Bonneville County

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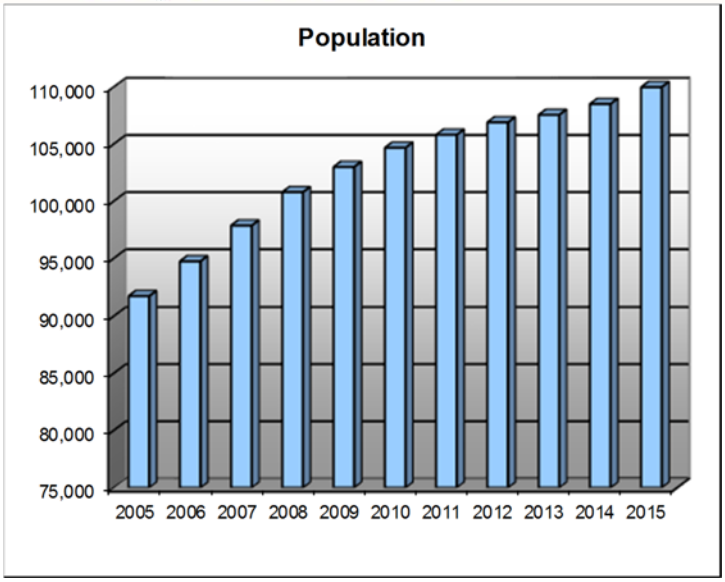
Workforce Trends

Population

By population, Bonneville is the fourth largest county in the state. It grew 20 percent from 91,709 in 2005 to 110,089 in 2015. The county has experienced steady growth in the last decade with an average population increase of 1,838 a year for the past ten years. The largest increase was 3.3 percent between 2005 to 2006 and 2006 to 2007.

Besides being a medical and retail hub for a large geographic area, diversity and an emphasis on economic development help the area grow. The Idaho Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Bonneville, Butte, and Jefferson counties. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the fourth largest city in the state with a 2015 population of 59,184. The next largest city in the county, Ammon, more than doubled its population, growing from 6,529 in 2000 to 14,960 to be one of the state's fastest growing cities.

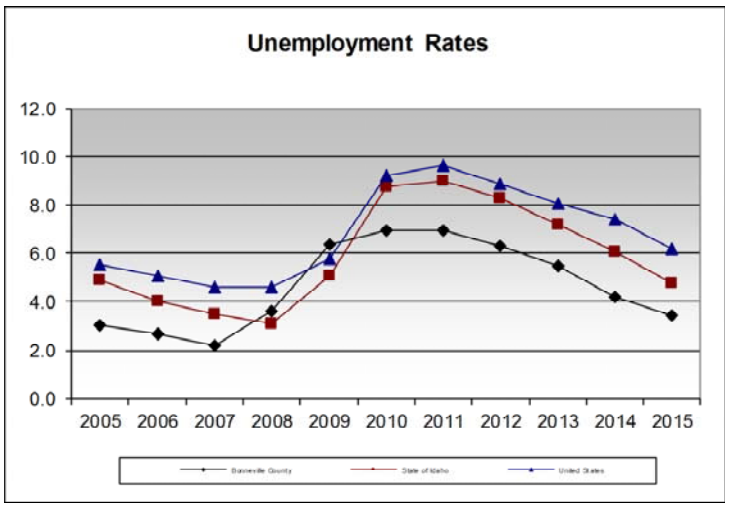


Labor Force & Employment

Bonneville County unemployment remained below the national and state rates for the last decade. The annual unemployment rate for 2015 was 3.4 percent, the lowest rate since 2008. The county is economically stable and cooperates with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority and has contributed to low unemployment rates.

The civilian labor force increased 4.5 percent during the decade. Unemployment rates began to climb as the national recession took hold. Due to many insulating factors, rates have remained well below the national and state averages.

As a regional health care and retail hub, the county's consumer and client bases extend beyond surrounding counties to Wyoming and Montana. A skilled and dedicated workforce is credited with attracting new businesses and helping others expand.



