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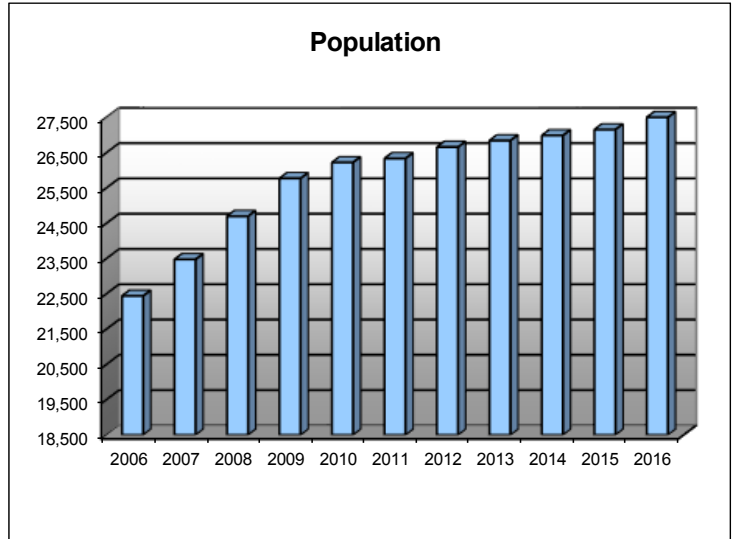
## Workforce Trends

### 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.

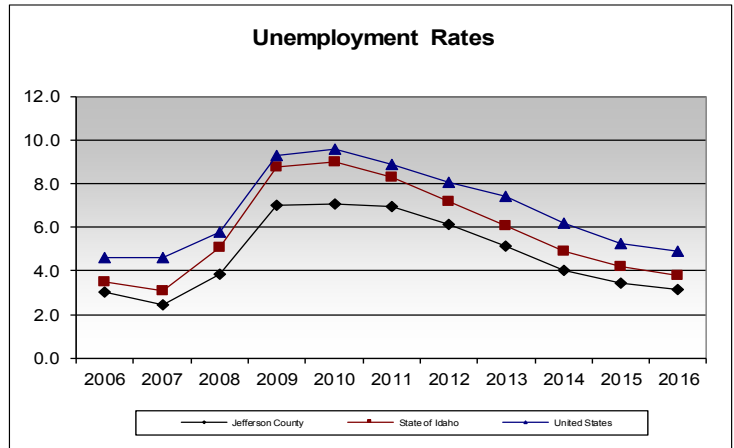


### Labor Force & Employment

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



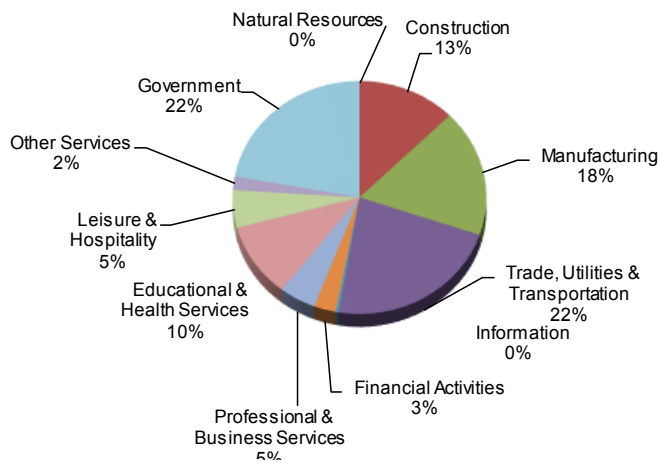
providing nearly two-thirds of the jobs. The Department of Transportation, local officials and several school districts account for government jobs while two of the area's large potato fresh-pack plants employ many in wholesale trade. Most of the manufacturing jobs are at the two large potato processing 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	Nov 16	Nov 17
Civilian Labor Force	12,775	12,991
Total Employment	12,391	12,668
Unemployed	384	323
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.0	2.5
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	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 6.7 percent from 2006 to 2016. Total employment increased between 2015 and 2016 led by gains in construction and education and health services. Information and other services have shown significant growth percentage wise percent over the decade, 162.5 percent and 124.9 percent, respectively. The average annual wage increased 35.7 percent over the decade.

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

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 date 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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Jefferson County</b>	\$28,495	\$29,334	\$27,479	\$27,223	\$29,816	\$29,355	\$29,570	\$29,742	\$30,656	\$31,276
<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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