



# Adams County

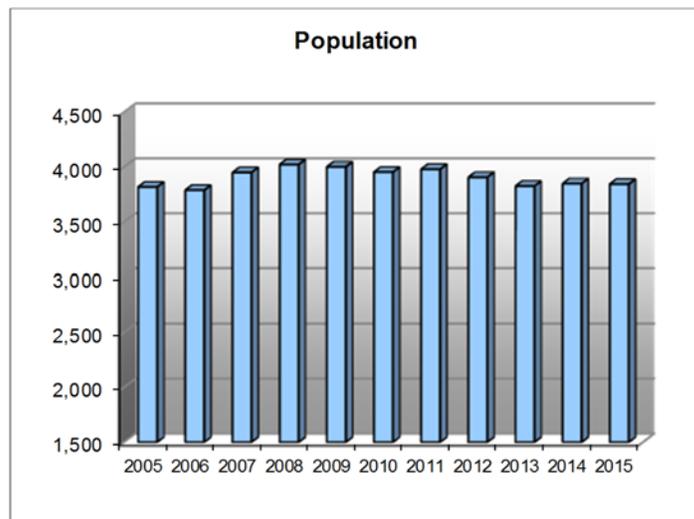
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

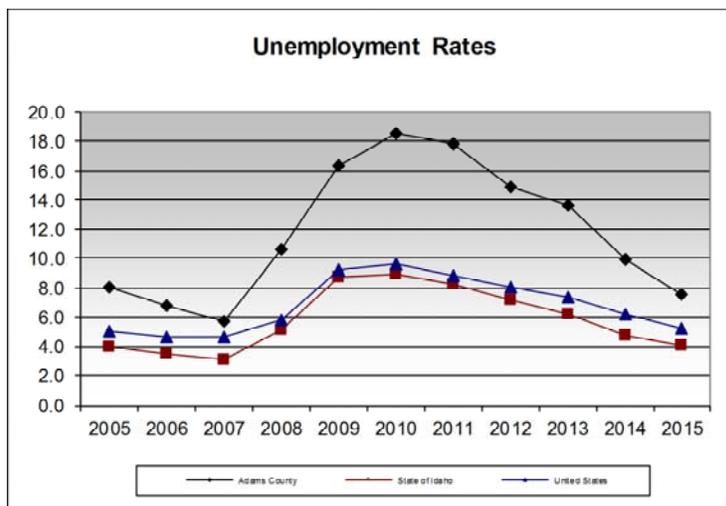
Adams County's population has begun to stabilize after its slow decline from 2008. The county lost 5 people since 2014, leaving 3,843 people in 2015. However, there are still 26 more people living in the county than a decade ago. Adams County has a core group of residents to keep it stable. Fluctuations result from the comings and goings of people looking for a rural life and lower living costs. But many have trouble finding work in an economy hit hard by the decline in natural resource industries. Adams County also loses many of its younger residents to more populous areas with better employment or educational attainment prospects.



### Labor Force & Employment

Adams County's labor force has fluctuated between 1,700 and 2,100 for the past 10 years. The largest spike was caused by the influx of people to work on the Tamarack Resort and the surrounding developments in 2006. When the resort shut down in 2009, nothing came in to take its place and the labor force has steadily declined until Tamarack's reopening in winter 2014, which led to an increase of 51 people into the labor force in 2015.

The unemployment rate reached 5.8 percent, a 10-year low, in 2007, and then began ballooning – from 10.6 percent in 2008 to 18.5 percent in 2011 before starting to come back down. Since 2011, the unemployment rate has fallen over 10 percentage points to 7.6 percent in



