



Nez Perce County

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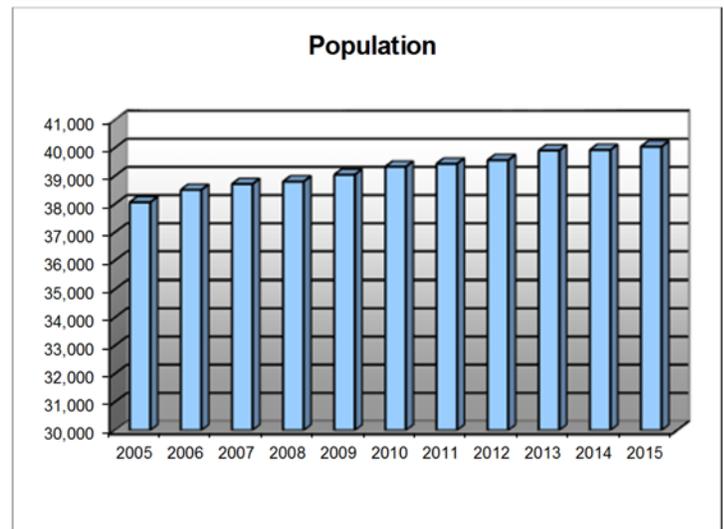
Workforce Trends

Population

Nez Perce County's population grew 5.2 percent from 38,071 in 2005 to 40,048 in 2015 while the U.S. population grew 8.8 percent and Idaho's population grew 15.9 percent. Slow job growth reduced migration into the county while an aging population reduced the birth rate.

Nez Perce is closely tied to Asotin County, Washington. Many Asotin County residents, especially Clarkston residents, work in Lewiston. Asotin County grew 4 percent from 21,178 in 2005 to 22,105 in 2015.

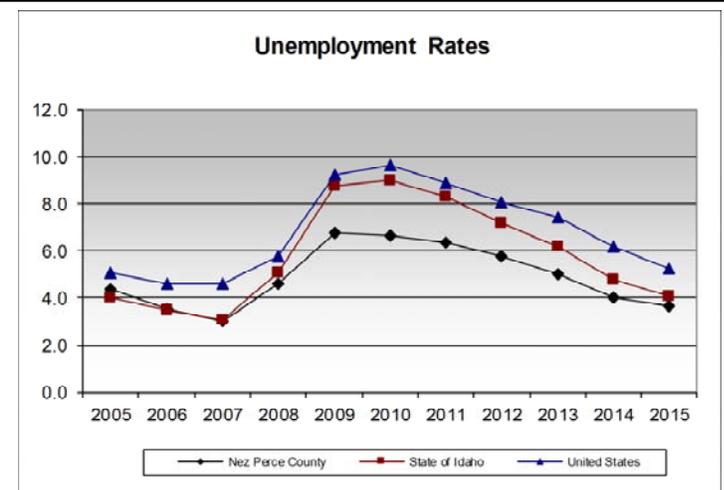
The Nez Perce County seat, Lewiston, had a 2015 population of 32,544. The population in Lapwai was 1,147, in Culdesac 377 and in Peck 201.



Labor Force & Employment

Nez Perce County is a regional hub for retail, health care, media, government and transportation. Lewiston has the largest of the two airports offering regular passenger service in north central Idaho. It also is Idaho's only seaport. Barges regularly travel the Snake and Columbia rivers from Lewiston to the ocean. Asotin, Clearwater, Columbia, Idaho and Lewis counties rely on the Lewiston area for goods and services unavailable locally. In addition, many residents of neighboring counties work in the Lewiston area.

Lewiston is home to Lewis-Clark State College, a four-year school also offering professional-technical training programs. Its enrollment hovers around 4,600. Nez Perce County's largest employer is Clearwater Paper Inc., whose 1,350 employees make tissue and paperboard. The Vista Outdoors bullet plants in Lewiston employ over 1,100 people. St. Joseph's



