



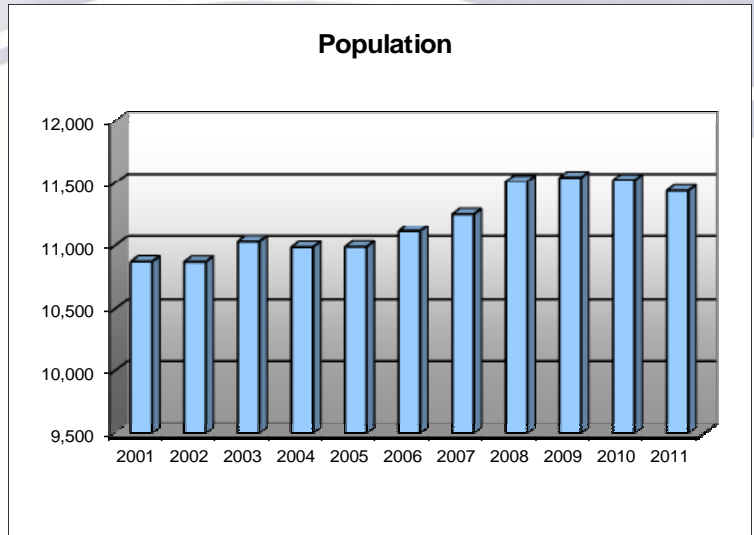
Owyhee County

April 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

Owyhee County is the second largest and the 25th most populous of Idaho's 44 counties. 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 has increased 5 percent from 2001 to 2011 to just under 11,500. Population has held quite steady 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 in the western portion of the county.

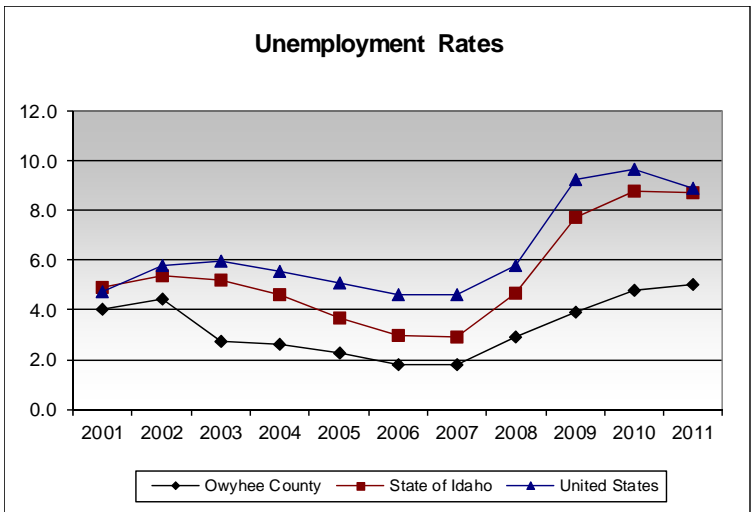


Labor Force & Employment

The average annual unemployment rate increased levelled off in 2011, only increasing by .1 percentage points over the year prior. The county maintains one of the lowest unemployment rates month to month, primarily due to its high concentration of employment in government and agriculture that remain relatively stable over time.

While not enough activity occurred to reduce the annual average unemployment rate, 2011 has shown improvement. The labor force increased for the second year after declining a little more than 360 from 2006 to 2009. Both employment and unemployment increased in 2011 as well, keeping the rate steady.

Overall, nonfarm jobs declined by 48, or 2.5

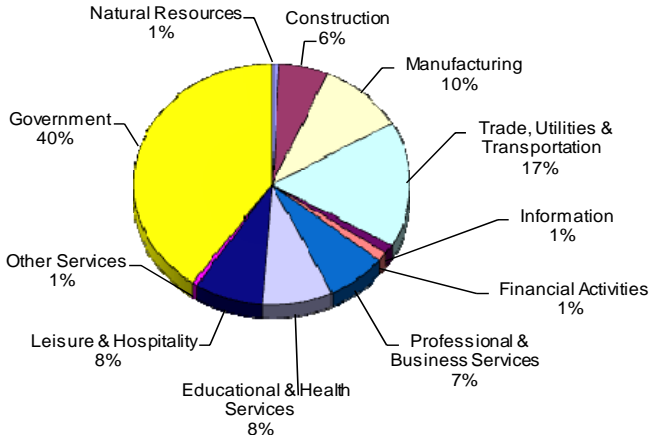


percent, to 1,842 in 2010 with the majority of the losses occurring in government, professional and business services and the education and health care. Manufacturing added 50 jobs, a 36 percent increase.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	4,467	4,610
Total Employment	4,265	4,397
Unemployed	202	213
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.5	4.6
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	4,878	4,740	4,686	4,593	4,664	4,680	4,483	4,389	4,317	4,424	4,506
Unemployment	196	209	127	119	106	84	81	127	168	213	227
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.0	4.4	2.7	2.6	2.3	1.8	1.8	2.9	3.9	4.8	5.0
Employment	4,682	4,531	4,559	4,474	4,558	4,595	4,403	4,262	4,149	4,211	4,279

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Per Capita Income/Covered Employment

Owyhee County maintains the 32nd highest wages among the 44 counties. Over 65 percent of employment is in agriculture or government, which provide stability in terms of employment while doing little to boost wages.

The construction industry saw the largest increase in average wages, gaining over \$11,500 to \$41,829. Manufacturing showed a decline of over \$1,200, bringing the average wage down to \$29,551.

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

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Bookkeeper	\$11.08
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$11.54
Groundskeeping Workers	\$9.08
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$9.96
Fork Lift Driver	\$11.08
School Bus Driver	\$9.64
Administrative Assistants	\$11.17
General Farm Laborer	\$8.05
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$14.55
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$16.01
Waiter/Waitress	\$7.83
Truck Drivers	\$13.09

* Additional occupational 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	2,501	\$20,191	3,159	\$23,438	3,063	\$25,096
Agriculture	967	\$17,728	1,366	\$19,202	1,269	\$21,847
Mining	18	\$41,708	17	\$57,719	15	\$59,937
Construction	136	\$30,515	104	\$30,326	106	\$41,829
Manufacturing	124	\$29,732	136	\$30,763	186	\$29,551
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	258	\$17,450	322	\$28,407	309	\$28,641
Information	18	\$38,977	23	\$33,776	23	\$33,586
Financial Activities	18	\$19,293	22	\$26,120	22	\$28,091
Professional and Business Services	52	\$42,284	143	\$39,262	129	\$38,054
Educational and Health Services	121	\$18,329	132	\$22,714	134	\$22,730
Leisure and Hospitality	137	\$8,188	157	\$8,858	146	\$9,172
Other Services	9	\$14,779	10	\$19,423	11	\$16,710
Government	643	\$21,055	728	\$25,871	715	\$26,114

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Owyhee County	\$19,005	\$20,385	\$20,722	\$20,466	\$23,711	\$24,710	\$26,326	\$29,473	\$29,318	\$27,367
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

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis

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