



# Jefferson County

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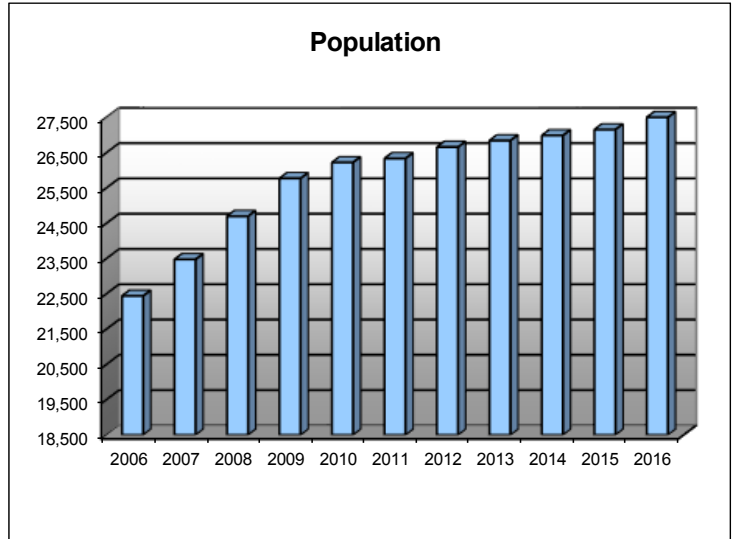
## Workforce Trends

### Population

Since 2006 Jefferson County's population has steadily increased each year to 27,839 in 2016. Between 2006 and 2016 Jefferson County was the third fastest growing county in the state, growing over 24 percent over the decade. The county is part of the Idaho Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area and sits between the high-growth counties of Bonneville and Madison, which affects Jefferson since it gets their overflow.

Jefferson County's largest city is Rigby with a population of 4,062 in 2016.

Many new residential subdivisions and commercial developments have been added, and the county is trying to stay abreast of infrastructure issues. Many businesses have expanded to meet the needs of this growing county.

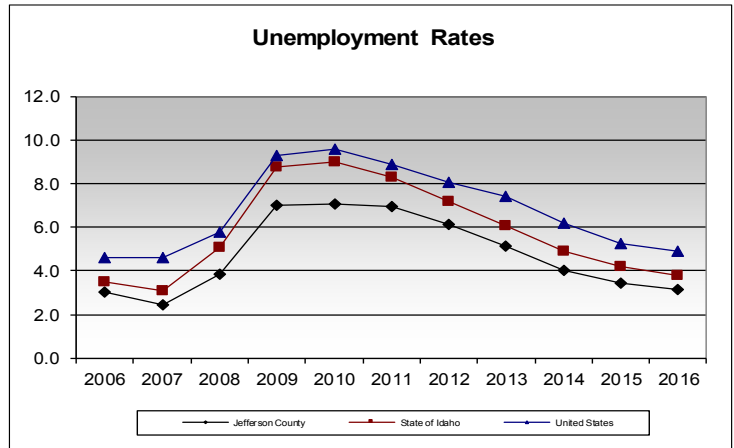


### Labor Force & Employment

Jefferson County's unemployment rate remained comparatively low between 2006 and 2016 and stayed below the state and national rates during the last decade. The 2016 unemployment rate was 3.1 percent. Many residents commute to Madison or Bonneville counties, where the growing job market has been substantial. The labor force grew 1,712, over 15 percent, during the decade. Employment also grew 15 percent over the decade.

U.S. Highway 20 is a gateway for tourists heading to Island Park and Yellowstone National Park, and the county wants to take advantage of that traffic. The Riot Zone, which features recreational activities for the whole family, is situated next to Rigby Lake, which offers picnic sites, day use and swimming. U.S. Highway 26 also attracts tourists traveling to the Targhee National Forest, various ski resorts and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Government, trade, manufacturing and construction are the largest industries with government and trade



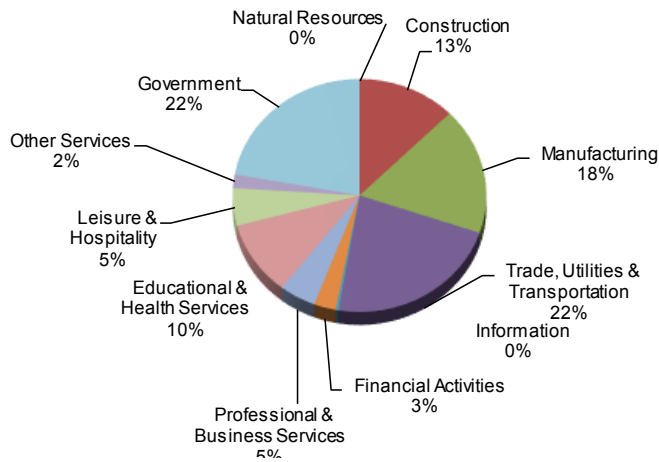
providing nearly two-thirds of the jobs. The Department of Transportation, local officials and several school districts account for government jobs while two of the area's large potato fresh-pack plants employ many in wholesale trade. Most of the manufacturing jobs are at the two large potato processing plants, Idahoan Foods and Idaho Pacific. Grain, corn and potatoes are produced in the county. Manufacturing and trade account for roughly 36 percent covered employment in the county.

