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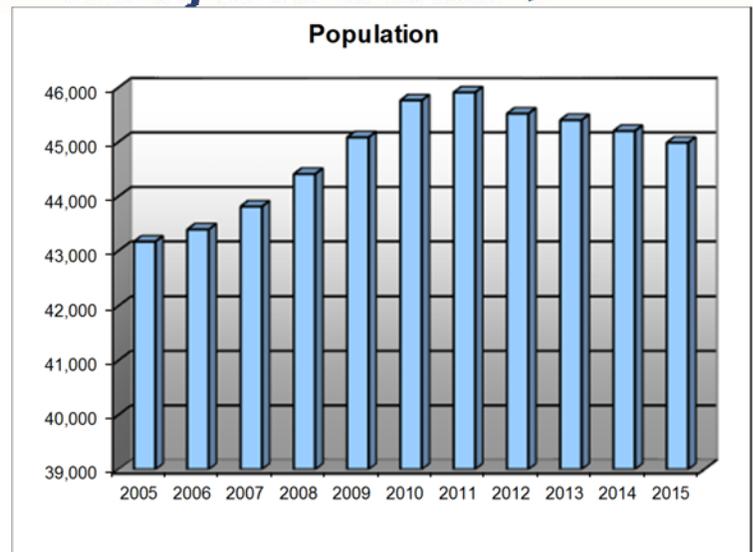
Workforce Trends

Population

Bingham County's population has steadily decreased since the 2011 peak of 45,912. In 2015, the population was 44,990, a 2 percent drop from 2011.

Blackfoot is the county seat and largest city with a population of 11,740 residents. The city's population has shown the same downward trend as the county. Shelley with a population of 4,339 and Aberdeen with a population for 1,929, are the other two major cities in the county.

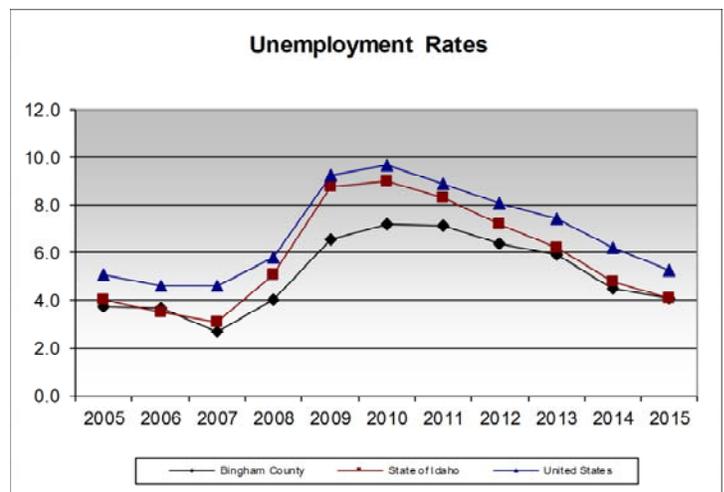
Flat and fertile farmland surrounded by mountains and crossed by the Snake River that provides water for fishing, boating and irrigation offer a picturesque setting and a lifestyle few people want to leave.



Labor Force & Employment

Bingham County's civilian labor force grew steadily through the decade while its unemployment rate gradually declined until the recession. In 2015 the number unemployed was at the same level as in 2008 but the employment remained slightly below that level. Employment has increased slowly the last three years resulting in a decline in the annual average unemployment rate. The 4.1 percent recorded in 2015 was the lowest since 2009.

Bingham County's economy depends heavily on agriculture but has a diverse employer base that demands a diverse workforce. High technology metal fabricator Premier Technology and First American Title both have their headquarters in Bingham County. Idaho State Hospital South and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' gambling oper-



| Labor Force | Dec 15 | Dec 16 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 22,233 | 22,594 |
| Total Employment | 21,362 | 21,805 |
| Unemployed | 871 | 790 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 3.9 | 3.5 |
| State of Idaho % Unemployed | 3.9 | 3.7 |
| U.S. % Unemployed | 5.0 | 4.7 |

ation are other large nonfarm employers. The county's location between two major trade centers — Pocatello to the south and Idaho Falls to the north — provides additional workforce and employment opportunities.

