



# Franklin County

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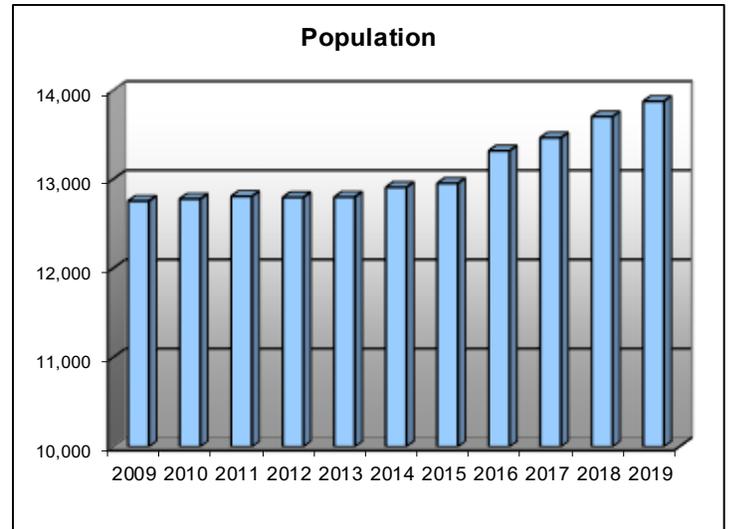
## Workforce Trends

### Population

Located on the Idaho-Utah border, the county became a magnet for Utah residents seeking available land, affordable housing and a rural lifestyle. It became part of the Logan, Utah, metropolitan statistical area after the 2000 census because of its commuting patterns.

Franklin County has experienced rapid population growth in the past 10 years. The 2019 estimates place the population at 13,876, up 8.8 percent from 2009.

Franklin County is home to Franklin, Idaho's first city. The county seat, Preston, is the largest city with a population of 5,557 and the trade center in the county. It was the setting for the 2004 cult movie "Napoleon Dynamite."

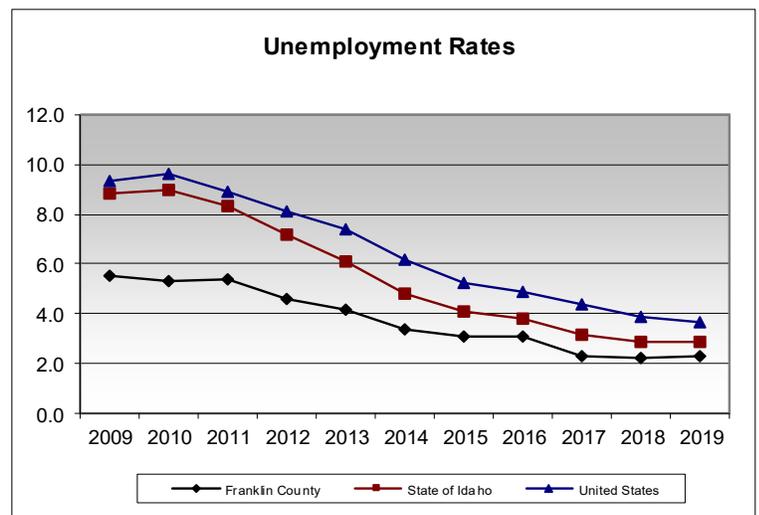


### Labor Force & Employment

With a diverse, skilled labor force, Franklin County has consistently had one of the lowest unemployment rates in southeastern Idaho. Franklin County even during the heart of the recession enjoy an unemployment rate which was among the lowest in the state.

Franklin County's civilian labor force grew by 2.5 percent between 2018 and 2019. Employment grew by 2.3 percent as jobs generally kept pace with the growing labor force. Both the annual average labor force and employment reached a record high in 2019. The number unemployed increased 9.3 percent resulting in a 2.3 percent unemployment rate in 2019.

