



# Owyhee County

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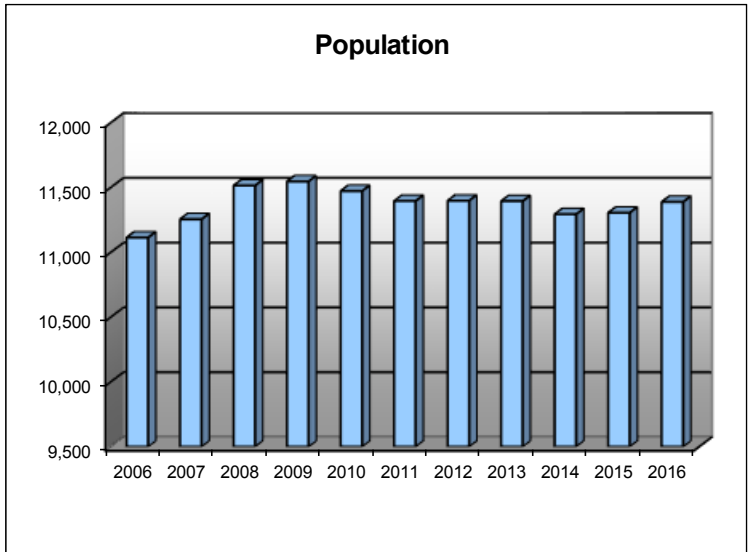
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

Owyhee County is the second largest of Idaho's 44 counties by land area. It has one of the lowest population densities in the state, and more than three-quarters of the land is federally owned. Owyhee's population increased 2.5 percent from 2006 to 2016 to 11,389. Population grew relatively quickly leading up to the recession, but has leveled off and even fell slightly since 2008. Due to the large federal land holdings and the fairly remote locations of this largely agricultural county, population growth has been slower than in most surrounding areas. Most residents live along the northern edge of the county.

Homedale, the largest city in the county, has a population of 2,584 in 2016. Marsing, another major city, population is 1,282.

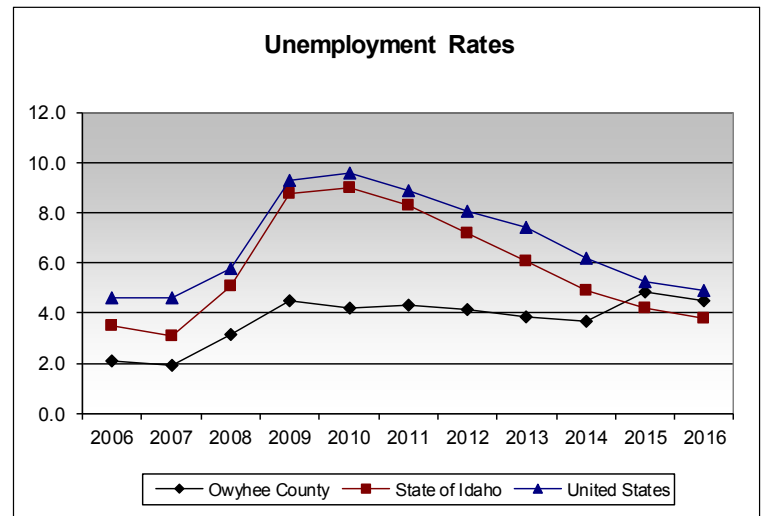


### Labor Force & Employment

The average annual unemployment rate is 4.5 percent, increasing 2.6 percentage points from the 2007 rate of 1.9 percent, a record low. The county maintains one of the state's lowest unemployment rates month to month, primarily due to its high concentration of employment in government and agriculture that remain relatively stable over time.

The labor force has fluctuated throughout the decade reaching its lowest level, 4,328, in 2009. In 2016 the labor force reached a record high with increases in employment. The number of unemployed dipped slightly in 2016 to 244.

