



Shoshone County

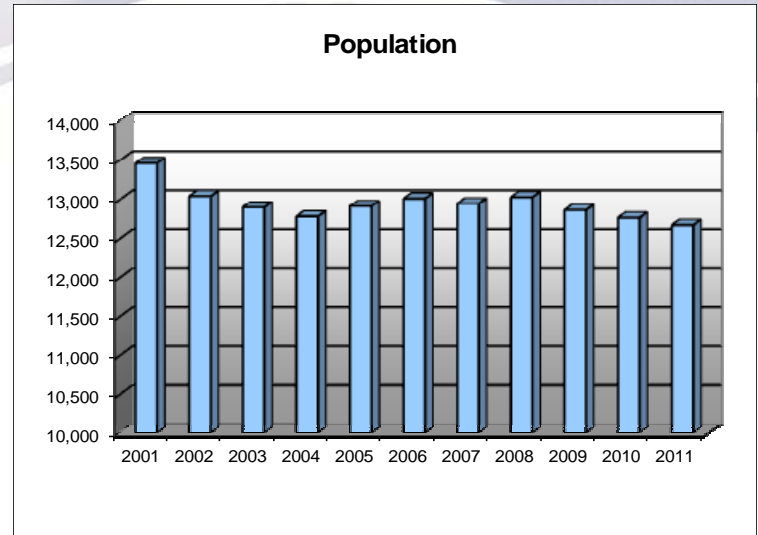
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Work Force Trends

Population

After devastating mine and smelter closures, Shoshone County's population fell 28 percent in the 1980s and continued declining at a lesser rate in the following decades. Increasingly some Silver Valley towns became bedroom communities for the Coeur d'Alene area. From 2000 to 2010, the population fell 7 percent from 13,771 to 12,765 while Idaho's population grew 20 percent and the U.S. population grew 9.5 percent.

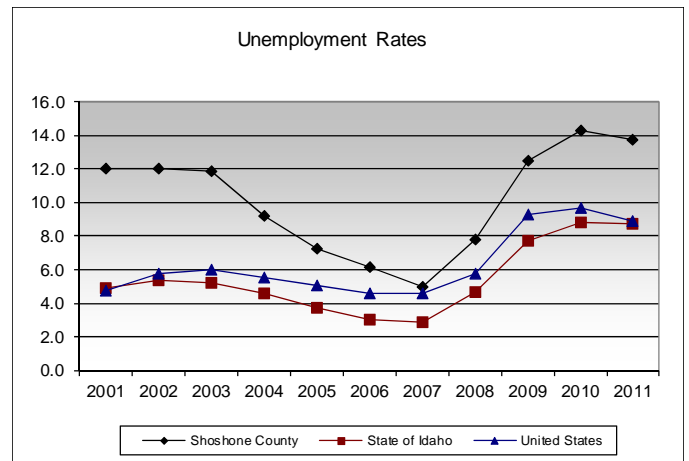
The county seat, Wallace, has a population of 784. The largest cities are Kellogg with a population of 2,120, Pinehurst at 1,619 and Osburn at 1,555.



Labor Force & Employment

High silver prices are breathing some life back into the mining industry, which had declined from a peak of 4,200 jobs in 1981 to just 310 in 2003. The Lucky Friday and Galena mines, which were the only ones left open, employ twice as many people as they did four years ago, and the Sunshine Mine reopened in 2007 after closing in 2001. By mid-2008, mining employed 700. Then the world recession hit, slashing prices for silver, lead and zinc. Sunshine shut down again and the Galena laid off workers in late 2008. In the last half of 2009, higher prices for silver and other minerals raised hopes, and by the end of 2010 exploration efforts increased and the Coeur side of the Galena reopened in early 2011. Mining employment was back to 520. The three richest silver mines in the United States are in Shoshone County.

