



# Bingham County

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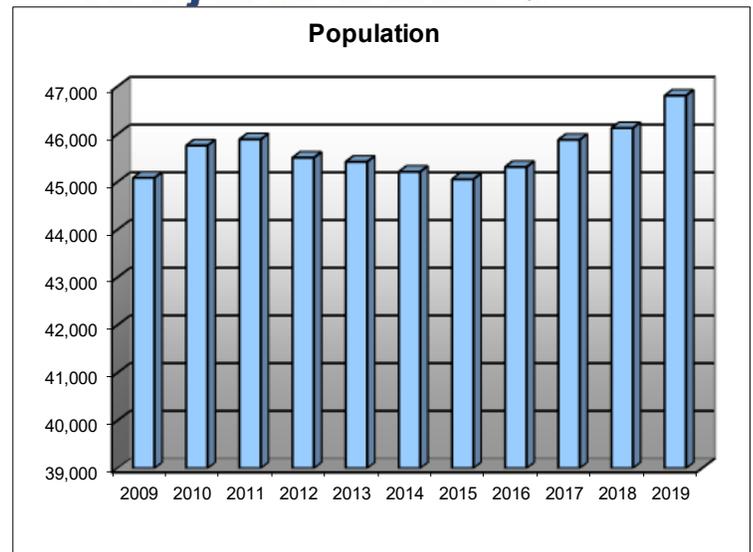
## Workforce Trends

### Population

Bingham County's population saw 2.2 percent growth between 2018 and 2019— an increase of 6822 people and a welcome change from years of steady population decline. In 2019, population estimates for the county was at 46,811.

Blackfoot is the county seat and largest city with a population of 12,034 residents. Shelley with a population of 4,466 and Aberdeen with a population for 1,977, are two other major cities in the county.

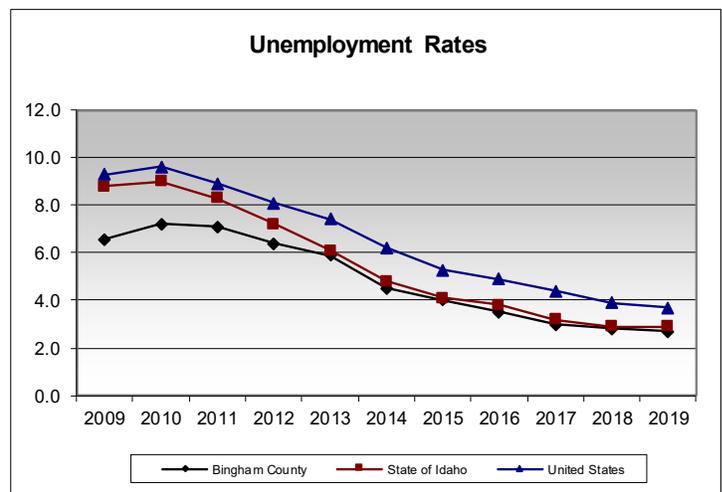
The county has an abundance of flat and fertile farmland surrounded by mountains. The Snake River provides water for fishing, boating and irrigation and offers a picturesque setting and a lifestyle few people want to leave.



### 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 2019 the annual average unemployment rate in the county was 2.7 percent—the lowest recorded since 2007.

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, Spudnik, 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	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	23,889	23,993
Total Employment	23,259	23,341
Unemployed	630	652
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.6	2.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

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.

