



Clark County

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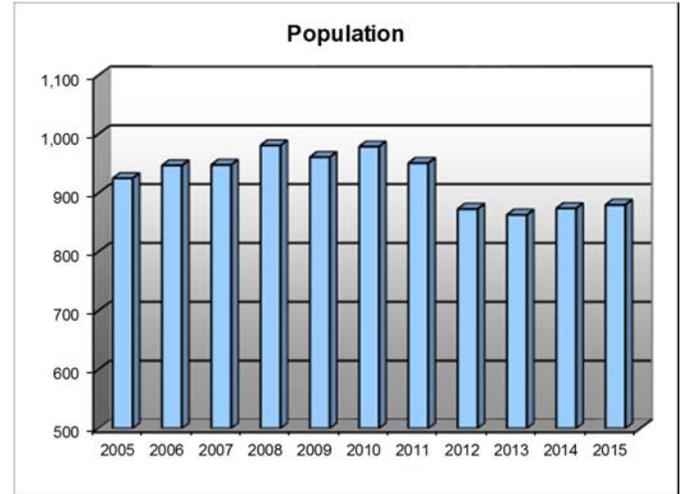
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Workforce Trends

Population

Clark County is the least populated county in the state with less than one person per square mile. In 2000, population peaked at just over one thousand, but has since struggled to maintain that level. After falling to below 900 people in 2003 the county began to see moderate population growth. From 2003 to 2008 the county's population increased to 980, growing 6 percent in five years.

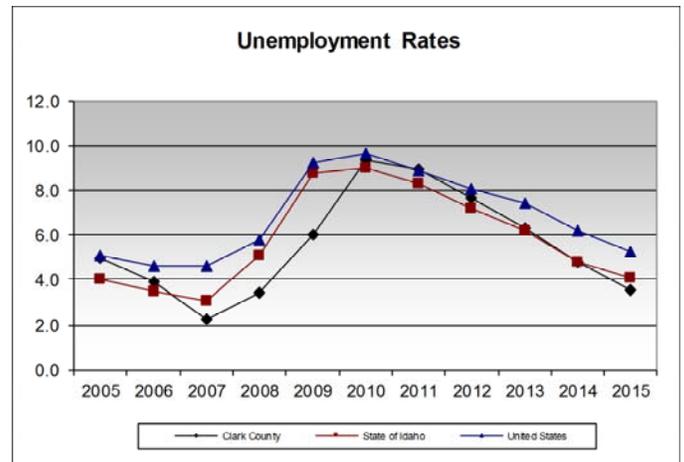
Population in the county began to fall towards the end of 2009 after Idahoan Foods closed down a potato processing plant. The plant was the county's largest employer and had supported 128 jobs—roughly 23 percent of the county's workforce. In 2015, the county's population was 880.



Labor Force & Employment

With a small labor force and population, unemployment rates can fluctuate significantly. The 2015 unemployment rate at 3.6 percent remained below state and national levels. Unemployment in the agriculturally dependent county spiked from 2001 to 2005 because of water shortages. The county experienced a steady decline in its labor force from 1998 to 2002 before it began slowly rebounding. The population is aging as younger people are drawn away by urban education and employment.

Farming is the largest industry. Over 66 percent of the land is owned by the federal government and another 7 percent by the state. The majority is considered rangeland, and sheep are a major commodity. The U.S. Department of Agriculture operates a research faculty, which studies and develops new breeds of sheep. Among the other industrial sectors, government provides the most jobs at 46 percent. Trade, transportation and utilities is



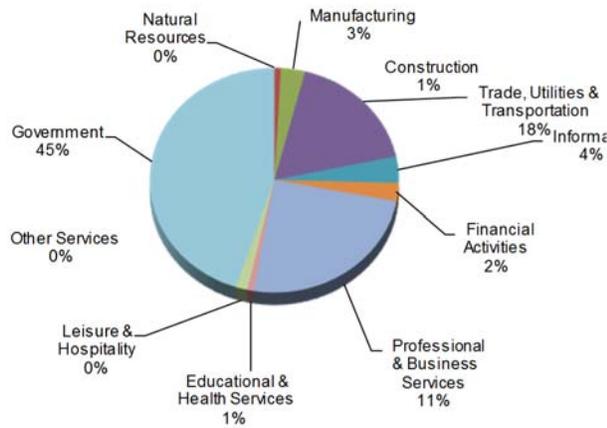
the second largest sector, employing 23 percent of workers. Efforts by economic development and county officials are underway to develop an energy park within the county.

The county is located on the Montana border and includes part of the Continental Divide. The city of Dubois is virtually the last place of refuge when winter storms intermittently cause closure of Interstate 15.

Labor Force	Oct 15	Oct 16
Civilian Labor Force	445	429
Total Employment	430	415
Unemployed	15	15
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.3	3.4
State of Idaho % Unemployed	4.0	3.8
U.S. % Unemployed	5.0	4.9

Labor Force	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Civilian Labor Force	548	526	553	596	549	537	516	425	425	444	405
Unemployment	27	21	13	21	33	50	46	33	27	21	15
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.9	3.9	2.3	3.4	6.0	9.4	8.9	7.7	6.3	4.8	3.6
Employment	519	506	541	575	516	486	470	392	398	423	391

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



Covered Employment & Wages

Covered employment decreased 17 percent 2005 and 2015. Average wages increased \$13,893, or 54 percent, during the decade. Between 2014 and 2015 wages decreased in only the government sector. Financial Activities saw the largest wage growth at 25 percent. The closure of the potato processing plant has had a dramatic impact on the county's employment and wages. It should be noted that these wages are counted where the job is located.

Covered employment includes jobs subject to state and federal unemployment insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employees.

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	514	\$25,635	477	\$37,905	427	\$39,529
Agriculture	46	\$40,062	157	\$31,173	134	\$35,642
Mining	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	16	\$24,686	*	*	*	*
Manufacturing	202	\$17,904	8	\$32,828	*	*
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	42	\$30,431	93	\$43,086	52	\$48,388
Information	9	\$29,023	12	\$27,554	11	\$29,117
Financial Activities	14	\$39,849	11	\$54,246	8	\$67,882
Professional and Business Services	14	\$49,303	66	\$51,928	73	\$52,317
Educational and Health Services	*	*	*	*	3	\$104,562
Leisure and Hospitality	9	\$6,086	2	\$4,502	5	\$6,341
Other Services	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Government	156	\$28,154	125	\$31,081	131	\$30,428

Per Capita Income	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Clark County	\$23,132	\$19,925	\$20,559	\$27,058	\$22,284	\$23,862	\$31,189	\$24,790	\$30,727	\$23,832
State of Idaho	\$29,815	\$31,945	\$32,952	\$32,854	\$31,392	\$32,050	\$33,544	\$34,846	\$35,641	\$36,734
United States	\$35,904	\$38,144	\$39,821	\$41,082	\$39,376	\$40,277	\$42,453	\$44,266	\$44,438	\$46,049

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Major Employers

Clark County
Clark County School District #161
Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc.
Ikes 66 LLC
Aquent LLC
Advantech Solutions III Inc.
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Eastern Idaho Occupational Wages*	Median Wage
Cashiers	\$8.64
Farm Equipment Mechanics	\$16.04
Industrial Truck/Tractor Operators	\$15.39
Farmworkers and Laborers	\$14.74
Food Preparation Workers	\$8.52
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$8.31
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$8.64
Office Clerks, General	\$12.35
Retail Salespersons	\$10.48
Truck Drivers, Light	\$10.36
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$16.72

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