



# Valley County

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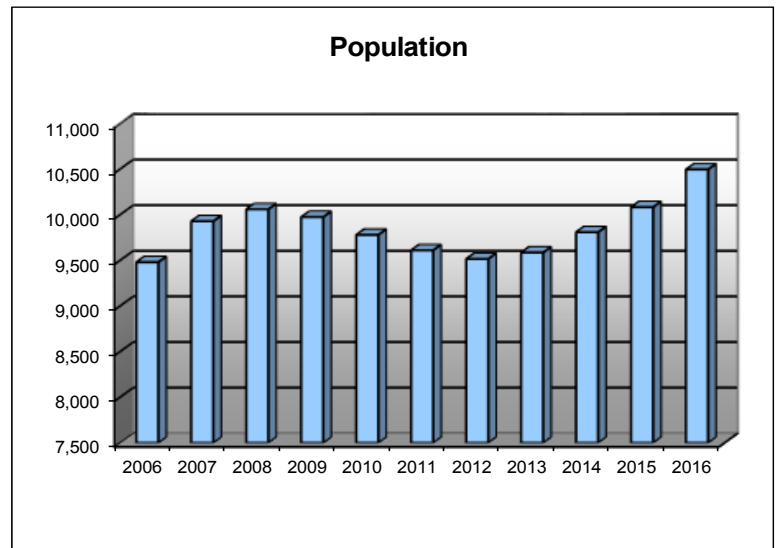
## Workforce Trends

### Population

The county's population grew an astounding 32 percent from 7,651 in 2000 to 10,060 in 2008, as Tamarack Resort—featuring a ski area, a golf course, stores, and large housing developments—was built and the construction sector boomed. Then, Tamarack's financial problems and the national recession led to a collapse of construction. The population fell to 9,515 by 2012. In the last few years, population again is growing and now exceeds the 2008 peak.

Between 2006 and 2016, the county grew 11 percent from 9,480 to 10,496., while Idaho grew 15 percent and the U.S. grew 8 percent.

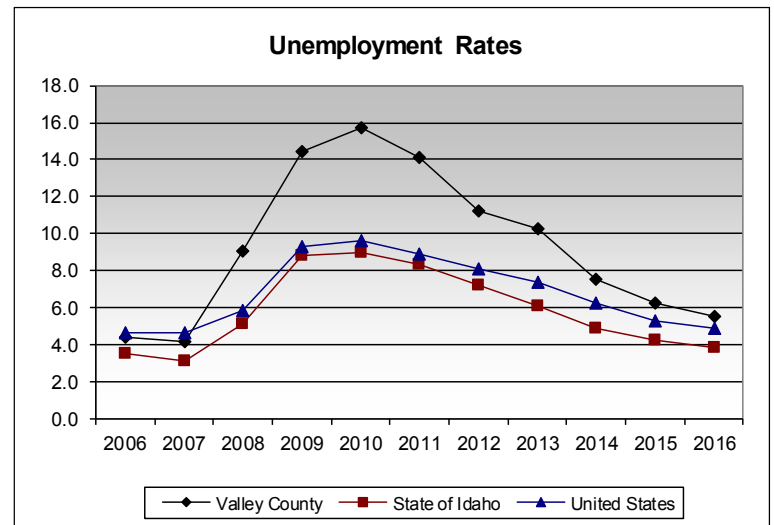
In 2016, McCall had a population of 3,278, while Cascade had 967 and Donnelly had 152.



### Labor Force & Employment

Valley County's economy once revolved around logging and mills, but over time those industries have declined. The county's last mill, the Cascade sawmill, closed in 2002. Today, about 40 work in the logging industry; 25 years ago, about 100 did.

Today, tourism drives the economy. Leisure and hospitably sector, provides 23 percent of total nonfarm employment, behind only government, which includes public schools and the Forest Service, at 31 percent. In addition, tourism amenities—Payette Lake, rivers, Kelly's Whitewater Park, ski areas, and fishing and hunting—attract retirees and other people to move into the area. The leisure and hospitality sector employs about 1,700 people; 25 years ago, it employed 600.

