

# Madison County

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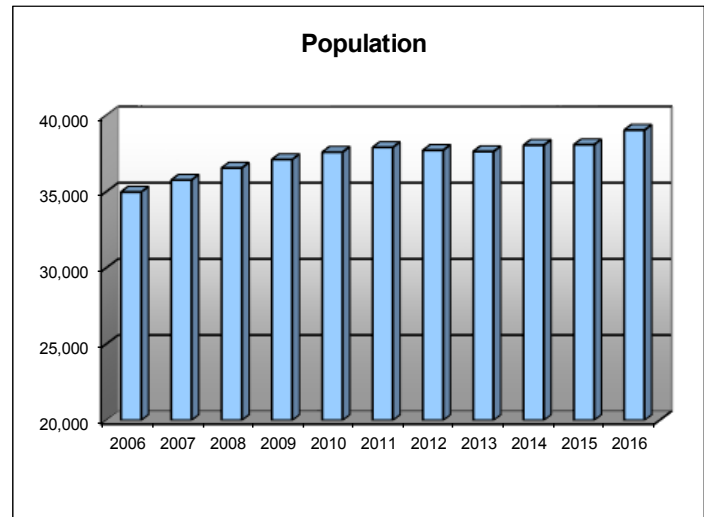
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

Madison County's population increased 11.6 percent between 2006 and 2016. In 2004 Rickes College was converted from a two-year college to Brigham Young University-Idaho a four-year college. The record-breaking enrollment the school had been experiencing has continued, pushing economic growth, especially through construction of student housing and campus expansion. BYU-Idaho plans to further expand its student population through 2020.

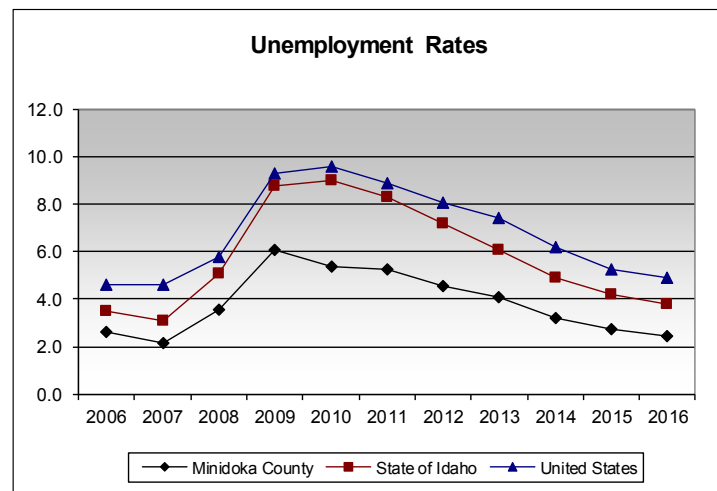
The county's population slowed beginning in 2012 but experienced an increase in 2016 to 39,048. The City of Rexburg ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the state in population. Rexburg is the largest city in the county, with a population of 28,222 in 2016.



### Labor Force & Employment

Madison County has maintained the lowest unemployment rate in the state. The annual unemployment rate for Madison County in 2016 was 2.5 percent and it has continued to decline since then. The county has been well below the national and state rates, and the expansion of existing businesses and emergence of new ones has kept its multilingual labor market very tight. Call centers are finding the bilingual skills of computer-trained students enticing. Of the county's major employers, three are call-center based. New business parks in Rexburg are also attracting many new and expanding businesses.

Trade generates one-fourth of the county's jobs, strong in both retail and wholesale. Health care and education also play a large role, and the hospital is expanding as the number of clinics countywide increases. The university is still growing and adding more degree programs, fueling an increase in education employment.

