



Bonneville County

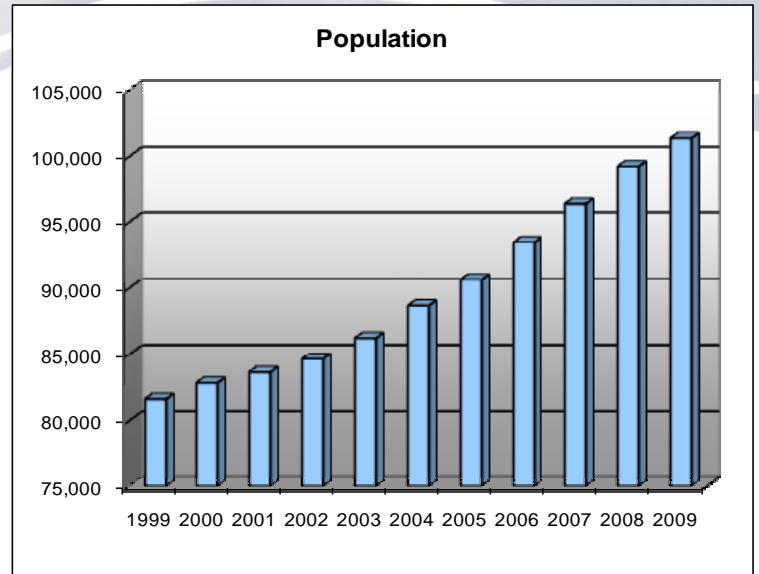
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Work Force Trends

Population

By population, Bonneville County is the fourth largest in the state. It grew 24.2 percent from 81,576 in 1999 to 101,329 in 2009. The county has experienced steady growth in the last decade with an average population increase of 2,527 a year for the past five years. The largest percentage increase was 3.12 percent between 2005 to 2006.

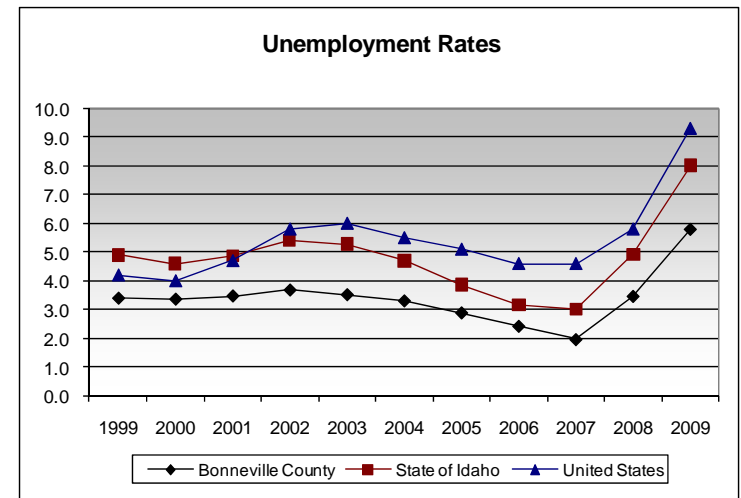
Besides being a medical and retail hub for a large geographic area, diversity and an emphasis on economic development help the area grow. The 2000 census classified Bonneville and Jefferson counties as the Idaho Falls metropolitan statistical area. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the fifth largest city in the state with a 2008 population of 54,334.



Labor Force & Employment

Bonneville County unemployment remained below the national and state rates for the last decade, averaging just 3.4 percent from 1999 to 2009. The annual unemployment rate for 2009 was 5.8 percent. The county is economically stable and cooperates with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority and has contributed to low unemployment rates.

The civilian labor force increased by almost 8 percent over the decade. Unemployment rates began to climb as the national recession took hold. Due to many insulating factors, rates have remained well below the national and state averages. As a regional health care and retail hub, the consumer and client bases extend beyond surrounding counties to Wyoming and Montana. A skilled



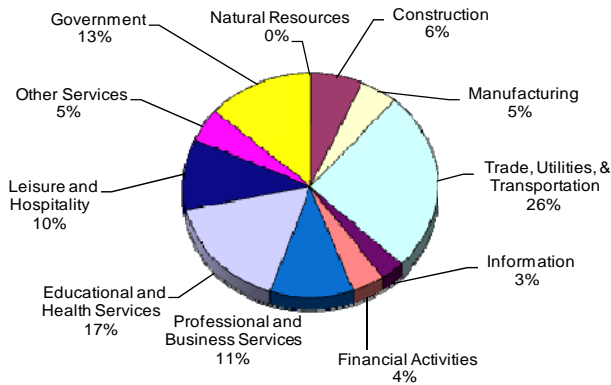
and dedicated work force is credited with attracting new businesses and helping others expand.