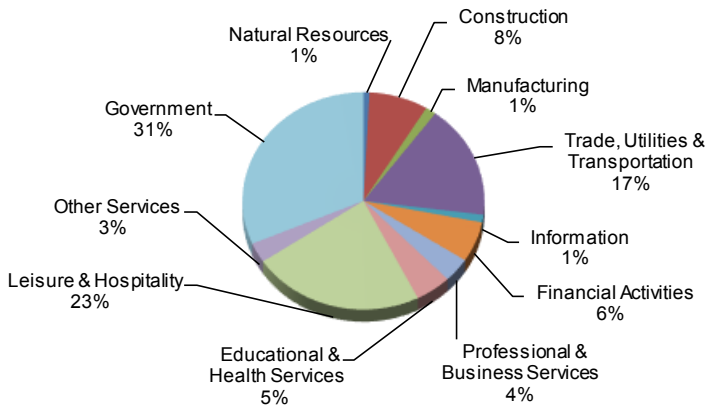


Labor Force	Oct 16	Oct 17
Civilian Labor Force	4,912	5,257
Total Employment	4,652	5,057
Unemployed	260	201
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.3	3.8
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.7	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.8	4.1

Between 2000 and 2008, building at Tamarack Resort and throughout the county caused construction employment to double from 340 to 680. The financial crisis caused construction jobs to fall to 257 by 2013. In the last few years, construction activity has risen to about 370, near its 2000 level.

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	4,978	5,021	4,781	4,710	4,692	4,653	4,670	4,546	4,563	4,804	4,913
Unemployment	217	209	431	679	736	657	524	466	344	298	273
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.4	4.2	9.0	14.4	15.7	14.1	11.2	10.2	7.5	6.2	5.5
Employment	4,761	4,812	4,350	4,031	3,956	3,996	4,146	4,080	4,219	4,506	4,641

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



## Per Capita Income

Valley County's per capita income in 2016 was \$46,130—117 percent of the state's average and 94 percent of the national average. The relatively high number of well-heeled retirees that moved into the county in recent years is one reason for the high income, despite the relatively low wages earned in the tourism sector. Valley County ranked 5th in the state.

Valley County's per capita income grew 25 percent between 2006 and 2016, while the state's per capita income also grew 21 percent and U.S. per capita income grew 23 percent..

With employment on the rise, the county should see continued growth in its per capita income in the next few years.

## Major Employers

Cascade Hospital
Cascade School District
City of McCall
Franklin Building Supply Co
McCall-Donnelly School District
McCall Memorial Hospital
Ridley's Family Market
Tamarack Resort
US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service
Valley County

Southwest Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Cashier	\$8.30	\$9.36
Construction Laborer	\$9.87	\$13.91
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.37	\$10.61
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$16.14	\$20.45
Grounds Maintenance	\$9.79	\$12.97
Maid/Housecleaner	\$8.24	\$10.28
Maintenance Worker	\$16.54	\$22.31
Mechanic, Automotive	\$12.13	\$18.12
Receptionist/Front Desk Attendant	\$9.53	\$12.80
Retail Salesperson	\$8.35	\$10.91
Truck Driver, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$12.76	\$17.36
Waiter/Waitress	\$8.26	\$8.90

\* 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>	4,759	\$29,269	4,113	\$34,113	4,313	\$35,128
<b>Agriculture</b>	116	\$25,877	54	\$35,164	53	\$36,499
<b>Mining</b>	28	\$41,857	*	*	*	*
<b>Construction</b>	698	\$31,974	335	\$34,623	380	\$35,463
<b>Manufacturing</b>	54	\$28,571	36	\$32,030	41	\$36,283
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	735	\$23,634	710	\$29,276	727	\$29,809
<b>Information</b>	60	\$45,638	54	\$71,160	56	\$72,195
<b>Financial Activities</b>	290	\$36,648	205	\$37,317	208	\$41,435
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	228	\$34,421	114	\$37,552	135	\$37,834
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	193	\$26,016	395	\$55,845	415	\$57,680
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	1,197	\$22,466	1,116	\$19,592	1,197	\$20,658
<b>Other Services</b>	87	\$22,189	105	\$19,461	113	\$20,614
<b>Government</b>	1,072	\$36,182	958	\$42,403	961	\$43,363

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Valley County</b>	\$36,924	\$35,566	\$33,955	\$34,903	\$36,166	\$41,822	\$41,085	\$44,012	\$45,807	\$46,130
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,726	\$33,296	\$34,695	\$35,720	\$37,186	\$38,848	\$39,470
<b>United States</b>	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,461	\$44,282	\$44,493	\$46,494	\$48,451	\$49,246

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