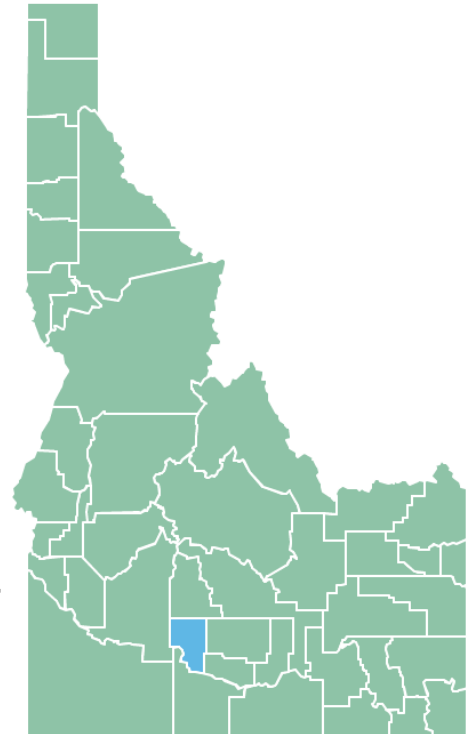


# Gooding County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: June 2025

## Gooding County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (May 2025)	8,406
Unemployment Rate (May 2025)	3.3%
Population (2024)	16,189
Median Household Income (2023)	\$62,395
Per Capita Personal Income (2023)	\$63,424
Poverty Rate (2023)	15.3%



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## 1. Gooding County Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	Gooding County	Gooding County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
<b>Total Population</b>	15,740	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>				
White alone, not hispanic	11,348	72.1%	83.3%	63.4%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	10	0.1%	0.7%	12.4%
Native American alone, not hispanic	384	2.4%	1.1%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	116	0.7%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	4,876	31.0%	13.3%	19.0%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	7,943	50.5%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	7,797	49.5%	49.7%	50.5%
<b>Age</b>				
Median age	38.4	-	37.1	38.7
Under 18 years	4,269	27.1%	24.5%	22.2%
Over 18 years	11,471	72.9%	75.5%	77.8%
21 years and over	10,123	64.3%	65.7%	68.7%
Over 65 years	2,860	18.2%	16.6%	16.8%
<b>Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)</b>				
Less than 9th grade	670	4.3%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	3,081	19.6%	17.0%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	2,380	15.1%	16.3%	13.3%
Associate's degree	890	5.7%	6.4%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	1,119	7.1%	13.7%	14.6%
Graduate or professional degree	607	3.9%	6.8%	9.4%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$62,395	-	\$74,636	\$78,538

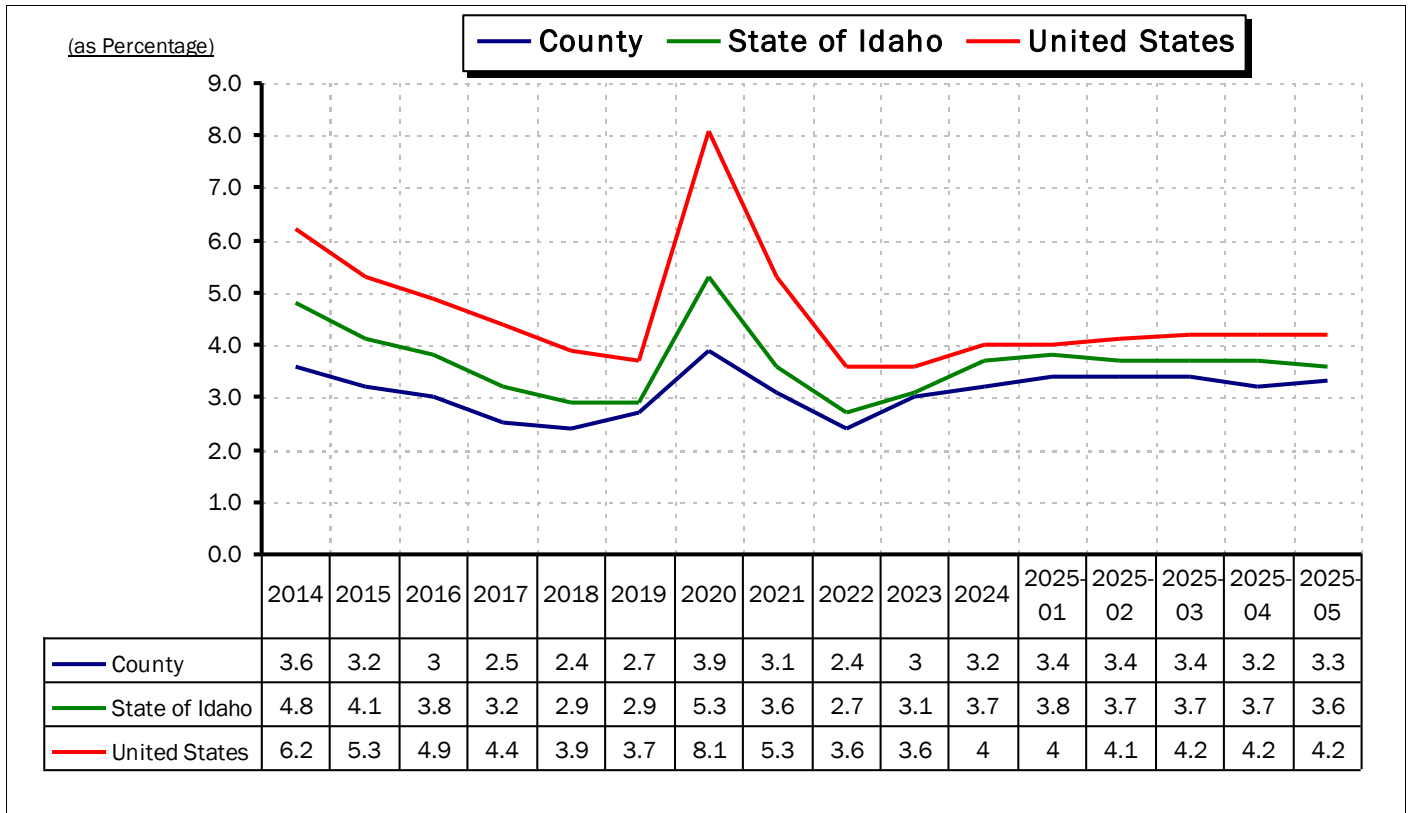
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## 2. Labor Force Growth, May 2024 to May 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
<b>May 2025</b>	8,406	8,130	276	3.3%
<b>May 2024</b>	8,423	8,157	266	3.2%
<b>YoY % Change</b>	-0.2%	-0.3%	3.8%	0.1%

