by mountains, forests and rivers, the county is just beginning to fully tap its tourism potential. Its lodging, restaurant, and tourist shops have become more sophisticated over the last 20 years.

Aging of the population led the health care sector to grow steadily over the last 10 years. Health care jobs grew from 540 jobs in 2006 to 670 in 2016.

Labor Force	Nov 16	Nov 17
Civilian Labor Force	6,436	6,410
Total Employment	6,080	6,117
Unemployed	357	294
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.5	4.6
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.7	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.6	4.1

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	7,122	7,079	7,133	7,358	6,653	6,683	6,645	6,588	6,497	6,414	6,425
Unemployment	444	362	543	817	830	825	728	657	487	402	368
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.2	5.1	7.6	11.1	12.5	12.3	11.0	10.0	7.5	6.3	5.7
Employment	6,678	6,717	6,591	6,541	5,823	5,858	5,918	5,932	6,009	6,012	6,057

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



Economic Development

The Ida-Lew Economic Development Council is the nonprofit organization that recruits new businesses, help existing businesses expand and otherwise strengthens and diversifies the economic base of Idaho and Lewis counties. It promotes the area's low costs of doing business, favorable business climate and quality of life.

It also is working with local businesses and school districts to improve workforce training.

Major Employers

Advanced Welding & Steel
Grangeville Health & Rehabilitation
Idaho Forest Group (mill)
North Idaho Correctional Institution
Salmon Rapids Lodge
Seubert Excavators Inc.
St. Mary's Hospital (Cottonwood)
Syringa General Hospital (Grangeville)
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service

North Central Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Bookkeepers	\$12.68	\$18.39
Carpenters, Journey-Level	\$14.45	\$21.00
Cashiers	\$8.23	\$9.23
Cooks, Restaurant	\$10.17	\$11.43
Guards	\$8.62	\$11.78
Laborers, Construction	\$12.38	\$17.09
Loggers	\$8.23	\$9.29
Nurse Aides, Certified (CNAs)	\$9.85	\$12.19
Nurses, Registered	\$24.20	\$28.90
Salespersons, Retail	\$8.42	\$11.11
Secretaries	\$10.29	\$13.24
Elementary School Teachers	\$30,632	\$48,573
Secondary School Teachers	\$25,646	\$45,493
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$15.14	\$18.48

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at 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
Total Covered Wages	4,490	\$28,195	4,197	\$36,151	4,216	\$34,694
Agriculture	137	\$29,998	138	\$26,738	127	\$26,959
Mining	79	\$35,928	64	\$44,072	64	\$44,716
Construction	342	\$24,695	338	\$32,807	371	\$35,829
Manufacturing	461	\$36,591	334	\$44,121	361	\$41,503
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	876	\$26,132	882	\$38,011	810	\$32,554
Information	38	\$19,983	41	\$32,221	39	\$32,025
Financial Activities	165	\$28,111	154	\$33,077	146	\$33,905
Professional and Business Services	76	\$32,959	99	\$47,743	89	\$44,946
Educational and Health Services	539	\$24,187	573	\$31,395	567	\$31,413
Leisure and Hospitality	426	\$9,972	328	\$12,124	371	\$11,520
Other Services	89	\$14,474	64	\$21,132	62	\$19,471
Government	1,263	\$35,624	1,181	\$43,509	1,209	\$42,881

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Idaho County	\$25,044	\$26,347	\$25,672	\$25,416	\$26,681	\$28,290	\$29,905	\$30,416	\$32,073	\$32,263
State of Idaho	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,726	\$33,296	\$34,695	\$35,720	\$37,186	\$38,848	\$39,470
United States	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,461	\$44,282	\$44,493	\$46,494	\$48,451	\$49,246

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