

# Southwest Idaho Labor Force And Economic Profile

# Southwest Idaho Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2024)	477,392
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2024)	3.7%
Population (2023)	910,632
Median Household Income (2022)	\$64,331
Per Capita Personal Income (2022)	\$50,550

Poverty Rate (2022) 9.7%

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#### **1.** Southwest Demographic Characteristics, 2022 5-Year ACS

	Southwest	Region (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	852,831	100.0%	1,854,109	331,097,593
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	709,034	83.1%	84.9%	65.9%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	8,525	1.0%	0.7%	12.5%
Native American alone, not hispanic	6,880	0.8%	1.2%	0.8%
Asian alone, not hispanic	15,895	1.9%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	121,863	14.3%	13.1%	18.7%
Gender				
Male	430,192	50.4%	50.4%	49.6%
Female	422,639	49.6%	49.6%	50.4%
Age				
Median age	42.9	-	36.9	38.5
Under 18 years	204,312	24.0%	24.5%	22.1%
Over 18 years	648,519	76.0%	75.5%	77.9%
21 years and over	570,848	66.9%	65.4%	68.4%
Over 65 years	134,356	15.8%	16.3%	16.5%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and o	Over)			
Less than 9th grade	17,691	2.1%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	138,072	6.1%	17.2%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	139,688	16.4%	16.4%	13.5%
Associate's degree	52,407	6.1%	6.5%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	130,401	15.3%	13.2%	14.3%
Graduate or professional degree	65,354	7.7%	6.6%	9.2%
Median Household Income	\$64,331	-	\$70,214	\$75,149

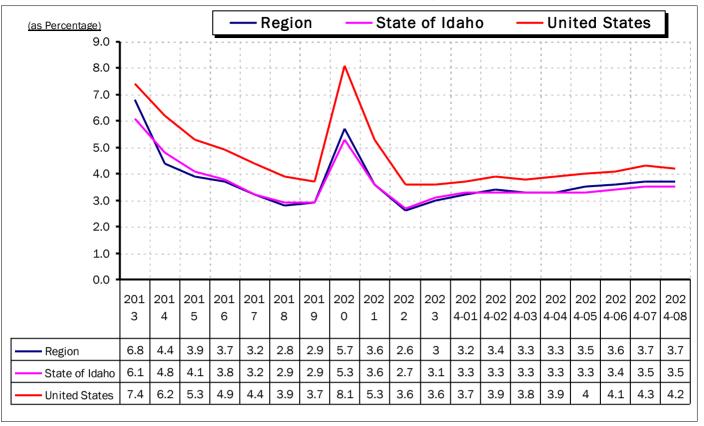
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

#### 2. Labor Force Growth, August 2023 to August 2024

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2024	477,392	459,667	17,725	3.7%
August 2023	459,057	444,524	14,533	3.2%
YoY % Change	4.0%	3.4%	22.0%	0.5%

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





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### 4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment 2013 to August 2024

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Labor Force	346	348	357	368	384	399	415	421	432		458	461	465	466	469	469	473	478	477
Employment	322	332	343	355	372	388	403	397	416	435	444	446	449	451	454	453	456	460	460

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## 5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2013, 2022, and 2023

	2013	3	2022	2	202	3
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	286,958	\$39,703	391,200	\$57,925	400,022	\$60,179
Natural Resources and Mining	6,609	\$29,564	6,442	\$45,983	6,619	\$47,688
Construction	15,982	\$42,060	33,451	\$59,623	34,522	\$63,530
Manufacturing	26,428	\$64,483	32,612	\$83,701	33,001	\$84,475
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	58,059	\$37,192	80,084	\$55,356	79,666	\$56,348
Information	5,096	\$48,227	4,118	\$80,966	4,362	\$96,297
Financial Activities	14,206	\$51,431	21,693	\$77,295	21,134	\$81,685
Professional and Business Services	39,360	\$41,523	53,882	\$71,807	56,000	\$75,023
Education and Health Services	64,029	\$38,176	83,703	\$53,673	86,789	\$55,063
Leisure and Hospitality	28,521	\$14,629	41,432	\$23,803	43,882	\$25,080
Other Services	7,782	\$25,715	10,782	\$42,171	11,241	\$44,021
Public Administration	20,886	\$47,379	23,001	\$60,610	22,806	\$68,644