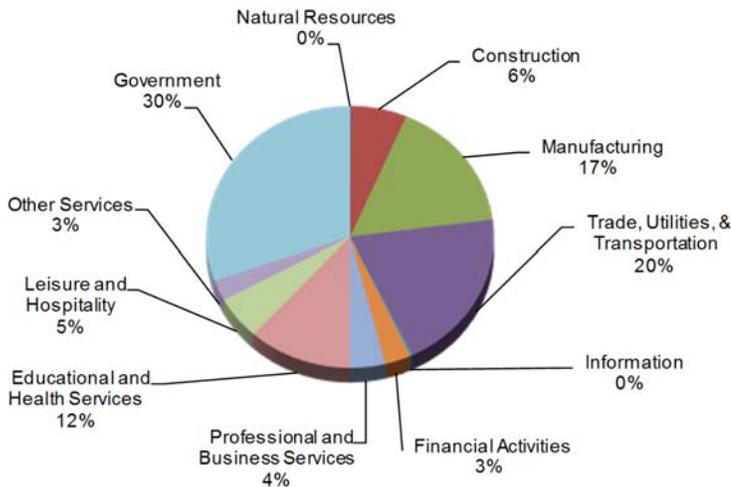
Efforts to attract new business to the county by Bingham Economic Development Corp. hold promise for the county's economic future.

| Labor Force | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 21,049 | 21,109 | 22,242 | 22,383 | 21,828 | 22,845 | 22,836 | 22,788 | 22,330 | 22,108 | 22,160 |
| Unemployment | 783 | 781 | 590 | 901 | 1,435 | 1,647 | 1,629 | 1,457 | 1,317 | 997 | 907 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 3.7 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| Employment | 20,266 | 20,328 | 21,652 | 21,482 | 20,393 | 21,198 | 21,207 | 21,310 | 21,013 | 21,111 | 21,252 |

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Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



| Major Employers (Private) |
|---------------------------|
| Basic American Foods |
| Bingham Memorial Hospital |
| Idaho Supreme Potatoes |
| J.R. Simplot Co. |
| Nonpareil, Corp. |
| Premier Technology |
| Spudnik Equipment Co. |
| Sho-Ban Gaming |
| Wada Farms |
| Wal-Mart |

| Occupational Wages* | Starting Wages |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Agricultural Worker | \$7.36 |
| Auto Mechanic/Service Technician | \$9.58 |
| Cashier | \$7.25 |
| Cook | \$7.25 |
| Fast Food Worker | \$7.50 |
| Food Processing Worker | \$9.76 |
| Grader and Sorter, Agriculture | \$7.35 |
| Construction Laborer | \$9.29 |
| Mental Health/Substance Abuse Wkr | \$15.59 |
| Nurse, Licensed Practical | \$12.78 |
| Nurse, Registered | \$22.23 |
| Office Clerk, Information & Record | \$8.29 |
| Retail Sales Clerk | \$7.25 |
| Waiter/Waitress | \$7.25 |

* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at lmi.idaho.gov.

Covered Employment & Wages

Bingham County's large agricultural base goes hand in hand with trade and manufacturing to provide nearly half of all jobs in the county.

Government accounts for another 27 percent because of Idaho's State Hospital South, the University of Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station and several local school districts.

Wages in the county are lower than in most of the United States and fall in about the middle of all Idaho counties.

| 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 | 13,936 | \$25,933 | 14,495 | \$33,536 | 14,407 | \$33,180 |
| Agriculture | 1,331 | \$21,934 | 1,501 | \$33,951 | 1,390 | \$33,258 |
| Mining | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Construction | 984 | \$26,746 | 757 | \$32,910 | 790 | \$33,015 |
| Manufacturing | 2,000 | \$33,012 | 2,203 | \$42,073 | 2,183 | \$43,365 |
| Trade, Utilities, & Transportation | 2,828 | \$21,903 | 2,618 | \$31,295 | 2,559 | \$31,485 |
| Information | 105 | \$25,870 | 39 | \$23,600 | 35 | \$20,850 |
| Financial Activities | 329 | \$33,247 | 383 | \$45,145 | 373 | \$46,033 |
| Professional and Business Services | 398 | \$28,986 | 512 | \$39,942 | 530 | \$34,221 |
| Educational and Health Services | 753 | \$20,828 | 1,531 | \$36,618 | 1,517 | \$37,202 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 808 | \$7,467 | 664 | \$10,382 | 698 | \$10,527 |
| Other Services | 303 | \$22,430 | 337 | \$29,932 | 318 | \$28,950 |
| Government | 4,061 | \$30,321 | 3,940 | \$31,344 | 4,003 | \$30,234 |

| Per Capita Income | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Bingham County | \$24,600 | \$26,643 | \$29,036 | \$28,605 | \$28,905 | \$31,122 | \$31,291 | \$32,248 | \$31,774 | \$33,422 |
| 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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