



# Southeastern Idaho

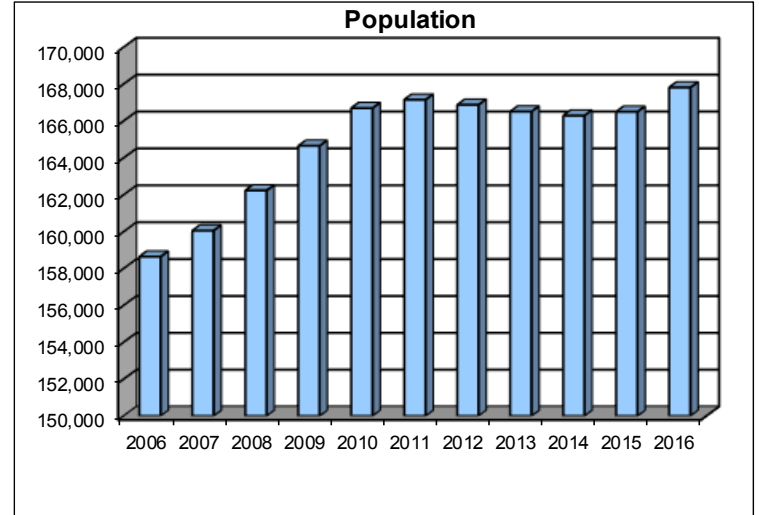
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

Southeast Idaho has experienced dynamic change over the past decade. The seven-county southeastern region of Idaho posted 5.8 percent population growth from 2006 to 2016 to 167,813. Between the 2006 and 2016, the region's largest county, Bannock, grew 7.5 percent to 84,377. The second largest county, Bingham, was up 4.2 percent to 45,201. Franklin County saw the largest growth over the decade—up 10.9 percent to 13,406. Only one county in the region had declining populations. Bear Lake fell 2.1 percent to 5,945.

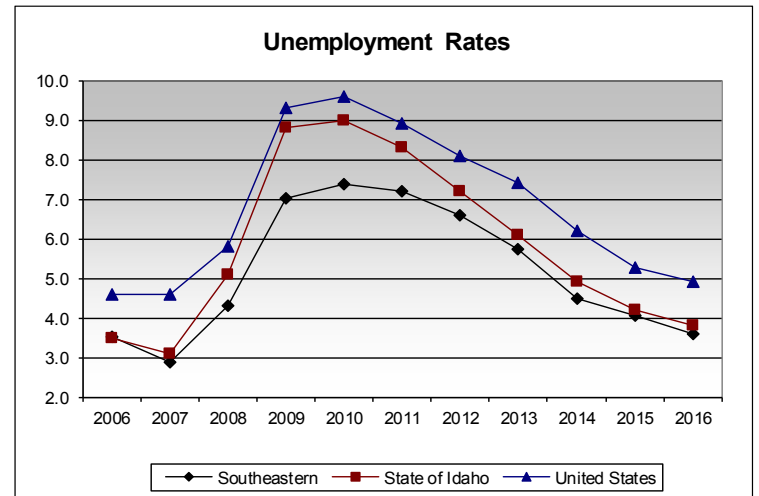


### Labor Force & Employment

Overall, annual unemployment rates have steadily declined since the 2010 peak of 7.4 percent. The annual average unemployment rate for 2016 was 3.6 percent which is a 0.5 percentage point drop from the previous year but still not quite as low as the 2007 pre-recession rate of 2.9 percent.

The region continued to have unemployment rates lower than both the state and the nation. Lower than average unemployment rates result from an increasingly stable and diverse economy.

Franklin County, which is part of the interstate Logan Metropolitan Statistical Area, consistently has one of the lowest jobless rates in the region because of commuters to Utah.



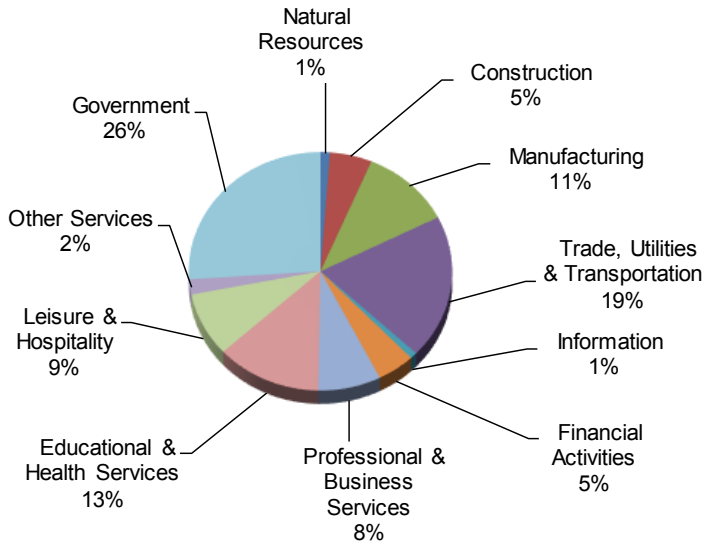
Labor Force	July 16	July 17
Civilian Labor Force	84,127	82,620
Total Employment	81,137	80,348
Unemployed	2,991	2,272
Southeastern Idaho % Unemployed	3.6	2.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.8	3.0
U.S. % Unemployed	4.9	4.3

