



Bingham County

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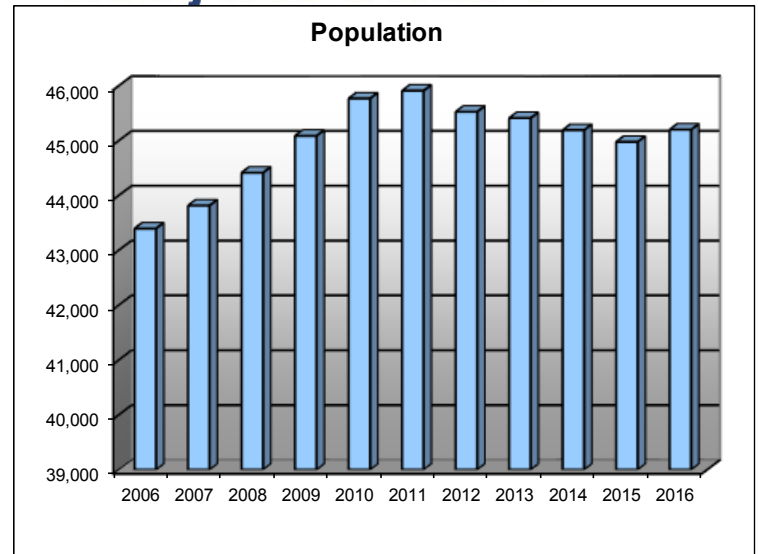
Workforce Trends

Population

Bingham County's population saw 0.5 percent growth between 2015 and 2016— an increase of 225 people and a welcome change from years of steady population decline. In 2016, population estimates for the county was at 45, 201.

Blackfoot is the county seat and largest city with a population of 11,890 residents. Shelley with a population of 4,342 and Aberdeen with a population for 1,923, are two other major cities in the county.

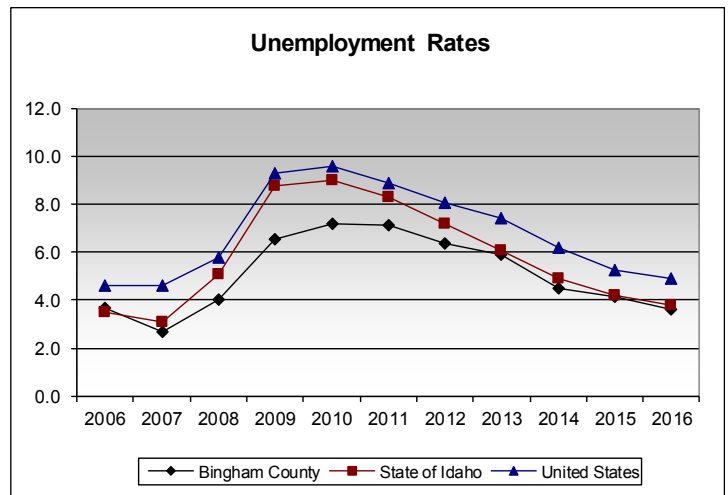
The county has an abundance of flat and fertile farmland surrounded by mountains. The Snake River provides water for fishing, boating and irrigation and offers a picturesque setting and a lifestyle few people want to leave.



Labor Force & Employment

The number of unemployed civilians in Bingham County has steadily declined over the past decade as total employment and labor force gradually increased. In 2016, the annual average unemployment rate in the county was 3.6 percent—the lowest recorded since 2008.

Bingham County 's economy depends heavily on agriculture but has a diverse employer base that demands a diverse workforce. The county supports a number of large agriculture-related manufacturers like Basic American Foods and Idaho Supreme Potatoes. High technology metal fabrication Premier Technology has their headquarters in Bingham County. Other large nonfarm employers include Bingham Memorial Hospital and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' gambling operation .