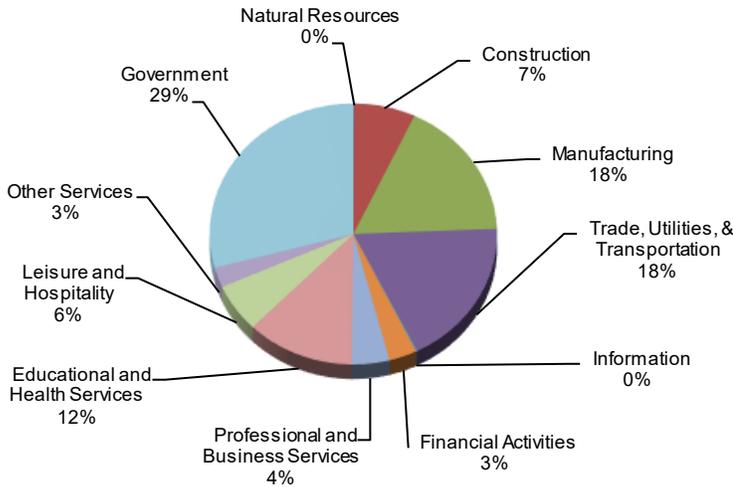
Efforts to attract new business to the county by Bingham Economic Development Corp and the Regional Economic Development for Eastern Idaho (REDI) hold promise for the county's economic future.

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	21,828	22,848	22,849	22,774	22,302	22,056	22,061	22,830	23,025	23,303	23,817
Unemployment	1,435	1,647	1,629	1,455	1,307	992	884	803	688	646	635
% of Labor Force Unemployed	6.6	7.2	7.1	6.4	5.9	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.8	2.7
Employment	20,393	21,201	21,220	21,319	20,995	21,064	21,177	22,027	22,337	22,657	23,182

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## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



## BINGHAM COUNTY

### Major Employers (Private)

Basic American Foods
Bingham Memorial Hospital
Golden Valley Natural
GPOD of Idaho
Ida Gold Corp
Nonpareil, Corp.
Premier Technology
Shoshone Bannock Enterprises
Walmart

## 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 27 percent of all 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.

Southeast Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wages	Median Wages
Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$11.70	\$19.02
Cashier	\$8.50	\$10.67
Clerks, General Office	\$10.61	\$15.15
Construction Laborer	\$11.00	\$15.08
Cook, Restaurant	\$9.47	\$12.08
Farmworkers - Farm & Ranch	\$11.74	\$15.02
Farmworkers & Laborers - Crop	\$10.71	\$14.54
Fast Food & Counter Workers	\$8.54	\$10.15
Grader & Sorter, Agriculture	\$8.40	\$9.29
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$17.11	\$21.62
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Workers	\$17.84	\$25.57
Registered Nurses	\$25.47	\$32.27
Retail Salesperson	\$9.61	\$13.35

\* Additional occupational wage data can be found on the Idaho Department of Labor website at <https://lmi.idaho.gov/oes>

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 2009, 2018 & 2019	2009		2018		2019	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
<b>Total Covered Wages</b>	14,858	\$29,907	15,236	\$35,568	15,501	\$36,722
<b>Agriculture</b>	1,393	\$27,456	1,311	\$36,954	1,300	\$37,998
<b>Mining</b>	**	**	8	\$66,561	9	\$69,500
<b>Construction</b>	860	\$29,590	926	\$37,361	986	\$39,277
<b>Manufacturing</b>	2,426	\$39,335	2,495	\$41,206	2,481	\$43,713
<b>Trade, Utilities, &amp; Transportation</b>	2,828	\$26,127	2,578	\$34,301	2,599	\$34,165
<b>Information</b>	56	\$18,289	27	\$26,704	21	\$33,651
<b>Financial Activities</b>	357	\$35,689	403	\$49,264	439	\$52,634
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	596	\$37,326	555	\$30,798	601	\$31,685
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	1,415	\$33,838	1,710	\$40,387	1,732	\$41,925
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	798	\$8,939	771	\$11,610	859	\$11,973
<b>Other Services</b>	333	\$26,392	328	\$32,344	336	\$32,081
<b>Government</b>	3,791	\$29,335	4,123	\$34,142	4,139	\$35,454

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Bingham County</b>	\$27,635	\$28,224	\$30,487	\$30,721	\$31,585	\$31,665	\$33,117	\$33,495	\$34,615	\$36,335
<b>State of Idaho</b>	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
<b>United States</b>	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

Information provided by Bureau Economic Analysis