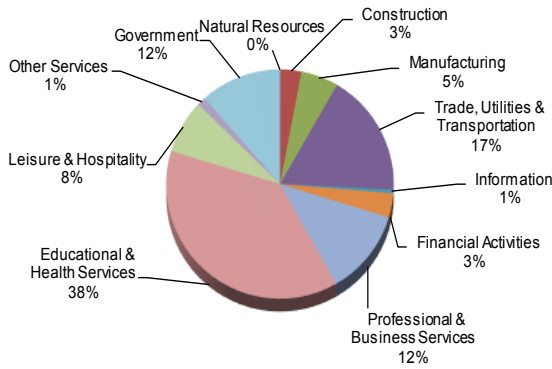


Full-time students are not counted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as part of the civilian labor force. As a result these estimates can understate the actual size of the labor force and the unemployment rate for small counties with a large university presence. In 2013 the Idaho Department of Labor estimated the county's underemployment rate at 46.0 percent—highest in the state.

Labor Force	Nov 16	Nov 17
Civilian Labor Force	20,717	21,277
Total Employment	20,239	20,856
Unemployed	478	421
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.3	2.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.7	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.6	4.1

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	14,878	16,441	16,673	16,049	17,483	17,896	18,420	18,455	19,049	19,814	20,449
Unemployment	393	356	598	978	939	946	841	756	612	537	505
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.6	2.2	3.6	6.1	5.4	5.3	4.6	4.1	3.2	2.7	2.5
Employment	14,484	16,085	16,075	15,071	16,545	16,950	17,579	17,698	18,437	19,277	19,944

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



Major Employers
Brigham Young University - Idaho
Melaleuca, Inc
Madison Memorial Hospital
Broulim's Foodtown
Basic American Foods
Wal-Mart

### Covered Employment & Wages

Covered employment increased 6.2 percent between 2015 and 2016 adding 861 jobs to the economy. Trade, utilities and transportation and agriculture were the only industries that didn't have positive job growth over the year. Education and health services posted the largest gain of more than 250 each.

Total covered employment increased 17.3 percent since 2005. Professional and business services showed the largest increase at 37.4 percent, 597 jobs.

*Covered employers are those subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of employees in Idaho.*

Eastern Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wages	Median Wages
Cashiers	\$8.32	\$9.29
Carpenters	\$13.35	\$20.48
Childcare Workers	\$8.20	\$8.53
Cooks & Food Preparation Workers	\$8.30	\$9.05
Customer Service Reps	\$9.00	\$12.18
General Office Clerks	\$9.04	\$12.64
Hand Packers/Packagers	\$8.37	\$9.37
Janitors/Cleaners (not maid/hotels)	\$8.29	\$10.30
Nurses, Registered	\$20.69	\$27.67
Retail Salesperson	\$8.34	\$10.73
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$9.72	\$13.72
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor Trailer	\$12.44	\$17.34

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho

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>	12,223	\$24,375	13,890	\$29,922	14,751	\$29,270
<b>Agriculture</b>	347	\$26,472	397	\$31,027	344	\$31,017
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	651	\$23,179	500	\$31,080	515	\$34,179
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,083	\$27,363	895	\$31,712	969	\$31,682
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	2,655	\$22,928	3,270	\$27,350	3,162	\$28,650
<b>Information</b>	142	\$21,212	87	\$30,602	91	\$27,388
<b>Financial Activities</b>	485	\$22,890	583	\$28,881	608	\$29,972
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	1,794	\$16,830	1,596	\$21,214	2,193	\$19,664
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	2,063	\$36,986	3,043	\$43,452	3,176	\$40,625
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	1,052	\$9,096	1,294	\$10,609	1,384	\$10,494
<b>Other Services</b>	147	\$19,338	183	\$19,458	218	\$19,180
<b>Government</b>	1,804	\$27,784	2,041	\$32,848	2,092	\$33,774

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Madison County</b>	\$17,253	\$18,219	\$18,497	\$18,571	\$33,616	\$20,758	\$21,514	\$22,169	\$23,926	\$24,054
<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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