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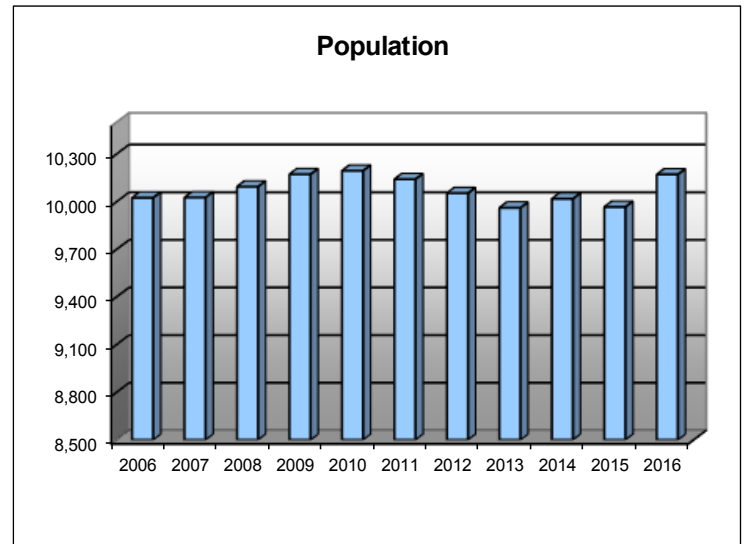
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Workforce Trends

Population

Washington County ranks 29th in area among Idaho's 44 counties. Its population began to decline in 1999 as some residents left to seek jobs in more diversified economies. But after the 2001 recession, the population began growing consistently, albeit slowly, into 2010. Since then the population began to decline again. In 2014, the county saw the first population increase since 2010, gaining 67. In 2016, the county experienced a 1.5 percent growth, adding 147 people resulting in a population of 10,172. The current level is the highest since 2010.

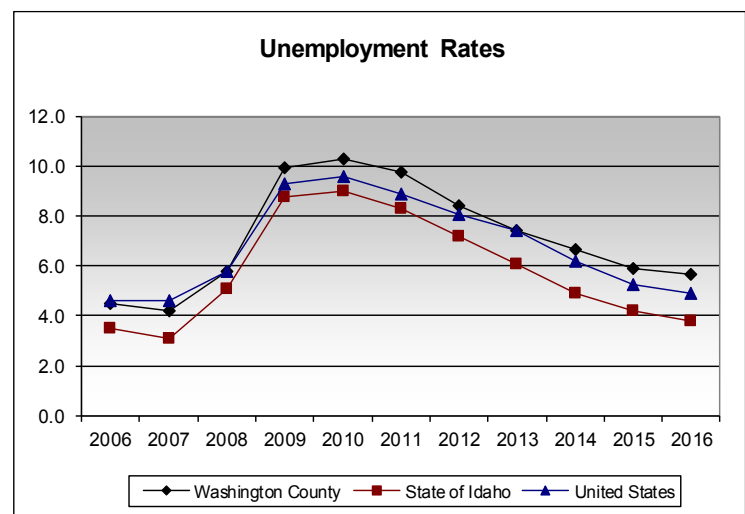
Weiser is the largest city in the county. In 2016 the population increased by 104 to 5,397 people.



Labor Force & Employment

With the exception of 2009, when it gained 276 people, Washington County's labor force has either declined or remained roughly stable over the past decade. Between 2015 and 2016, the labor force declined by 21 people to 4,557. The county's unemployment rate continued to decline from its peak in 2010 to 5.7 percent in 2016.

Over the past year it has been a mixture of jobs growth and job loss as the county only gained an average of 4 covered jobs in 2016. There was growth in manufacturing but it could not offset the losses in health care. The losses were not from just one firm but a decline of a few jobs in most of the businesses. Construction continued to lose jobs in 2016.



