



# Gem County

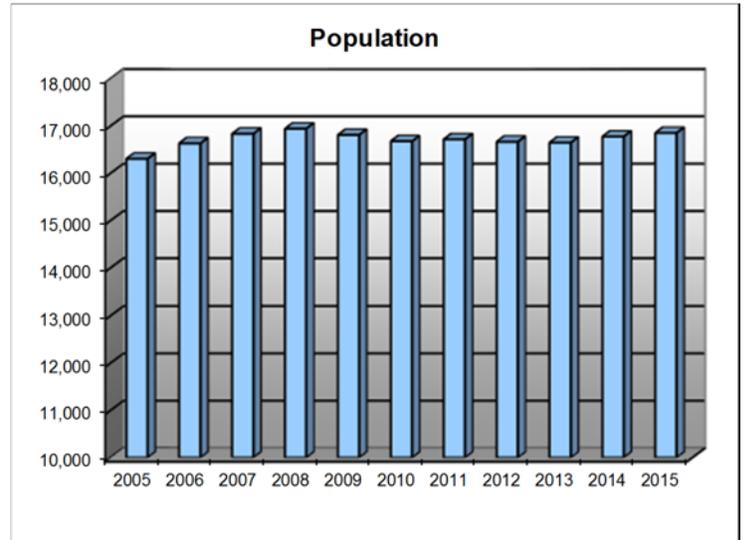
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## Workforce Trends

### Population

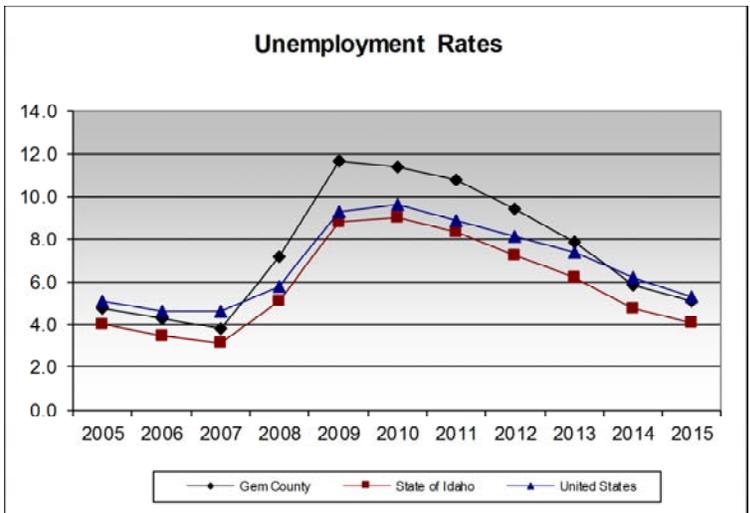
The population in Gem County steadily increased through 2008 before declining slightly as the recession took hold. Since 2010, the population has stayed relatively level, fluctuating slightly from year to year. From 2005 to 2015, the population increased 3.3 percent, or 548. As growth in the neighboring population centers of Ada and Canyon counties slowed during the recession, the overflow into Gem County declined. People had been moving to the county to escape the crowds and congestion and enjoy a more rural lifestyle than the nearby metropolitan areas provided. Now that population in the major counties has picked up, the population in Gem County has begun to grow again.



### Labor Force & Employment

After experiencing unemployment rates under 4 percent during 2006 and 2007, Gem County's unemployment rate more than tripled to 11.7 percent in 2009. Since then, the rate declined more than 6.5 points to 5.1 percent in 2015. In this same time, the county experienced a labor force growth of 10 percent, mostly occurring between 2013 and 2014.

