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Bear Lake County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Mar 2024) 2.937 Unemployment Rate (Mar 2024) 3.1% Population (2023) 6.766 \$63,244 Median Household Income (2022) \$48,506 Per Capita Personal Income (2022) Poverty Rate (2022) 10.6%

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1. Bear Lake County Demographic Characteristics, 2022 5-Year ACS

	Bear Lake County	Bear Lake County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	6,436	100.0%	1,854,109	331,097,593
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	6,125	95.2%	84.9%	65.9%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	8	0.1%	0.7%	12.5%
Native American alone, not hispanic	91	1.4%	1.2%	0.8%
Asian alone, not hispanic	54	0.8%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	277	4.3%	13.1%	18.7%
Gender				
Male	3,243	50.4%	50.4%	49.6%
Female	3,193	49.6%	49.6%	50.4%
Age				
Median age	40.0	-	36.9	38.5
Under 18 years	1,719	26.7%	24.5%	22.1%
Over 18 years	4,717	73.3%	75.5%	77.9%
21 years and over	4,244	65.9%	65.4%	68.4%
Over 65 years	1,367	21.2%	16.3%	16.5%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	39	0.6%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	1,495	23.2%	17.2%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	1,121	17.4%	16.4%	13.5%
Associate's degree	453	7.0%	6.5%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	604	9.4%	13.2%	14.3%
Graduate or professional degree	278	4.3%	6.6%	9.2%
Median Household Income	\$63,244	-	\$70,214	\$75,149

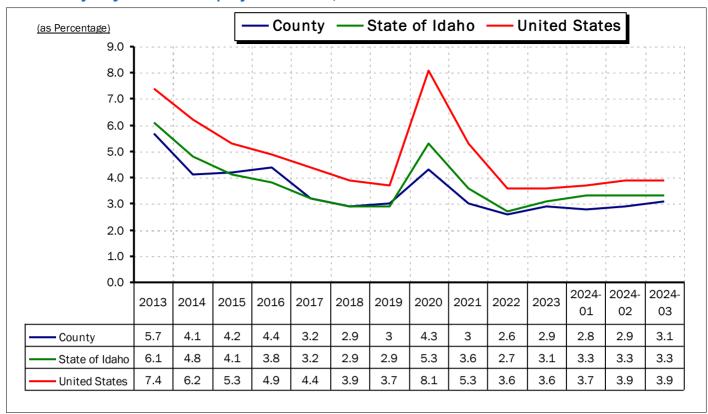
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, March 2023 to March 2024

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
March 2024	2,937	2,847	90	3.1%
March 2023	2,844	2,768	76	2.7%
YoY % Change	3.3%	2.9%	18.4%	0.4%

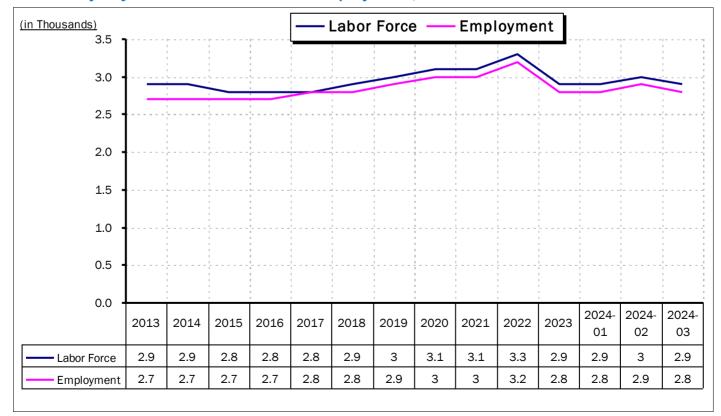
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2013 to March 2024



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4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2013 to March 2024



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5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2012, 2021, and 2022

