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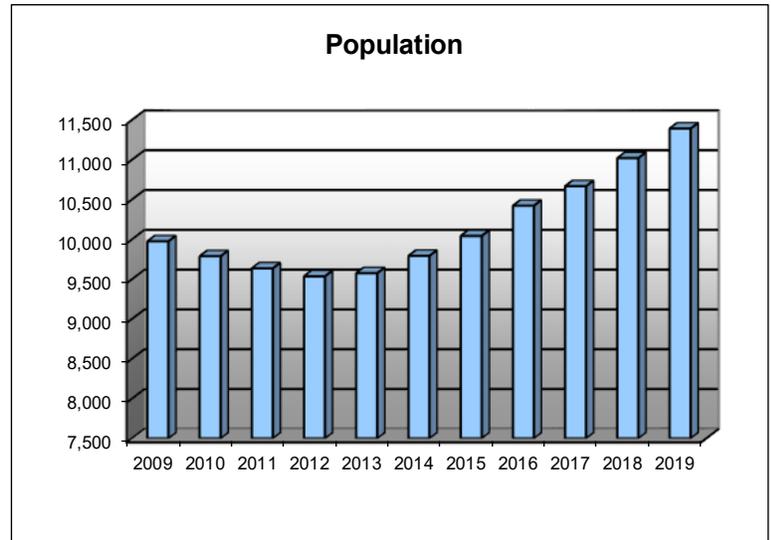
Workforce Trends

Population

Valley County's population grew an astonishing 32 percent from 2000 to 2008 largely due to the growth spurred by the development of Tamarack Resort—featuring a ski area, golf course, stores, and large housing developments. The Great Recession stopped the resort dead in its tracks and stunted growth in tourism, Population dropped for a few years.

With tourism once again thriving and Tamarack restarted and expanding, the county's population has grown an impressive 16 percent from 9,793 in 2014 to 11,392 in 2019

Between 2018 and 2019, McCall's population grew 3.4 percent to 3,597. Cascade grew 2.3 percent to 1,025, while Donnelly grew 1.9 percent to 218,

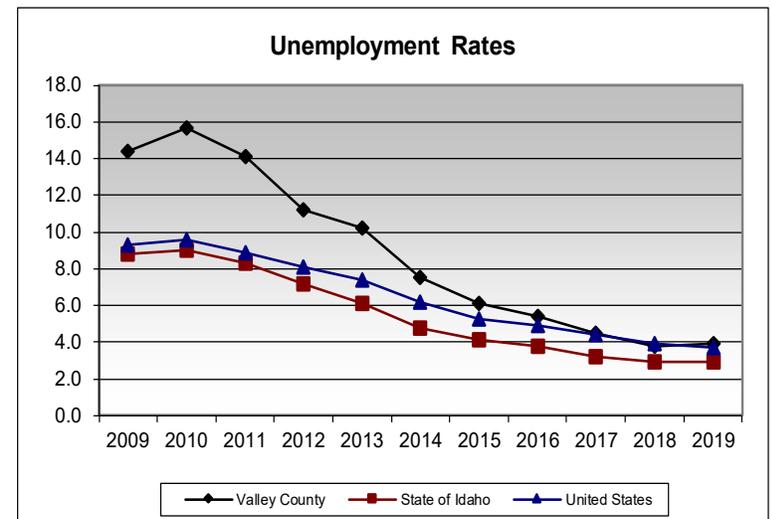


Labor Force & Employment

Valley County's economy once revolved around logging and mills, but over time those industries have dwindled. The county's last mill, the Cascade sawmill, closed in 2002. The manufacturing industry is half what it was before 2002.

Today, tourism drives the economy. Leisure and hospitality provides 28 percent of total nonfarm jobs. In addition, tourism amenities such as Payette Lake, river sports, ski areas, golfing, fishing and hunting attract retirees and other people to move into the area or have vacation homes. The leisure and hospitality sector employs nearly 1,500 people double its numbers 25 years ago.