Professional developments like Taylor Crossing on the River and Snake River Landing continue to emerge in the metropolitan area. New, larger restaurants; more medical facilities and specialists and new technology from the national laboratory further economic growth. France-based AREVA has proposed a multibillion-dollar uranium enrichment plant for the area.

| Labor Force | Oct 09 | Oct 10 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 50,224 | 49,726 |
| Total Employment | 46,888 | 46,132 |
| Unemployed | 3,336 | 3,595 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| State of Idaho % Unemployed | 8.8 | 9.1 |
| U.S. % Unemployed | 10.1 | 9.6 |

| Labor Force | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 46,507 | 41,612 | 42,707 | 43,579 | 45,690 | 46,722 | 48,594 | 49,407 | 50,715 | 50,252 | 50,078 |
| Unemployment | 1,598 | 1,400 | 1,485 | 1,604 | 1,608 | 1,544 | 1,405 | 1,200 | 997 | 1,739 | 2,893 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 5.8 |
| Employment | 44,909 | 40,212 | 41,223 | 41,975 | 44,082 | 45,178 | 47,190 | 48,208 | 49,718 | 48,513 | 47,185 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2009



Covered Employers

Trade, utilities and transportation account for more than a quarter of Bonneville County's jobs with trade by far the largest. Education and health care are next followed by government. The national laboratory makes professional and business service jobs a major economic component. Leisure and hospitality is growing as the county becomes better known.

Average employment increased nearly 2,300 between 1999 and 2009 while average annual wages increased by over \$6,200.

Major Employers (Private)

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| Battelle Energy Alliance |
| Bechtel BWXT |
| Center Partners |
| Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center |
| Melaleuca, Inc. |
| Qwest Communications |
| U.S. Department of Energy |
| Wal-Mart |

Occupational Wages*

Median Wage

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| Accountants and Auditors | \$24.94 |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk | \$12.18 |
| Cashiers | \$7.91 |
| Computer Support Specialists | \$11.13 |
| Construction Trades Workers | \$15.09 |
| Customer Service Reps | \$11.08 |
| Engineers | \$41.09 |
| Financial Clerks | \$12.26 |
| Food & Beverage Serving Workers | \$7.70 |
| Food Processing Workers | \$12.76 |
| Information & Record Clerks | \$11.05 |
| Laborers & Material Movers, hand | \$10.21 |
| Registered Nurses | \$25.84 |
| Retail Sales Workers | \$8.94 |
| Secretaries & Administrative Assistants | \$14.22 |
| Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer | \$16.01 |

* Wage data represents the Idaho Falls metropolitan area. This includes Bonneville and Jefferson counties. Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor Web site at lmi.idaho.gov.

| Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1999, 2008 & 2009 | 1999 | | 2008 | | 2009 | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Average Employment | Average Wages | Average Employment | Average Wages | Average Employment | Average Wages |
| Total Covered Wages | 38,688 | \$25,411 | 45,642 | \$31,224 | 43,297 | \$31,680 |
| Agriculture | 664 | \$16,874 | 521 | \$28,310 | 545 | \$27,681 |
| Mining | * | * | 43 | \$23,232 | 38 | \$21,164 |
| Construction | 2,775 | \$29,313 | 3,596 | \$37,335 | 2,809 | \$39,478 |
| Manufacturing | 1,994 | \$25,414 | 2,470 | \$34,695 | 2,094 | \$34,385 |
| Trade, Utilities & Transportation | 10,646 | \$20,863 | 12,090 | \$30,023 | 11,330 | \$30,644 |
| Information | 833 | \$26,788 | 1,393 | \$35,612 | 1,320 | \$34,892 |
| Financial Activities | 1,545 | \$24,690 | 1,967 | \$37,128 | 1,798 | \$37,127 |
| Professional and Business Services | 5,540 | \$41,550 | 4,861 | \$36,251 | 4,603 | \$37,973 |
| Educational and Health Services | 4,570 | \$26,436 | 7,065 | \$33,240 | 7,263 | \$33,351 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 3,697 | \$9,183 | 4,565 | \$11,412 | 4,355 | \$12,277 |
| Other Services | 1,230 | \$17,300 | 1,353 | \$24,378 | 1,314 | \$23,745 |
| Government | 5,188 | \$29,106 | 5,718 | \$36,320 | 5,830 | \$36,233 |

| Per Capita Income | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Bonneville County | \$23,252 | \$24,251 | \$25,902 | \$26,619 | \$28,105 | \$29,729 | \$32,185 | \$33,750 | \$35,199 | \$35,346 |
| State of Idaho | \$23,269 | \$24,683 | \$25,647 | \$26,015 | \$26,451 | \$28,425 | \$29,606 | \$31,598 | \$32,837 | \$32,994 |
| United States | \$28,333 | \$30,318 | \$31,145 | \$31,462 | \$32,271 | \$33,881 | \$35,424 | \$37,698 | \$39,392 | \$40,166 |

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