Overall, covered employment increased very slightly in 2016, adding only 20 jobs from 2015. The biggest gain occurred in the educational and health services sector from 2015 with 20. Other sectors that experienced job growth were trade, utilities and transportation (19) and



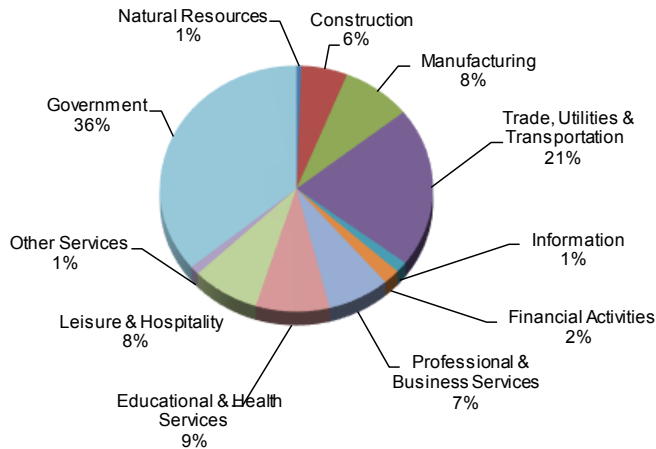
government (16) Agriculture; professional and business services; and manufacturing lost a combined total of 46 jobs.

Over the decade, the number of covered jobs increase 112. The largest increases were in agriculture (228); trade, utilities and transportation (52); and leisure and hospitality and trade, transportation; and education and health services (49). Construction was the big loser with 92 fewer jobs.

Labor Force	Aug 16	Aug 17
Civilian Labor Force	5,414	5,486
Total Employment	5,186	5,323
Unemployed	228	163
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.2	3.0
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	4,720	4,488	4,363	4,328	5,051	4,885	5,100	5,123	5,027	5,226	5,395
Unemployment	99	86	137	193	212	212	211	198	185	252	244
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.1	1.9	3.1	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.7	4.8	4.5
Employment	4,621	4,402	4,226	4,135	4,838	4,673	4,889	4,924	4,842	4,974	5,151

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



### Per Capita Income, Nonfarm Jobs & Wages

Owyhee County ranked 34th in per capita income down from 28th in 2014 with \$32,867 in 2015. Even with an decrease of nearly \$270 the county was still more \$5,500 below state per capita income and just over \$15,200 off the national number.

Government makes up the largest portion—37 percent—of nonfarm employment. Trade, utilities and transportation is the second largest at 21 percent.

Covered wages experienced a slight decrease from 2015, up \$280. The good news was that they have increase 26.1 percent, \$6,595, in the last 10 years.

Major Employers
Bruneau-Grandview School District
Filler King Co.
Homedale School District
J.R. Simplot Co.
Nederend Dairy
Marsing School District
Owyhee County
Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center
Paul's Market
Deruyter Dairy

Boise City MSA Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$12.46	\$16.93
Agricultural Equipment Operator	\$11.16	\$16.30
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$9.88	\$13.01
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$10.35	\$14.64
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.46	\$16.27
Bus Driver, School	\$10.82	\$13.30
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	\$11.09	\$14.93
Farmworkers & Laborers, Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse	\$8.11	\$8.94
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$15.97	\$19.56
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$16.36	\$20.47
Waiter/Waitress	\$8.26	\$8.71
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.73	\$17.46

\* Additional occupational 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>	2,973	\$25,253	3,066	\$31,568	3,086	\$31,848
<b>Agriculture</b>	991	\$22,457	1,237	\$29,942	1,219	\$31,884
<b>Mining</b>	17	\$62,743	12	\$68,661	11	\$53,683
<b>Construction</b>	188	\$31,936	98	\$40,535	97	\$36,815
<b>Manufacturing</b>	174	\$30,100	168	\$39,930	156	\$40,226
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	328	\$24,298	362	\$41,510	381	\$35,995
<b>Information</b>	25	\$30,557	26	\$44,190	26	\$40,519
<b>Financial Activities</b>	39	\$20,553	33	\$43,798	38	\$43,582
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	236	\$41,910	150	\$48,903	134	\$56,427
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	117	\$23,283	146	\$20,646	166	\$21,847
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	155	\$7,743	149	\$11,903	153	\$11,589
<b>Other Services</b>	10	\$15,808	12	\$35,781	16	\$32,145
<b>Government</b>	694	\$24,528	674	\$26,894	690	\$27,695

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Owyhee County</b>	\$23,997	\$26,189	\$25,246	\$19,162	\$25,592	\$28,240	\$29,307	\$29,170	\$33,136	\$32,867
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$31,357	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,727	\$33,296	\$34,691	\$35,703	\$37,153	\$38,392
<b>United States</b>	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,267	\$44,462	\$46,414	\$48,112

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