Construction of new homes, including second homes, has played a major economic role. Between 2000 and



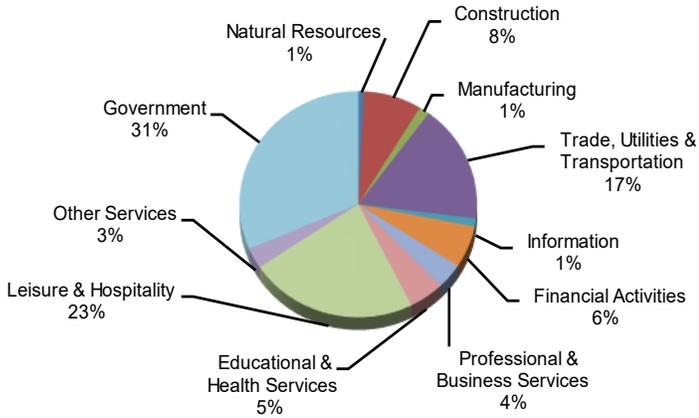
Labor Force	Aug 19	Aug 20
Civilian Labor Force	5,593	5,844
Total Employment	5,379	5,512
Unemployed	214	332
% of Labor Force Unemployed	3.8	5.7
State of Idaho % Unemployed	2.9	4.2
U.S. % Unemployed	3.7	8.4

2008, building at Tamarack Resort and throughout the county caused construction employment to double. Then, the great recession caused a deep decline. In the last few years, construction employment has rebounded.

The county enjoyed strong growth in the last two years. Covered employment grew by 5 percent in 2018. and 4 percent in 2019.

Labor Force	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Civilian Labor Force	4,710	4,693	4,656	4,674	4,542	4,558	4,792	4,973	5,141	5,349	5,554
Unemployment	679	736	657	524	463	344	290	268	229	205	216
% of Labor Force Unemployed	14.4	15.7	14.1	11.2	10.2	7.5	6.1	5.4	4.5	3.8	3.9
Employment	4,031	3,957	3,999	4,150	4,079	4,214	4,502	4,705	4,912	5,144	5,338

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2019



Major Employers

Albertsons
Brundage Mountain
Cascade School District
City of McCall
McCall-Donnelly School District
Shore Lodge & Whitetail Club
St. Luke's McCall Medical Center
Tamarack Resort
U.S. Forest Service
Valley County

Per Capita Income

Valley County's per capita income in 2018 was \$49,630—13 percent higher than the state's and 9 percent lower than the national per capita income. The relatively high number of well-heeled retirees moving into the county recently contributes to the higher income, despite the relatively low wages earned in the tourism sector. Valley County's per capita income ranked 4th highest among Idaho's 44 counties.

Valley County's per capita income grew 48 percent over the decade while the state's per capita income grew 41 percent and U.S. per capita income grew 39 percent.

Income growth continued in 2019 as employment and wages grew. Average wages grew 5 percent from \$36,134 in 2018 to \$37,909 in 2019 with the largest gains in construction, healthcare, and trade, utilities and transportation.

Southwest Idaho Occupational Wages*	Entry Wage	Median Wage
Automotive Service Techs & Mechanics	\$15.46	\$21.90
Cashier	\$9.15	\$11.61
Construction Laborer	\$12.65	\$16.79
Cook, Restaurant	\$9.43	\$12.20
Heavy Equipment Operator	\$16.80	\$22.17
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$11.54	\$15.58
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$9.11	\$11.18
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	\$17.15	\$24.31
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$11.38	\$14.57
Retail Salesperson	\$9.48	\$13.88
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$15.68	\$22.63
Waiter & Waitress	\$8.58	\$11.26

* 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
Total Covered Wages	3,785	\$28,765	4,752	\$36,134	4,949	\$37,909
Agriculture	105	\$18,397	53	\$34,550	51	\$31,026
Mining	11	\$42,978	39	\$102,067	40	\$91,693
Construction	296	\$32,508	506	\$39,106	545	\$41,652
Manufacturing	53	\$29,147	44	\$33,492	37	\$34,309
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	628	\$24,252	755	\$32,179	805	\$37,515
Information	43	\$46,771	59	\$66,168	59	\$65,006
Financial Activities	213	\$27,783	207	\$41,409	205	\$39,093
Professional and Business Services	135	\$38,943	183	\$37,530	200	\$39,776
Educational and Health Services	180	\$36,330	457	\$51,758	459	\$54,048
Leisure and Hospitality	863	\$17,120	1,382	\$21,863	1,439	\$23,317
Other Services	103	\$19,472	111	\$21,507	138	\$24,306
Government	1,155	\$37,718	957	\$46,808	972	\$48,037

Per Capita Income	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Valley County	\$33,621	\$34,901	\$35,610	\$41,195	\$39,918	\$43,108	\$45,332	\$45,936	\$47,866	\$49,630
State of Idaho	\$31,186	\$31,957	\$33,515	\$35,188	\$36,200	\$37,896	\$39,857	\$40,670	\$42,094	\$43,901
United States	\$39,284	\$40,546	\$42,735	\$44,599	\$44,851	\$47,058	\$48,978	\$49,870	\$51,885	\$54,446

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