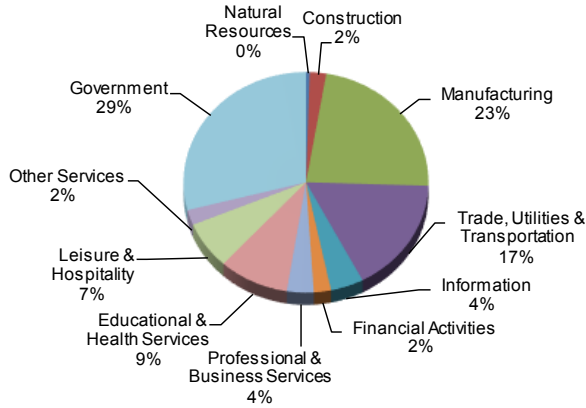
For the decade though, the county is down 229 covered jobs. Construction led the way, losing 86 jobs. Six other sectors lost jobs ranging from 35 in financial activities to 58 in leisure and hospitality.

Over the decade, agriculture added 26 jobs closely followed by government with 24. Educational and health services added 11 jobs and other services jobs are up 19.

Labor Force	July 16	July 17
Civilian Labor Force	4,533	4,496
Total Employment	4,273	4,284
Unemployed	260	212
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.7	4.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.8	3.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.9	4.3

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	4,953	4,687	4,646	4,922	4,725	4,733	4,783	4,767	4,589	4,578	4,557
Unemployment	223	198	269	488	488	462	403	353	305	269	258
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.5	4.2	5.8	9.9	10.3	9.8	8.4	7.4	6.7	5.9	5.7
Employment	4,729	4,489	4,376	4,433	4,238	4,271	4,380	4,414	4,284	4,308	4,299

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



Per Capita Income, Nonfarm Jobs & Wages

Washington County reported an increase of nearly \$300 in its per capita income in 2014, bringing its ranking to 22nd among the 44 counties.

Government, including public education, continued to make up the largest portion of nonfarm employment with 29 percent. Manufacturing was next with 23 percent followed by trade, utilities and transportation at 17 percent.

Covered wages saw a small uptick in covered wages, \$763. However, wages have increased 24 percent over the decade. Information covered wages jumped 86 percent since 2006 to have a dramatic impact on total covered wages.

Major Employers

Appleton Produce
City of Weiser
Champion Home Builders
Hometown Ford
Cambridge School District
Weiser Memorial Hospital
Ridley's
Washington County
Midvale School District
Weiser School District

Southwest Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Bank Teller	\$10.53	\$12.46
Bookkeeper	\$12.19	\$16.80
Retail Salesperson	\$8.35	\$10.91
Nursing Assistants	\$10.38	\$12.19
Truck Driver	\$12.76	\$17.36
Farm Equipment Operators	\$11.40	\$15.76
Agricultural Workers	\$8.11	\$8.94
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$10.01	\$13.22
Construction Laborer	\$9.87	\$13.91
Carpenter	\$12.38	\$15.26

*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 2006, 2015 & 2016	2006		2015		2016	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,991	\$24,181	2,759	\$29,222	2,763	\$29,985
Agriculture	238	\$18,118	277	\$24,951	264	\$27,094
Mining	*	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	140	\$23,287	68	\$30,916	54	\$30,287
Manufacturing	619	\$27,485	527	\$30,778	583	\$30,480
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	468	\$23,812	415	\$31,234	417	\$32,909
Information	109	\$32,528	98	\$59,675	110	\$60,495
Financial Activities	86	\$29,039	56	\$37,889	51	\$31,585
Professional and Business Services	128	\$25,157	90	\$29,304	86	\$30,259
Educational and Health Services	221	\$22,753	265	\$22,225	231	\$23,716
Leisure and Hospitality	232	\$8,565	167	\$10,812	175	\$11,063
Other Services	36	\$28,716	57	\$20,292	55	\$23,423
Government	713	\$27,026	742	\$31,076	737	\$31,187

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Washington County	\$37,505	\$36,924	\$35,566	\$33,955	\$34,896	\$36,181	\$41,840	\$41,123	\$43,924	\$45,902
State of Idaho	\$31,357	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,727	\$33,296	\$34,691	\$35,703	\$37,153	\$38,392
United States	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,267	\$44,462	\$46,414	\$48,112

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