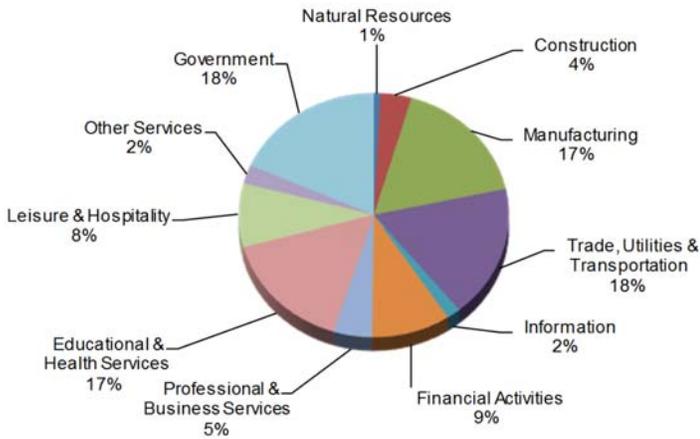
Regional Medical Center, the heart of Lewiston's bustling medical community, employs about 1,000 while the Cambria Health (Regence BlueShield) center in Lewiston employs about 450 and Lewis-Clark State College employs over 700. The Nez Perce Tribe employs 500 at its Lapwai headquarters and another 250 at its casino resort near Lewiston.

The county has experienced exceptional growth in manufacturing. Big boosts included the 2012 opening of the Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories plant in Lewiston, employing 250, and the opening of Howell Munition's ammunition manufacturing added 400 jobs.

Labor Force	Oct 15	Oct 16
Civilian Labor Force	20,755	20,967
Total Employment	20,054	17,589
Unemployed	701	649
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.4	3.1
State of Idaho % Unemployed	4.0	3.8
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.9

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	19,352	19,025	19,011	18,560	18,703	20,086	20,083	19,875	20,248	20,387	20,746
Unemployment	848	678	574	854	1,269	1,344	1,278	1,146	1,014	826	765
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.4	3.6	3.0	4.6	6.8	6.7	6.4	5.8	5.0	4.0	3.7
Employment	18,504	18,347	18,437	17,706	17,435	18,742	18,805	18,729	19,234	19,561	19,981

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



City of Lewiston
Clearwater Paper Inc.
Howell Munitions (ammunition manufacturer)
Lewis-Clark State College
Lewiston Independent School District 1
Nez Perce County
Nez Perce Tribe (including casino resort)
Northwest Children's Home Inc.
Regence BlueShield (insurance)
Schweitzer Engineering (manufacturing)
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center
Vista Outdoor (ammunition manufacturer)

Economic Development

Valley Vision is a nonprofit organization fostering the economic development of the Lewis-Clark Valley. Valley Vision concentrates its recruiting efforts on projects that contribute to economic diversification and increased household earnings.

Another major player is the 3,600-member Nez Perce Tribe, headquartered in Lapwai. The tribe also plays a role in development of Clearwater, Idaho and Lewis counties.

Accountants	\$20.70
Assemblers	\$9.80
Bookkeepers	\$13.30
Carpenters, Journey-Level	\$16.40
Cashiers	\$8.20
Computer Technicians	\$15.80
Customer Service Representatives	\$10.80
Dental & Health Care Assistants	\$13.40
Janitors	\$8.80
Nurses, Registered	\$25.70
Salespersons, Retail	\$9.50
Secretaries	\$10.90
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$14.60

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

	2005		2014		2015	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	20,650	\$30,272	20,569	\$38,019	20,784	\$39,126
Agriculture	199	\$40,086	209	\$46,540	192	\$54,632
Mining	93	\$46,938	83	\$62,856	83	\$62,563
Construction	833	\$32,866	727	\$38,329	782	\$40,567
Manufacturing	2,515	\$42,969	3,657	\$53,392	3,727	\$55,737
Trade, Utilities and Transportation	4,493	\$26,946	3,653	\$32,723	3,785	\$33,936
Information	384	\$25,756	375	\$32,773	362	\$33,527
Financial Activities	1,219	\$34,145	1,234	\$52,431	1,241	\$52,005
Professional and Business Services	1,400	\$42,237	909	\$33,214	985	\$32,703
Educational and Health Services	3,397	\$27,946	3,462	\$38,131	3,471	\$38,170
Leisure and Hospitality	1,805	\$11,718	1,858	\$14,037	1,828	\$14,585
Other Services	592	\$18,216	534	\$23,806	540	\$22,705
Government	3,722	\$31,925	3,869	\$37,860	3,790	\$39,425

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Nez Perce County	\$28,874	\$30,228	\$32,255	\$33,624	\$33,002	\$33,742	\$34,671	\$35,095	\$35,828	\$36,744
State of Idaho	\$29,815	\$31,945	\$32,952	\$32,854	\$31,392	\$32,050	\$33,544	\$34,846	\$35,641	\$36,734
United States	\$35,904	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,266	\$44,438	\$46,049

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