Perhaps the county's biggest claim to fame is the city of Rigby, which is the home of the inventor of television, Philo Farnsworth.

| Labor Force                 | Aug 16 | Aug 17 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force        | 12,717 | 12,631 |
| Total Employment            | 12,320 | 12,363 |
| Unemployed                  | 397    | 268    |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 3.1    | 2.1    |
| 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        | 11,006 | 11,121 | 11,278 | 11,502 | 12,610 | 12,505 | 12,188 | 12,149 | 12,268 | 12,496 | 12,718 |
| Unemployment                | 335    | 274    | 432    | 808    | 890    | 868    | 750    | 625    | 494    | 431    | 399    |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 3.0    | 2.5    | 3.8    | 7.0    | 7.1    | 6.9    | 6.2    | 5.1    | 4.0    | 3.4    | 3.1    |
| Employment                  | 10,671 | 10,847 | 10,847 | 10,694 | 11,720 | 11,638 | 11,438 | 11,524 | 11,774 | 12,065 | 12,319 |

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



### Covered Employers

Jefferson County's covered employment increased 9.4 percent from 2005 to 2015. Total employment increased between 2014 and 2015 led by gains in education and health services. Information and other services have shown significant growth percentage wise percent over the decade, 139 percent and 86 percent, respectively. Commercial and residential developments slowed due to struggling housing markets and the credit crisis resulting a job loss in construction. The average annual wage increased 33.7 percent over the decade.

Covered employment includes jobs subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately

### Major Employers

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc.       |
| Broulim's Foodtpwm              |
| Idahoan Foods                   |
| Idaho Pacific Corporation       |
| Idaho Transportation Department |
| Kelly Canyon Winter Park LLC    |
| Rigby Produce                   |
| Taylor Produce                  |

| Idaho Falls MSA Occupational Wages*      | Entry Wage | Median Wage |
|--|------------|-------------|
| Agricultural Workers                     | \$8.32     | \$9.49      |
| Bookkeeping, Accounty & Auditing Clerk   | \$11.75    | \$16.47     |
| Cashiers                                 | \$8.31     | \$9.07      |
| Construction Trade Workers               | \$12.76    | \$20.68     |
| Cooks & Food Preparation Workers         | \$8.37     | \$9.18      |
| Customer Service Reps                    | \$9.28     | \$12.35     |
| Engineers (All)                          | \$35.92    | \$49.17     |
| Food & Beverage Serving Workers          | \$8.34     | \$8.72      |
| General Office Clerks                    | \$9.34     | \$13.04     |
| Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products | \$8.24     | \$8.60      |
| Janitors & Cleaners (exc Housekeepers)   | \$8.30     | \$10.47     |
| Packers & Packagers, Hand                | \$9.12     | \$11.96     |
| Retail Sales Workers                     | \$8.29     | \$10.57     |

\* Additional 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>  | 5,910              | \$22,564      | 6,083              | \$29,534      | 6,306              | \$30,619      |
| <b>Agriculture</b>  | 725                | \$24,908      | 747                | \$32,428      | 725                | \$34,091      |
| <b>Mining</b>   | 0                  | \$0           | 0                  | \$0           | 0                  | \$0           |
| <b>Construction</b>   | 781                | \$22,767      | 584                | \$33,184      | 686                | \$33,281      |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>  | 938                | \$25,357      | 971                | \$36,355      | 996                | \$38,666      |
| <b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>                            | 1,079              | \$22,113      | 1,200              | \$31,918      | 1,241              | \$33,095      |
| <b>Information</b>  | 8                  | \$15,169      | 20                 | \$20,298      | 21                 | \$19,106      |
| <b>Financial Activities</b>   | 142                | \$30,910      | 149                | \$45,053      | 158                | \$47,241      |
| <b>Professional and Business Services</b>                               | 193                | \$29,557      | 238                | \$33,124      | 257                | \$31,939      |
| <b>Educational and Health Services</b>                                  | 346                | \$19,519      | 474                | \$23,218      | 580                | \$21,936      |
| <b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>  | 377                | \$7,025       | 371                | \$8,766       | 293                | \$8,700       |
| <b>Other Services</b>   | 47                 | \$22,339      | 100                | \$21,080      | 105                | \$19,752      |
| <b>Government</b>   | 1,274              | \$22,926      | 1,229              | \$25,292      | 1,245              | \$26,145      |

| Per Capita Income | 2006     | 2007     | 2008     | 2009     | 2010     | 2011     | 2012     | 2013     | 2014     | 2015     |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jefferson County  | \$25,703 | \$28,495 | \$29,334 | \$27,479 | \$27,225 | \$29,833 | \$29,361 | \$29,569 | \$29,676 | \$30,407 |
| State of Idaho    | \$31,357 | \$32,580 | \$33,031 | \$31,436 | \$31,727 | \$33,296 | \$34,691 | \$35,703 | \$37,153 | \$38,392 |
| United States     | \$38,144 | \$39,821 | \$41,082 | \$39,376 | \$40,277 | \$42,453 | \$44,267 | \$44,462 | \$46,414 | \$48,112 |

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