



Jefferson County

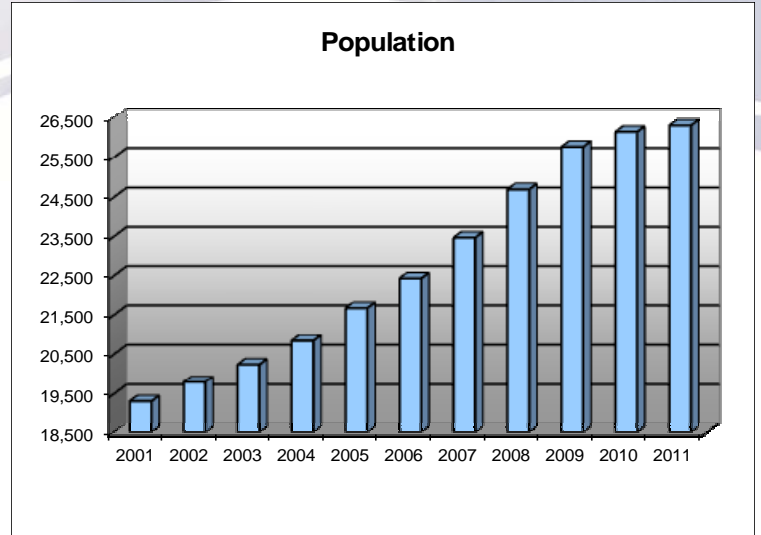
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Work Force Trends

Population

Since 2001 Jefferson County's population has steadily increased. Between 2001 and 2011 Jefferson County was the fourth fastest growing county in the state. 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. A depressed housing market has slowed recent population growth.

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.

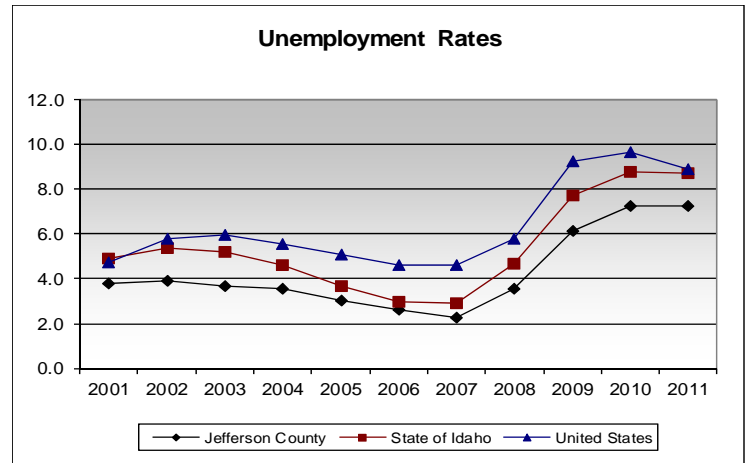


Labor Force & Employment

Jefferson County's unemployment rate remained comparatively low between 2001 and 2011 and has stayed below the state and national rates during the last decade. The 2011 unemployment rate was 7.2 percent, the highest since 1987. Many residents commute to Madison or Bonneville counties, where growth has been substantial. The labor force grew 2,724, almost 30 percent, during the decade. Employment has grown almost 25 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



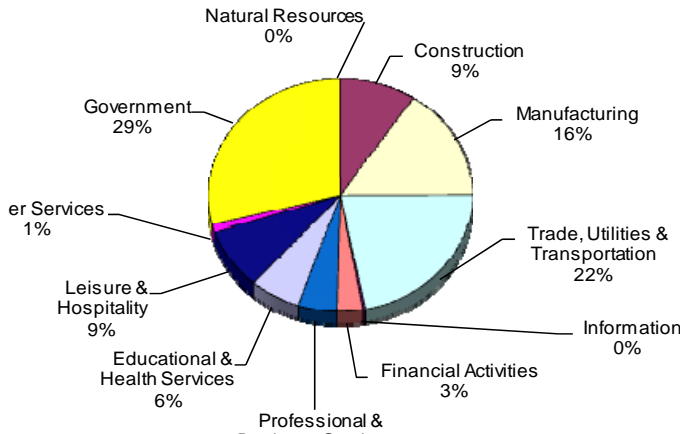
are the largest industries with government and trade providing half of the jobs. The Department of Transportation, local officials and several school districts account for government jobs while two of the area's large potato fresh-pack plants employ many in wholesale trade. Most of the manufacturing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

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

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	11,958	12,111
Total Employment	11,149	11,356
Unemployed	809	755
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.8	6.2
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	9,218	9,449	9,891	10,067	10,631	10,894	11,104	11,342	11,433	11,941	11,942
Unemployment	352	371	361	361	323	283	255	404	703	868	863
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.0	2.6	2.3	3.6	6.1	7.3	7.2
Employment	8,867	9,078	9,530	9,707	10,308	10,611	10,849	10,939	10,730	11,073	11,079

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Covered Employers

Jefferson County's covered employment increased 13 percent from 2000 to 2010. Total employment decreased slightly in 2010, led by large declines in construction and manufacturing. Leisure and hospitality employment has shown significant growth – almost 28 percent. Commercial and residential developments slowed due to struggling housing markets and the credit crisis. The average annual wage did experience a slight increase despite the overall decrease in employment.

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

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

Occupational Wages*

Average Wage

Agricultural Workers	\$8.24
Bookkeeping, Accounty & Auditing Clerk	\$12.18
Cashiers	\$7.91
Construction Trade Workers	\$15.09
Cooks & Food Preparation Workers	\$8.28
Customer Service Reps	\$11.13
Engineers (All)	\$41.09
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$7.70
Food Processing Workers	\$12.76
General Office Clerks	\$11.76
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$7.66
Janitors & Cleaners (exc Housekeepers)	\$10.37
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$9.43
Retail Sales Workers	\$8.94

* Wages are from the Idaho Falls MSA. Additional wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

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
Total Covered Wages	4,965	\$19,548	5,653	\$25,065	5,620	\$25,112
Agriculture	1,088	\$21,353	795	\$27,446	806	\$23,275
Mining	*	*	*	*	0	#DIV/0!
Construction	496	\$17,617	508	\$26,822	459	\$28,070
Manufacturing	603	\$23,948	792	\$26,588	757	\$29,172
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	938	\$17,445	1,040	\$25,369	1,066	\$27,190
Information	*	*	5	\$26,806	15	\$24,538
Financial Activities	82	\$24,079	150	\$31,217	145	\$33,362
Professional and Business Services	96	\$22,503	250	\$29,643	233	\$32,983
Educational and Health Services	145	\$11,675	333	\$26,767	302	\$27,355
Leisure and Hospitality	281	\$6,343	329	\$8,031	421	\$7,899
Other Services	65	\$16,932	56	\$21,667	48	\$24,523
Government	1,171	\$21,770	1,393	\$24,238	1,370	\$23,956

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Jefferson County	\$19,473	\$20,359	\$21,240	\$20,894	\$22,767	\$22,575	\$23,746	\$25,909	\$26,894	\$25,333
State of Idaho	\$24,683	\$25,642	\$26,007	\$26,438	\$28,414	\$29,594	\$31,585	\$32,734	\$33,062	\$31,857
United States	\$30,318	\$31,145	\$31,461	\$32,271	\$33,881	\$35,424	\$37,698	\$39,461	\$40,674	\$39,635

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