Washington County

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Workforce Trends

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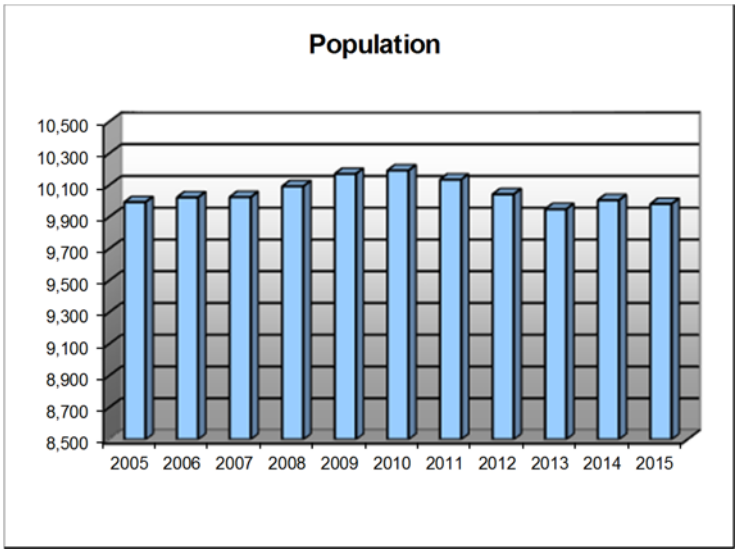
Population

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. This year, the county continues to lose population again, losing 24 people over 2015.

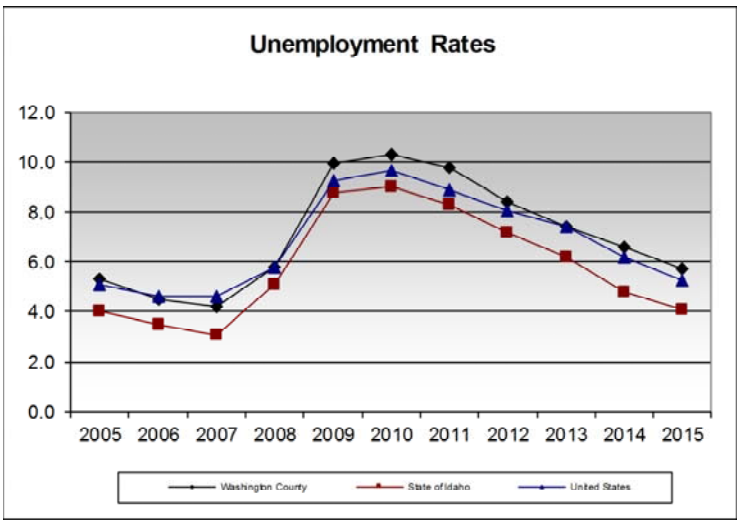


Labor Force & Employment

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 2014 and 2015, the labor force declined by 30 people to 4,562. The county's unemployment rate continued to decline from its peak in 2010 to 5.8 percent in 2014.

Washington County gained 17 covered jobs in 2015, driven by the private education and health services and information sectors. Almost all sectors gained at least a few jobs over the year. The only losing sectors were Agriculture, Trade, Transportation and Utilities, and Other Services.

For the decade though, the county is down 115 covered jobs. Manufacturing led the way, losing 88 jobs. Construction and Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 46 jobs each. Over the decade, Agriculture and private education and health services were the top job gainers.



Labor Force	Dec 15	Dec 16
Civilian Labor Force	4,532	4,504
Total Employment	4,274	4,263
Unemployed	258	240
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.7	5.3
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.7
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.7

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	5,078	4,953	4,687	4,646	4,922	4,725	4,733	4,785	4,770	4,592	4,562
Unemployment	270	223	198	269	488	488	462	404	353	305	262
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.3	4.5	4.2	5.8	9.9	10.3	9.8	8.4	7.4	6.6	5.8
Employment	4,809	4,729	4,489	4,376	4,433	4,238	4,271	4,381	4,417	4,287	4,300

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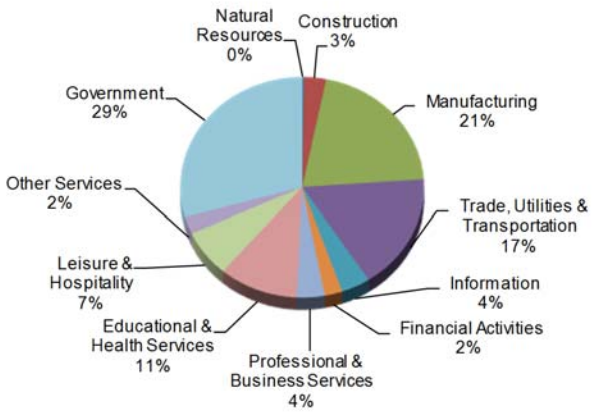
Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



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

Per Capita Income & Employment

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 21 percent followed by trade, utilities and transportation at 17 percent.

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
Agicultural 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 2005, 2014 & 2015	2005		2014		2015	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,884	$23,541	2,752	$28,453	2,769	$29,206
Agriculture	234	$18,252	294	$23,321	283	$25,504
Mining	*	$0	0	$0	0	$0
Construction	115	$22,211	67	$30,764	68	$31,189
Manufacturing	614	$25,946	521	$30,211	527	$30,775
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	461	$24,297	436	$30,017	415	$31,268
Information	109	$30,590	87	$55,777	98	$59,675
Financial Activities	76	$25,931	55	$45,244	56	$38,123
Professional and Business Services	94	$20,573	81	$29,110	89	$29,591
Educational and Health Services	205	$23,734	247	$23,138	265	$22,224
Leisure and Hospitality	204	$8,812	165	$10,746	168	$10,877
Other Services	42	$26,261	60	$18,737	59	$20,432
Government	729	$25,955	740	$30,117	742	$30,794

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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