Total covered jobs increased by 282 from 2014 to 2015. The largest gain was in the education and health services sector, which added 109 jobs. The education and health services sector is also the industry sector with the largest increases to covered employ-

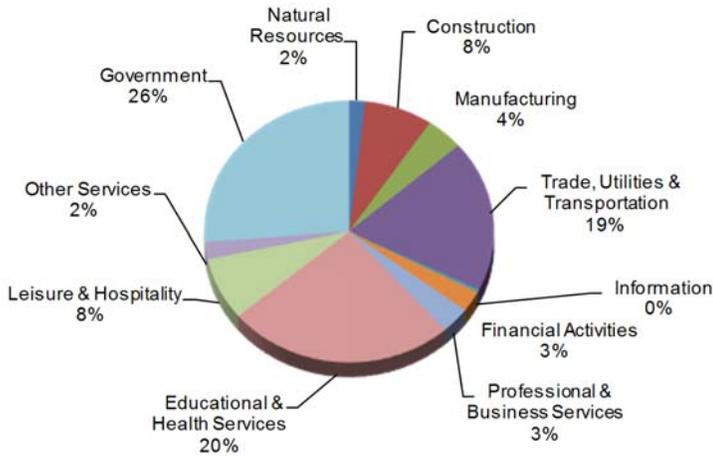


ment over the past decade with 337. Government, including public schools, posted the next highest ten-year gain with 60 jobs.

Labor Force	Oct 15	Oct 16
Civilian Labor Force	7,639	7,682
Total Employment	7,271	7,350
Unemployed	368	332
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.8	4.3
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	7,238	7,334	7,097	7,038	6,985	7,680	7,703	7,613	7,510	7,526	7,661
Unemployment	347	316	272	503	817	878	833	718	592	441	391
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.8	4.3	3.8	7.1	11.7	11.4	10.8	9.4	7.9	5.9	5.1
Employment	6,891	7,018	6,826	6,535	6,168	6,802	6,871	6,895	6,919	7,085	7,270

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2015



## Major Employers

Gem County
Elderly Opportunity Agency Inc.
Walter Knox Memorial Hospital
Emmett Middle School
Emmett High School
Butte View Elementary School
Community Partnerships of Idaho Inc.
City of Emmett
Emmett Valley and Shoshone Livestock

## Occupational Wages\*

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Retail Salesperson	\$8.14
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$16.01
Construction Laborer	\$10.46
Cook, Restaurant	\$8.27
Medical Assistant	\$11.97
Farm Laborer	\$8.05
Maintenance Workers	\$9.96
Equipment Operator, Agricultural	\$11.54
Registered Nurse	\$23.23
Office Clerk	\$9.03
Electrician	\$15.29
Bookkeeper	\$11.08

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at [lmi.idaho.gov](http://lmi.idaho.gov).

## Per Capita Income & Employment

Gem County's per capita income rose \$987 in 2014. But other counties in the state had showed similar improvement, and the county ranked at 36th out of 44 counties, up one from 2013.

Government, including public schools, makes up the majority of Gem County's employment with 26 percent in 2014. Trade, utilities and transportation along with education and health services sector follow with 39 percent of total nonfarm between them.

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	3,238	\$22,775	3,217	\$28,320	3,499	\$29,093
Agriculture	190	\$27,178	171	\$30,977	210	\$34,141
Mining	13	\$41,019	14	\$51,039	16	\$45,860
Construction	289	\$23,151	216	\$29,975	250	\$30,823
Manufacturing	98	\$28,413	137	\$27,679	136	\$28,758
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	671	\$22,482	566	\$33,061	605	\$32,931
Information	49	\$24,102	12	\$24,499	13	\$26,030
Financial Activities	110	\$26,997	80	\$41,658	85	\$35,669
Professional and Business Services	146	\$25,852	95	\$34,161	104	\$31,924
Educational and Health Services	512	\$17,207	750	\$25,292	859	\$26,252
Leisure and Hospitality	243	\$8,948	254	\$10,498	262	\$10,828
Other Services	80	\$16,052	60	\$26,031	70	\$25,040
Government	836	\$27,827	862	\$30,225	892	\$32,097

Per Capita Income	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Gem County	\$22,288	\$24,630	\$25,746	\$27,210	\$26,622	\$26,772	\$27,339	\$28,172	\$29,950	\$30,937
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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