	201	2	202	21	202	2
Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,597	\$27,602	1,791	\$33,192	1,892	\$37,774
Natural Resources and Mining			7	\$33,758	12	\$40,068
Construction	39	\$32,520	64	\$34,475	74	\$41,217
Manufacturing	46	\$32,414	83	\$43,284	81	\$47,251
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	362	\$26,470	349	\$30,563	346	\$33,831
Information	35	\$15,616	18	\$29,425	16	\$34,028
Financial Activities	44	\$33,254	49	\$49,505	49	\$47,474
Professional and Business Services	106	\$46,637	227	\$33,427	322	\$47,340
Education and Health Services	538	\$27,052	586	\$38,173	583	\$40,788
Leisure and Hospitality	216	\$13,004	197	\$13,240	200	\$13,893
Other Services	19	\$23,872	28	\$33,822	27	\$31,295
Public Administration	184	\$32,615	177	\$35,463	183	\$37,809

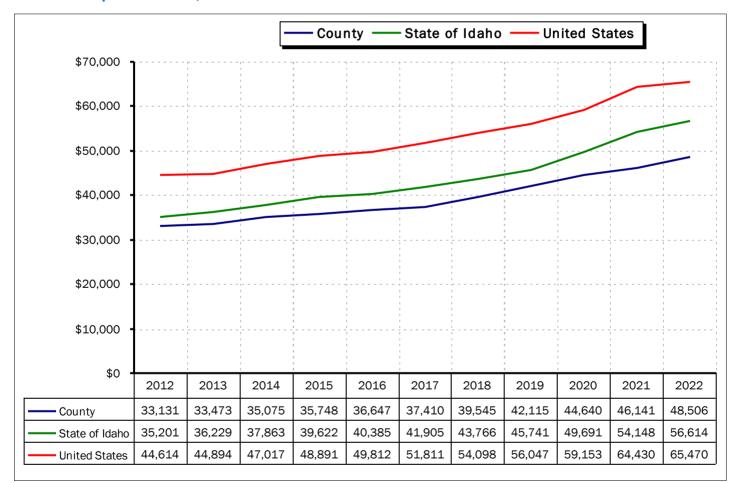
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2022

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital	Local Government	250 - 499
Bear Lake School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Bear Lake County	Local Government	050 - 099
Broulim's Foodtown	Private	050 - 099
Resource Management	Private	050 - 099
Coopers North Beach	Private	010 - 049
City Of Montpelier	Local Government	010 - 049
U.s. Forest Service	Federal Government	010 - 049
Gundersen Hardware Inc Dba Gunderse	Private	010 - 049
Clover Creek Inn	Private	010 - 049

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

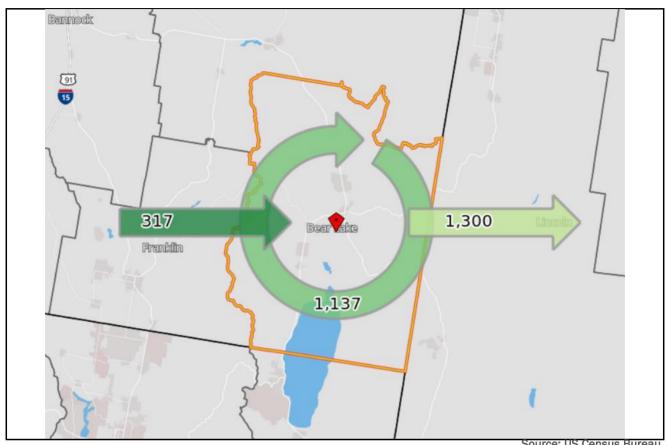
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2012 to 2022



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2021

It is estimated that 556 workers lived and worked in Bear Lake County in 2021. Another 201 workers were employed in Bear Lake County but lived outside, while 1,119 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Bear Lake County Live, 2021

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	319	42.1%
Paris	28	3.7%
Georgetown	20	2.6%
Bennington	16	2.1%
Soda Springs	14	1.8%
Bloomington	12	1.6%
Pocatello	12	1.6%
Idaho Falls	11	1.5%
Chubbuck	10	1.3%
St. Charles	10	1.3%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau- Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)

10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Bear Lake County Work, 2021

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	371	22.1%
Soda Springs	148	8.8%
Pocatello	59	3.5%
Boise City	53	3.2%
Garden City, UT	53	3.2%
Idaho Falls	37	2.2%
Preston	35	2.1%
Logan, UT	32	1.9%
Paris	31	1.9%
Twin Falls	29	1.7%

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