Shoshone County is developing its tourism sector. In 1990, the world's longest gondola opened, running from

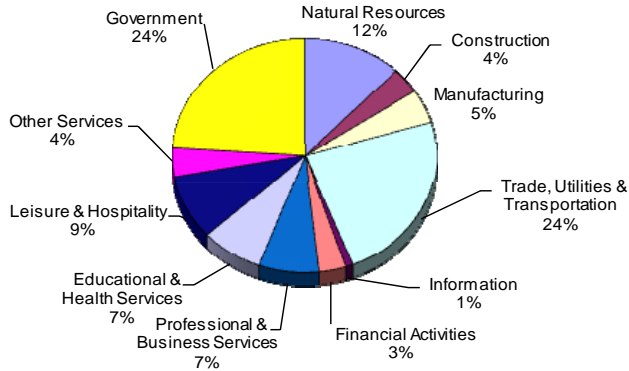


Kellogg to the Silver Mountain ski area. In 2008, Silver Mountain Resort broke ground on an 18-hole golf course and opened an indoor water park. Just two years later Silver Rapids won the distinction as one of the top 10 water parks in the nation. Wallace's charming and historic downtown draws many travelers off Interstate 90. Lookout Pass, a ski area along the interstate near the Montana border, doubled employment in the last few years. Hikers, bicyclists and snowmobilers are increasingly exploring the county's hundreds of miles of trails. The ski areas, tourist facilities, lodging, restaurants and bars employ about 400.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	6,097	6,222
Total Employment	5,344	5,509
Unemployed	754	712
% of Labor Force Unemployed	12.4	11.4
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	5,741	5,441	5,454	5,475	5,604	5,537	5,842	6,205	6,206	6,071	6,139
Unemployment	690	653	646	504	405	342	289	486	774	866	843
% of Labor Force Unemployed	12.0	12.0	11.8	9.2	7.2	6.2	4.9	7.8	12.5	14.3	13.7
Employment	5,052	4,789	4,808	4,971	5,198	5,195	5,553	5,719	5,432	5,204	5,295

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Economic Development

In the early 1980s, Shoshone County was one of Idaho's three most prosperous counties. More than 20 years of high unemployment made it the third poorest by 2003. Fortunately, rising employment and wages over the last few years have helped the county regain some of its former luster. According to U.S. Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, the county's median household income grew 31 percent between 2003 and 2008. However, median household income decreased by nearly 9 percent from 2008 to 2009. The Silver Valley Economic Development Corp. is passionate about expanding and diversifying the economy.

Major Employers

Dave Smith Motors
Galena Mine
Lookout Pass Ski Area
Lucky Friday Mine
Shoshone Medical Center
Silver Mountain Resort
U.S. Forest Service
Wal-Mart

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Assemblers	\$7.25
Bookkeepers	\$8.75
Carpenters, Journey-level	\$16.00
Cashiers	\$6.75
Clerks, General Office	\$7.50
Clerks, Retail	\$7.00
Cooks, Restaurant	\$7.50
Janitors	\$7.75
Laborers, Mine	\$11.80
Miners, Contract	\$16.75
Nurses, Registered	\$18.25
Secretaries, General	\$7.75
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$13.00

* 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	4,647	\$24,370	4,577	\$31,620	4,430	\$34,151
Agriculture	69	\$22,393	68	\$35,706	58	\$43,405
Mining	721	\$39,548	506	\$60,536	539	\$70,919
Construction	250	\$27,865	238	\$39,670	164	\$30,462
Manufacturing	206	\$23,090	214	\$32,694	214	\$32,678
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	924	\$22,600	1,143	\$29,781	1,073	\$30,404
Information	62	\$20,250	41	\$28,944	41	\$30,299
Financial Activities	86	\$21,774	143	\$22,861	146	\$22,216
Professional and Business Services	280	\$27,476	277	\$32,137	334	\$42,147
Educational and Health Services	315	\$18,172	366	\$26,875	343	\$28,207
Leisure and Hospitality	479	\$8,168	449	\$11,523	407	\$12,106
Other Services	108	\$13,714	86	\$21,884	78	\$24,293
Government	1,148	\$24,962	1,045	\$29,588	1,033	\$29,877

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Shoshone County	\$19,612	\$20,667	\$21,972	\$23,724	\$26,198	\$26,569	\$27,283	\$29,621	\$30,710	\$30,811
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



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