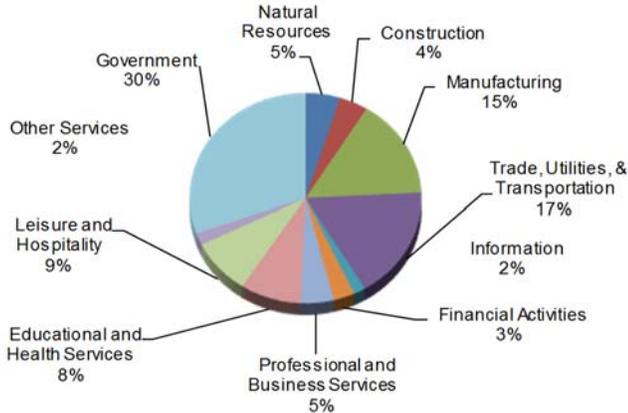
Labor Force	Oct 15	Oct 16
Civilian Labor Force	1,723	1,688
Total Employment	1,592	1,580
Unemployed	131	107
% of Labor Force Unemployed	7.6	6.4
State of Idaho % Unemployed	4.0	3.8
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.9

2015.

Employment in Adams County has recovered modestly from the doldrums in 2011. Now, nearly 1,600 county residents are employed.

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	1,907	2,159	2,000	1,913	2,123	1,860	1,744	1,743	1,711	1,680	1,731
Unemployment	153	146	115	203	347	345	312	261	234	167	132
% of Labor Force Unemployed	8.0	6.8	5.8	10.6	16.3	18.5	17.9	15.0	13.7	10.0	7.6
Employment	1,754	2,013	1,884	1,710	1,776	1,516	1,432	1,482	1,477	1,513	1,599

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



## Per Capita Income & Employment

Adams County's per capita income increased \$1,212 from 2013 to \$33,999 in 2014. The change was larger than average for Idaho, causing the county to climb up in the rankings to 20th of the 44 Idaho counties.

Government is the dominant employer in Adams County, representing almost a third of the total covered employment. This employment stems primarily from the public school systems in the area and the presence of federal land management agencies in the county. Trade, Utilities, and Transportation is the next largest group, with 17 percent of total covered employment.

## Major Employers

Adams County
Council Community Hospital
Council School District
Meadows Valley Market
JJ Morgan Inc
Tom Mahon Logging Inc
Meadows Valley School District
Idaho Transportation Department
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

## Occupational Wages\*

## Starting Wage

Logging Equipment Operator	\$14.29
Cashier	\$8.14
Recreation Workers	\$8.14
Hotel, Motel and Resort Desk Clerks	\$8.18
Construction Worker/Laborer	\$10.46
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	\$16.22
Truck Drivers	\$13.09
Registered Nurses	\$23.23
Cooks, Restaurant	\$8.27
Accountants and Auditors	\$18.96
General and Operations Managers	\$19.88
Waiters/Waitresses	\$7.83

\*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 2005, 2014 & 2015	2005		2014		2015	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	971	\$24,041	984	\$33,017	1,042	\$34,238
Agriculture	79	\$34,378	59	\$40,760	54	\$41,553
Mining	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	100	\$24,601	32	\$24,791	39	\$27,694
Manufacturing	14	\$21,827	150	\$40,960	163	\$39,020
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	193	\$17,869	160	\$27,431	177	\$29,521
Information	7	\$25,838	13	\$56,272	16	\$58,527
Financial Activities	33	\$20,959	32	\$41,790	31	\$40,887
Professional and Business Services	54	\$24,805	31	\$43,739	49	\$40,046
Educational and Health Services	34	\$18,186	89	\$29,768	88	\$35,264
Leisure and Hospitality	138	\$9,829	89	\$13,346	90	\$12,160
Other Services	6	\$22,672	17	\$26,674	20	\$22,099
Government	312	\$32,289	313	\$35,322	317	\$37,951

Per Capita Income	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Adams County	\$26,283	\$28,587	\$28,057	\$28,513	\$27,494	\$27,941	\$29,468	\$31,326	\$32,787	\$33,999
State of Idaho	\$29,815	\$31,945	\$32,952	\$32,854	\$31,392	\$32,050	\$33,544	\$34,846	\$35,641	\$36,734
United States	\$35,904	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,266	\$44,438	\$46,049