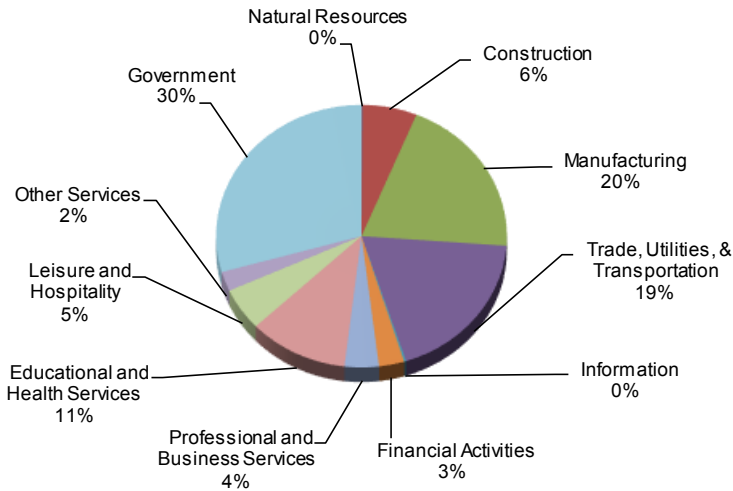
Labor Force	Dec 16	Dec 17
Civilian Labor Force	22,766	23,073
Total Employment	21,999	22,377
Unemployed	767	696
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.4	3.0
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.6	2.9
U.S. % Unemployed	4.7	4.1

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 and the Regional Economic Development for Eastern Idaho (REDI) hold promise for the county's economic future.

Labor Force	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Civilian Labor Force	21,109	22,242	22,383	21,828	22,845	22,836	22,757	22,312	22,093	22,105	22,748
Unemployment	781	590	901	1,435	1,647	1,629	1,455	1,314	998	912	816
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.7	2.7	4.0	6.6	7.2	7.1	6.4	5.9	4.5	4.1	3.6
Employment	20,328	21,652	21,482	20,393	21,198	21,207	21,302	20,998	21,095	21,193	21,932

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2016



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 30 percent of all nonfarm jobs because of Idaho's State Hospital South, the Shoshone Bannock Tribes, 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.

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

Southeast Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wages	Median Wages
Agricultural Worker	\$9.80	\$10.98
Auto Mechanic/Service Technician	\$9.43	\$16.55
Cashier	\$8.32	\$9.34
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.25	\$9.78
Fast Food Worker	\$8.33	\$8.82
Food Processing Worker	\$10.31	\$11.80
Grader & Sorter, Agriculture	\$8.27	\$8.63
Construction Laborer	\$8.62	\$13.41
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Workers	\$17.30	\$22.16
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$15.44	\$18.70
Nurse, Registered	\$22.26	\$28.47
Office Clerk, Information & Record	\$14.33	\$17.94
Retail Salesperson	\$8.39	\$10.31
Waiter/Waitress	\$8.30	\$8.60

* 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 2006, 2015 & 2016	2006		2015		2016	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	14,179	\$27,130	14,388	\$33,201	15,075	\$33,607
Agriculture	1,307	\$23,984	1,391	\$33,280	1,364	\$34,145
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	1,120	\$27,724	789	\$32,967	803	\$35,442
Manufacturing	2,039	\$34,116	2,183	\$43,367	2,784	\$39,179
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	2,818	\$23,933	2,560	\$31,463	2,554	\$32,014
Information	63	\$22,042	35	\$21,038	31	\$21,741
Financial Activities	352	\$33,202	373	\$46,139	379	\$47,597
Professional and Business Services	525	\$29,753	525	\$34,265	521	\$32,363
Educational and Health Services	742	\$22,382	1,517	\$37,096	1,525	\$40,053
Leisure and Hospitality	762	\$7,701	687	\$10,636	719	\$10,679
Other Services	314	\$23,793	317	\$29,089	311	\$30,050
Government	4,090	\$30,484	4,002	\$30,252	4,077	\$31,012

Per Capita Income	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Bingham County	\$26,643	\$29,036	\$28,605	\$28,905	\$31,122	\$31,289	\$32,242	\$32,028	\$33,569	\$34,065
State of Idaho	\$32,580	\$33,031	\$31,436	\$31,726	\$33,296	\$34,695	\$35,720	\$37,186	\$38,848	\$39,470
United States	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,461	\$44,282	\$44,493	\$46,494	\$48,451	\$49,246

Information provided by Bureau Economic Analysis