Labor Force	Dec 15	Dec 16
Civilian Labor Force	52,611	51,809
Total Employment	50,984	50,293
Unemployed	1,627	1,515
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.1	2.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.7
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.7

Professional developments like Taylor Crossing on the River and Snake River Landing continue to emerge in the metropolitan area, complementing revitalization efforts for Idaho Falls' historic downtown. New, larger restaurants, more medical facilities and specialists and new technology from the national laboratory further economic growth.

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	49,007	49,797	50,283	50,146	50,059	49,092	49,315	49,114	49,021	49,701	51,227
Unemployment	1,473	1,331	1,117	1,800	3,187	3,416	3,419	3,111	2,687	2,077	1,765
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.0	2.7	2.2	3.6	6.4	7.0	6.9	6.3	5.5	4.2	3.4
Employment	47,534	48,466	49,166	48,346	46,872	45,677	45,896	46,003	46,334	47,624	49,462

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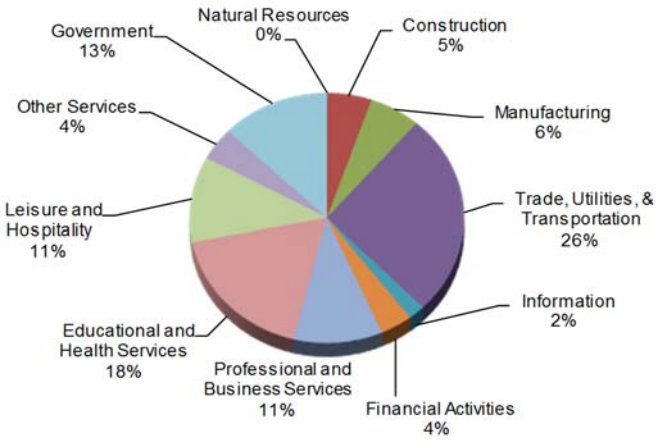
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2014



Major Employers (Private)
Battelle Energy Alliance
Bechtel BWXT
CenturyLink
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
Melaleuca, Inc.
Mountain View Hospital
Wal-Mart
Idaho Steel

Covered Employers

Trade, utilities and transportation account for more than a quarter of Bonneville County's jobs with trade by far the largest. Education and health care are next followed by government. The national laboratory makes professional and business service jobs a major economic component. Leisure and hospitality is growing as the county becomes better known for its recreational areas.

Average covered employment increased by nearly 1,500 between 2005 and 2015 while average covered wages increased by $3,400, growing 11 percent over the decade.

Occupational Wages*	Median Wage
Accountants and Auditors	$24.63
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk	$12.76
Cashiers	$8.54
Computer Support Specialists	$17.60
Construction Laborers	$12.60
Customer Service Reps	$11.39
Engineers	$48.51
Food Preparation Workers	$8.46
Food Service Managers	$16.24
Information & Record Clerks	$13.45
Laborers & Material Movers, hand	$10.70
Registered Nurses	$26.53
Retail Salespersons	$10.24
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	$13.03
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	$16.35

* Wage data represents the Idaho Falls metropolitan area. This includes Bonneville and Jefferson counties. 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 2005, 2014 & 2015	2005		2014		2015	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	46,121	$30,869	45,637	$33,424	47,611	$34,285
Agriculture	598	$22,601	568	$34,180	732	$32,096
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	3,148	$30,425	2,355	$40,309	2,584	$40,009
Manufacturing	2,358	$29,680	2,773	$39,478	3,094	$40,328
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	11,933	$26,157	12,110	$33,618	12,761	$34,419
Information	1,100	$35,661	905	$37,821	856	$36,419
Financial Activities	1,836	$32,172	1,680	$45,588	1,746	$47,551
Professional and Business Services	8,108	$46,958	4,836	$38,278	4,725	$39,639
Educational and Health Services	6,352	$31,568	8,265	$34,151	8,339	$36,076
Leisure and Hospitality	4,017	$10,602	5,098	$13,425	5,341	$13,860
Other Services	1,356	$21,635	1,187	$26,223	1,247	$26,993
Government	5,304	$34,050	5,857	$36,998	6,183	$37,426

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Bonneville County	$35,122	$36,459	$36,535	$34,440	$34,513	$35,446	$37,113	$37,218	$38,331	$39,814
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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