The county's economy depends heavily on agriculture but also benefits from manufacturing, retail trade and services. Over the decade, most job growth occurred in services, trade and construction. The recession slowed residential and commercial construction from the fevered pace of



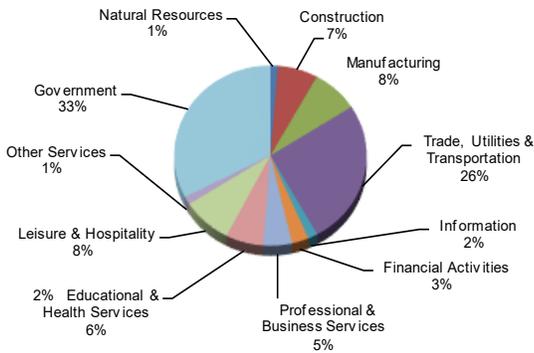
Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	7,032	7,123
Total Employment	6,879	6,914
Unemployed	153	209
% of Labor Force Unemployed	2.2	2.9
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	5,794	6,195	6,251	6,311	6,265	6,403	6,456	6,652	6,751	6,871	7,041
Unemployment	321	327	339	291	260	215	198	204	156	151	165
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.5	5.3	5.4	4.6	4.2	3.4	3.1	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.3
Employment	5,473	5,868	5,912	6,020	6,005	6,188	6,258	6,448	6,595	6,720	6,876

2007. Manufacturing jobs declined as national demand for products diminished.

Despite setbacks from the recession, ample employment, a comfortable lifestyle and outstanding recreational opportunities kept the population at home and enticed workers from other areas. Many residents commute to Logan, Utah, and some continue to work in the oil fields of neighboring Wyoming and Utah.

## Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



Major Employers (Private)
Bear River Publishing
Egberts of Idaho, Inc
Lundahl Ironworks, Inc
Mountain West Driver Corp.
Ritewood, Inc.
Stokes Marketplace
Trails West Manufacturing
Valley Implement
West Motor Company

## Industry Employment & Wages

Trade, utilities and transportation provides 24 percent of all covered jobs in Franklin County. Leisure and hospitality accounted for 8 percent of the jobs and government provides another 30 percent, primarily in public education and at the medical center.

Wages in Franklin County are lower than most of the state because a large number of jobs are in trade and services, where pay is typically low. The lowest wage is in leisure and hospitality while the highest is in mining.

Per capita personal income rose 45 percent from 2000 to 2008 before the recession claimed 5 percent of the gain, and per capita income slipped back to \$24,463 in 2009. By 2018, per capita income rose to \$36,064.

Southeast Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wages	Median Wages
Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$11.70	\$19.02
Cashiers	\$8.50	\$10.67
Clerks, General Office	\$10.61	\$15.15
Construction Laborers	\$11.00	\$15.08
Cook, Restaurant	\$9.47	\$12.08
Fast Food & Counter Workers	\$8.54	\$10.15
Janitors & Cleaners	\$9.14	\$11.95
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$8.55	\$10.52
Registered Nurses	\$25.47	\$32.27
Teachers, Elementary	\$37,910	\$55,360
Teachers, Secondary	\$34,030	\$47,820

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

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>	3,065	\$23,749	3,607	\$30,079	3,603	\$31,233
<b>Agriculture</b>	178	\$21,389	255	\$27,204	262	\$28,357
<b>Mining</b>	44	\$33,014	41	\$48,039	42	\$49,605
<b>Construction</b>	234	\$29,334	215	\$36,904	228	\$39,915
<b>Manufacturing</b>	152	\$29,430	284	\$46,206	265	\$46,664
<b>Trade, Utilities &amp; Transportation</b>	785	\$26,090	914	\$31,598	866	\$31,001
<b>Information</b>	82	\$18,745	55	\$17,104	54	\$22,679
<b>Financial Activities</b>	105	\$23,310	90	\$28,556	93	\$33,079
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	97	\$33,956	155	\$46,702	162	\$48,800
<b>Educational and Health Services</b>	169	\$19,628	192	\$24,148	213	\$24,997
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	214	\$9,468	288	\$10,591	283	\$10,463
<b>Other Services</b>	64	\$15,414	48	\$22,760	49	\$21,811
<b>Government</b>	942	\$23,487	1,070	\$28,154	1,087	\$30,516

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>Franklin County</b>	\$24,463	\$26,233	\$27,300	\$29,348	\$30,128	\$32,130	\$33,976	\$33,619	\$34,974	\$36,064
<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

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