



# Payette County

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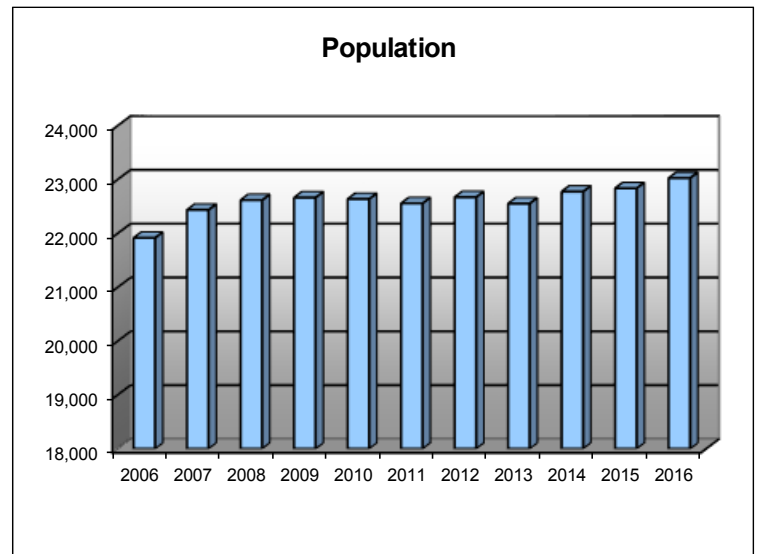
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

Payette County is Idaho's smallest county by area. The county's population rose by over 1,500 during the pre-recession years, peaking in 2009 with 22,665. Rather than decline from this peak, like many counties in southwest Idaho, Payette County has leveled off, gaining or losing only a few residents each year. In 2016, the county had 23,026 residents, up 189 from 2015.

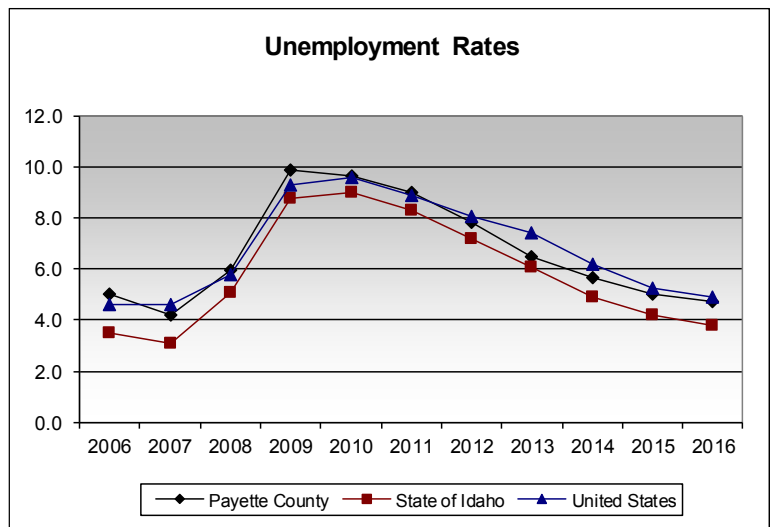
The 2016 population of Payette County's three major cities was: Payette—7,414, Fruitland—5,136 and New Plymouth—1,515.



### Labor Force & Employment

Payette County's labor force has experienced ups and downs over the past decade, but has generally experienced slow growth, adding 848 people over the past ten years. The unemployment rate in the county has dropped 5.2 percentage points, from a high of 9.9 percent in 2009 to 4.7 percent in 2016. The last time the rate was lower was in 2007.

Covered employment increased by only 14 jobs between 2015 and 2016. The big change was in the information sector when Internet Truck Stop's industry coding changed to professional and business services. The only other job loss occurred in agriculture which lost 17 jobs.



Over the decade, the county has lost 137 covered jobs.