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	80,293	82,335	80,462	79,274	83,149	83,315	83,268	82,913	82,930	83,232	84,271
Unemployment	2,841	2,371	3,473	5,567	6,142	6,005	5,477	4,743	3,708	3,373	3,016
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.5	2.9	4.3	7.0	7.4	7.2	6.6	5.7	4.5	4.1	3.6
Employment	77,453	79,964	76,989	73,707	77,007	77,310	77,791	78,170	79,222	79,859	81,255

Southeastern Idaho has experienced changes over time with the closures of FMC elemental phosphorus plant, Heinz Frozen Foods, Ballard/Kimberly Clark medical supplies plant, and the merger of AMI and On Semiconductor with subsequent layoffs.

The region is slowly recovering with firms like Amy's Kitchen, Allstate Insurance, Golden Valley Natural and the expanding FBI data center providing many new employment opportunities.

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



## Major Employers

Basic American Foods Inc
Conagra Foods Packaged Food Co
Convergys Customer Management
Amy's Kitchen Inc
Idaho State University
J R Simplot Co
ON Semiconductor, Inc.
Portneuf Medical Center
Shoshone Bannock Tribes
Union Pacific Railroad
Varsity Contractors

## Industry Employment & Wages

The average wage grew 24 percent from \$28,094 in 2006 to \$34,958 in 2016. Wages in southeastern Idaho are among the lowest in the state and have factored into the region's low operating expenses that attract new employers. Manufacturing, financial services and mining jobs are among the highest paying. Leisure, hospitality and retail jobs are among the lowest paying. The large university student population in Pocatello also contributes to lower average wages because students are more likely to work part time. As more medical and research workers move to the area, it is likely wages will rise at a faster rate.

Southeast Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Assemblers/Production Workers	\$9.48	\$12.41
Cashiers	\$8.32	\$9.34
Retail Sales Workers	\$8.39	\$10.31
Clerks, General Office	\$9.50	\$13.13
Corrections Officers	\$15.31	\$19.98
Customer Service Reps.	\$10.59	\$13.55
Home Health & Nurses Aides	\$8.33	\$11.01
Janitors & Cleaners	\$8.29	\$9.50
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$10.36	\$15.92
Nurses, Registered	\$22.26	\$28.47
Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$10.82	\$14.33
Teachers, Elementary	\$29,091	\$41,298
Teachers, Secondary	\$27,556	\$40,945

\* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the 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>	60,674	\$28,094	59,289	\$34,204	60,911	\$34,958
<b>Agriculture</b>	2,134	\$22,771	2,620	\$32,445	2,663	\$32,715
<b>Mining</b>	576	\$44,115	510	\$54,448	695	\$59,124
<b>Construction</b>	3,793	\$28,121	2,790	\$36,498	3,009	\$39,613
<b>Manufacturing</b>	6,703	\$24,462	5,912	\$54,863	6,803	\$51,579
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	11,475	\$28,604	11,150	\$30,976	11,166	\$32,223
<b>Information</b>	911	\$31,577	553	\$32,821	528	\$33,876
<b>Financial Activities</b>	2,527	\$34,592	2,853	\$40,840	2,648	\$41,146
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	6,270	\$23,081	4,635	\$32,551	4,626	\$32,667
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	4,340	\$26,061	7,697	\$33,181	7,802	\$34,690
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	4,936	\$9,511	4,989	\$12,413	5,220	\$12,749
<b>Other Services</b>	1,248	\$22,010	1,189	\$27,147	1,187	\$27,738
<b>Government</b>	15,761	\$31,577	14,392	\$35,332	14,564	\$35,918

Per Capita Income	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Southeast Idaho</b>	\$27,141	\$28,572	\$29,419	\$28,624	\$28,832	\$30,444	\$31,057	\$31,732	\$32,321	\$33,665
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$31,357	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,727	\$33,296	\$34,691	\$35,703	\$37,153	\$38,392
<b>United States</b>	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,267	\$44,462	\$46,414	\$48,112

Information provided by Bureau of Economic Analysis