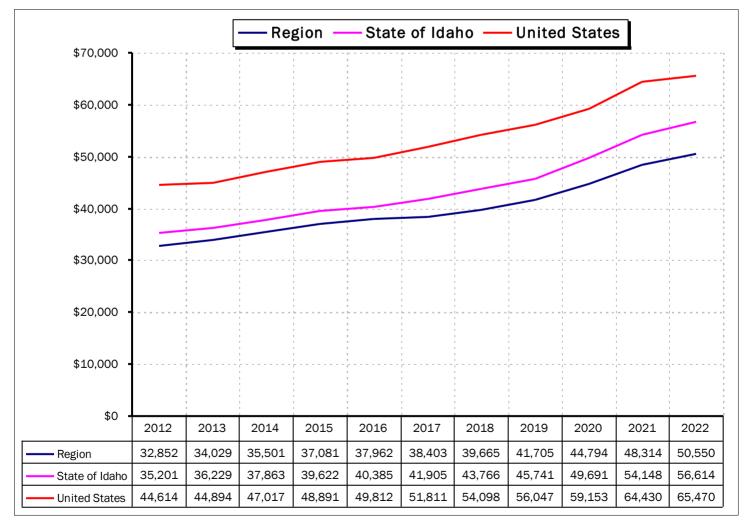
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

#### 6. Top Employers, 2023

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
St. Luke's Regional Medical Center	Private	5,000+
St. Alphonsus Health System	Private	5,000+
Micron Technology	Private	5,000+
Boise State University	State Government	5,000+
West Ada School District	Local Government	2,500 - 4,999
Albertsons	Private	2,500 - 4,999
Wal-Mart	Private	2,500 - 4,999
Boise School District	Local Government	2,500 - 4,999
J. R. Simplot Company	Private	1,000 - 2,499
City of Boise	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499

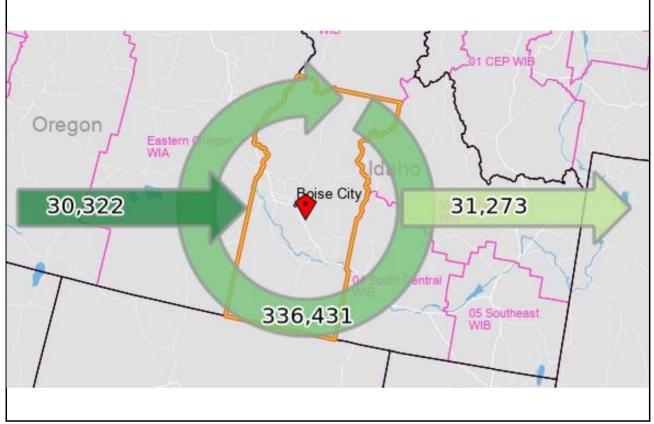
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

#### 7. Real Per Capita Income, 2012 to 2022



#### 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2021

It is estimated that 284,466 workers lived and worked in Southwest Idaho in . Another 28,691 workers were employed in Southwest Idaho but lived outside, while 27,369 workers lived in the area but commuted outside for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

#### 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Southwest Idaho Live, 2021

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Boise City	84,493	27.0%
Meridian	42,677	13.6%
Nampa	36,955	11.8%
Caldwell	20,322	6.5%
Kuna	9,427	3.0%
Eagle	9,101	2.9%
Mountain Home	3,622	1.2%
Garden City	3,489	1.1%
Star	3,401	1.1%
Middleton	3,009	1.0%

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 Southwest Idaho Work, 2021

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Boise City	130,631	41.9%
Meridian	44,491	14.3%
Nampa	36,195	11.6%
Caldwell	13,617	4.4%
Eagle	9,091	2.9%
Garden City	7,897	2.5%
Kuna	2,750	0.9%
Twin Falls	2,652	0.9%
Idaho Falls	2,057	0.7%
Ontario, OR	1,944	0.6%

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)

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