



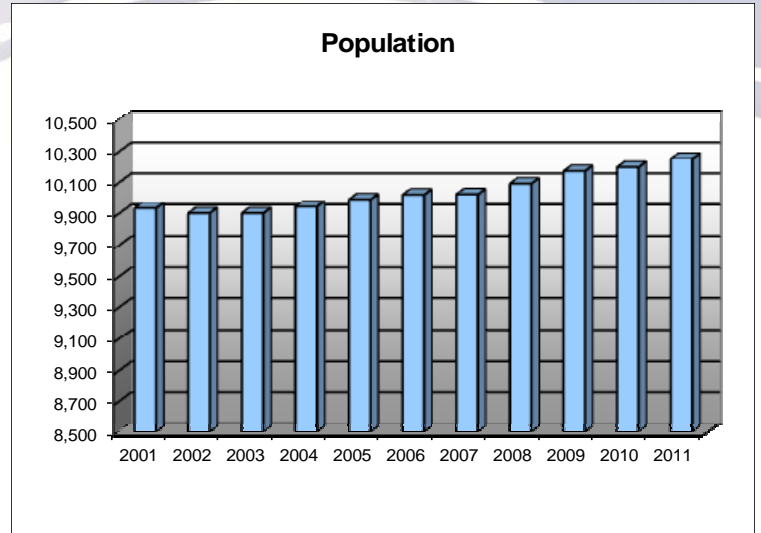
Washington County

April 2012

Work Force Trends

Population

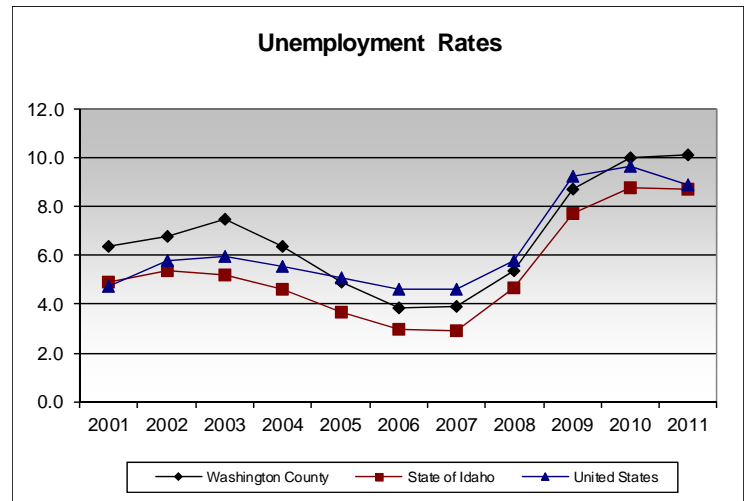
Washington County ranks 27th in population and 20th in area among Idaho's 44 counties. Its population began a slight decline in 1999 as some residents left seeking jobs in more diversified economies. After the 2001 recession, the population began growing consistently, albeit slowly, and land speculators started looking toward Washington County. The population grew by almost 300 from 2001 to 2010 before decreasing 40 in 2011.



Labor Force & Employment

Washington County's civilian labor force fell by 280 since 2001. Often people moving with families from other states to rural areas such as Washington County by leveraging technology and the county's proximity to the Boise Airport to bypass densely populated areas and still make a living while raising a family in a more relaxed location. The unemployment rate has generally been higher than the statewide rate. The county reached a low of 3.9 percent in 2006 and 2007 before hitting 10.7 percent in 2010. 2011 recorded a decrease of one-tenth in the rate due to an unchanged unemployment number and increasing employment.

Washington County saw nonfarm jobs declined by 6 percent in 2010 from 2009. Financial activities saw the



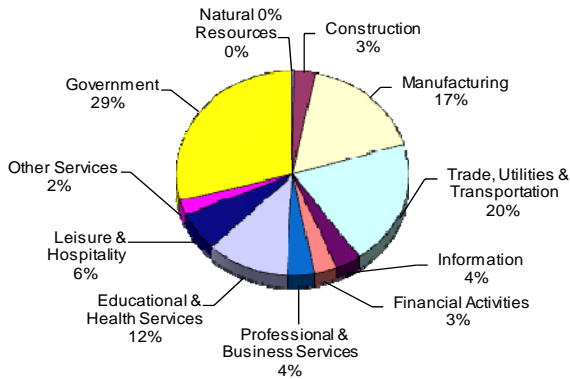
greatest relative decline — 25 percent, or 28 jobs. Educational and health care saw one of the greatest increases at 10 percent. These sectors have performed well during the recession and are likely to continue to do so.

Over 25 percent of the county's employment is in government with the vast majority at the school district and general hospital.

Labor Force	Mar 11	Mar 12
Civilian Labor Force	4,914	4,853
Total Employment	4,471	4,429
Unemployed	443	424
% of Labor Force Unemployed	9.0	8.7
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	5,076	5,105	4,717	4,975	5,008	4,892	4,674	4,664	4,872	4,791	4,831
Unemployment	324	347	353	316	246	189	184	251	423	481	490
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.4	6.8	7.5	6.3	4.9	3.9	3.9	5.4	8.7	10.0	10.1
Employment	4,753	4,758	4,363	4,659	4,762	4,703	4,490	4,413	4,448	4,310	4,341

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2010



Per Capita Income & Employment

After falling to 40th among the 44 counties in per capita income in 2000, Washington County has maintained a ranking between 33rd and 35th since 2003. Per capita income at \$27,208 in 2009 was \$4,600 less than the state and \$12,400 less than the nation, underscoring the difficult economic circumstances rural areas face in comparison to urban areas, where jobs are typically higher-paying.

Information was the wage leader at more than \$38,000 a year, followed by construction and financial activities. Leisure and hospitality maintained below-average wages at just over \$10,000.

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

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Bank Teller	\$9.63
Bookkeeper	\$11.08
Retail Salesperson	\$8.14
Nursing Aides	\$8.56
Truck Driver	\$13.09
Farm Equipment Operators	\$11.54
Agricultural Workers	\$8.05
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$9.68
Construction Laborer	\$10.46
Carpenter	\$11.85

*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	2,946	\$18,299	2,826	\$25,534	2,756	\$25,939
Agriculture	410	\$12,153	265	\$19,377	258	\$20,127
Mining	0	\$0	*	*	0	\$0
Construction	147	\$21,187	86	\$27,191	74	\$30,848
Manufacturing	554	\$18,870	468	\$25,331	445	\$26,115
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	435	\$18,580	512	\$26,005	497	\$27,163
Information	89	\$26,428	102	\$35,380	91	\$38,727
Financial Activities	67	\$18,023	77	\$34,532	66	\$29,884
Professional and Business Services	90	\$18,930	105	\$27,507	100	\$26,559
Educational and Health Services	185	\$19,382	269	\$23,349	295	\$22,954
Leisure and Hospitality	207	\$8,221	186	\$10,077	164	\$10,557
Other Services	52	\$16,742	37	\$28,269	42	\$23,972
Government	710	\$22,320	717	\$29,455	724	\$29,337

Per Capita Income	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Washington County	\$18,321	\$19,539	\$20,175	\$20,844	\$22,184	\$23,496	\$24,883	\$26,789	\$27,843	\$27,208
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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