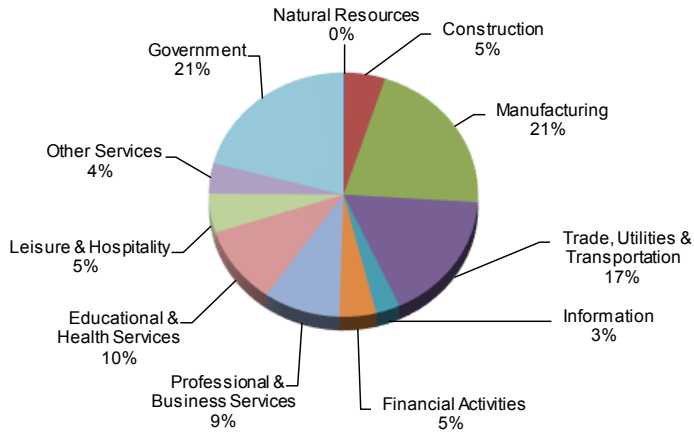
Labor Force	Aug 16	Aug 17
Civilian Labor Force	11,214	11,228
Total Employment	10,704	10,839
Unemployed	510	389
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.5	3.5
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.8	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.9	4.4

Trade, transportation and utilities suffered the largest losses at 199. Manufacturing also experienced a loss of 90 jobs. Education and health services added 226 jobs or a 45 percent increase over the decade.

Manufacturing and government make up the lions share of nonfarm jobs with 21 percent a each. Trade, utilities and transportation follow with 17 percent of the total.

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	10,391	10,520	10,446	11,007	11,143	11,159	10,836	10,823	10,973	11,125	11,239
Unemployment	522	444	624	1,092	1,078	1,003	852	705	620	557	532
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.0	4.2	6.0	9.9	9.7	9.0	7.9	6.5	5.7	5.0	4.7
Employment	9,869	10,076	9,822	9,915	10,066	10,156	9,983	10,118	10,353	10,568	10,707

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



Major Employers
Idaho Power Company
Partners Produce Inc
Dickinson Frozen Foods
Fruitland School District
New Plymouth School District
Payette County
Payette School District
Seneca Foods
American Staffing Inc
Woodgrain Millwork

Southwest Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.37	\$8.50
Bookkeeper	\$12.19	\$16.80
Welder	\$12.29	\$16.26
Registered Nurse	\$24.66	\$30.62
Truck Driver, Heavy	\$12.76	\$17.36
Farm Equipment Operators	\$11.40	\$15.76
General Farm Laborers	\$8.11	\$8.94
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$16.37	\$20.39
Administrative Assistant	\$10.84	\$14.83
Construction Laborer	\$9.87	\$13.91
Electricians	\$14.81	\$22.61

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

## Per Capita Income and Covered Wages

Payette County's per capita income increased by \$590 in 2015 to \$35,045. The county ranks 25th among Idaho's 44 counties.

Covered wages changed slightly between 2015 and 2016 as they dropped \$450. However, wages are \$7,152 above the 2006 level. has been a mixed bag. As with covered employment the drop was Internet Truck Stop's change in industry classification. Information; trade, utilities and transportation, educational service and health care; and other services all experienced wage increases in excess of \$10,000.

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>	6,287	\$26,947	6,136	\$34,549	6,150	\$34,099
<b>Agriculture</b>	386	\$19,583	362	\$27,614	345	\$28,917
<b>Mining</b>	*	*	*	*	18	\$27,771
<b>Construction</b>	322	\$25,337	244	\$32,480	288	\$35,109
<b>Manufacturing</b>	1,384	\$31,925	1,253	\$33,030	1,290	\$34,305
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	1,105	\$28,069	905	\$39,348	906	\$39,341
<b>Information</b>	99	\$36,603	324	\$52,389	39	\$54,534
<b>Financial Activities</b>	249	\$32,355	271	\$51,395	277	\$39,775
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	581	\$30,553	627	\$30,721	702	\$33,423
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	499	\$25,467	674	\$41,690	725	\$41,894
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	340	\$8,132	214	\$10,979	251	\$10,988
<b>Other Services</b>	221	\$16,357	214	\$24,308	242	\$30,695
<b>Government</b>	1,088	\$27,282	1,045	\$29,853	1,068	\$30,047

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Payette County</b>	\$27,970	\$29,268	\$30,187	\$28,323	\$29,960	\$31,414	\$32,934	\$33,649	\$34,456	\$35,045
<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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