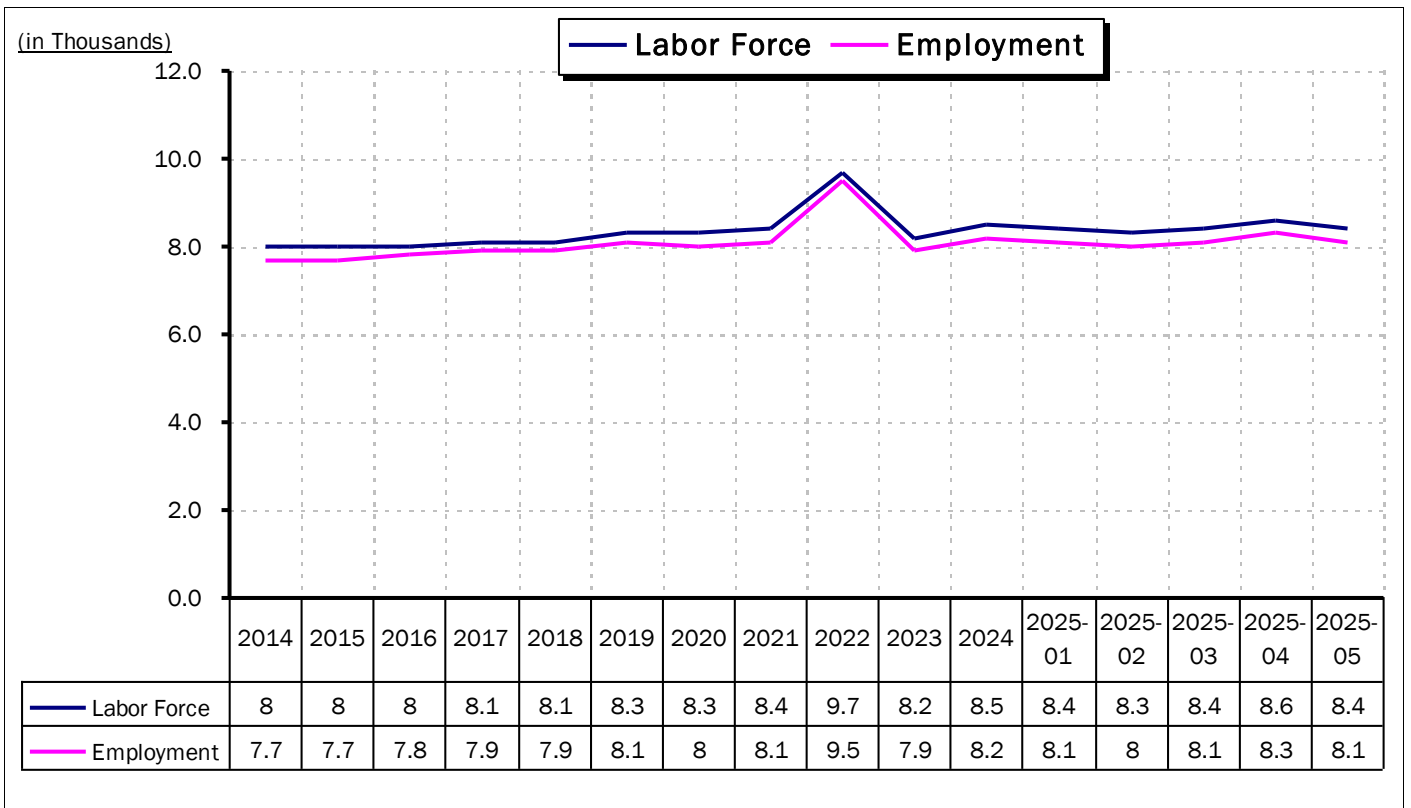
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

### 3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2014 to May 2025



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

### 4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2014 to May 2025



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

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

Supersector	2013		2022		2023	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	5,958	\$31,607	6,445	\$44,187	6,647	\$46,660
Natural Resources and Mining	1,918	\$29,897	1,934	\$42,720	2,050	\$44,313
Construction	189	\$27,268	378	\$46,095	376	\$49,632
Manufacturing	825	\$48,095	954	\$58,595	1,014	\$59,352
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	903	\$33,059	746	\$40,538	784	\$50,075
Information			10	\$22,613	11	\$22,012
Financial Activities	105	\$29,896	103	\$49,160	123	\$52,403
Professional and Business Services	200	\$38,037	153	\$61,706	138	\$58,409
Education and Health Services	985	\$26,758	1,323	\$44,516	1,358	\$46,209
Leisure and Hospitality	330	\$12,285	402	\$16,229	380	\$17,855
Other Services	158	\$47,411	137	\$58,296	112	\$49,442
Public Administration	342	\$22,123	305	\$34,296	301	\$37,812

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

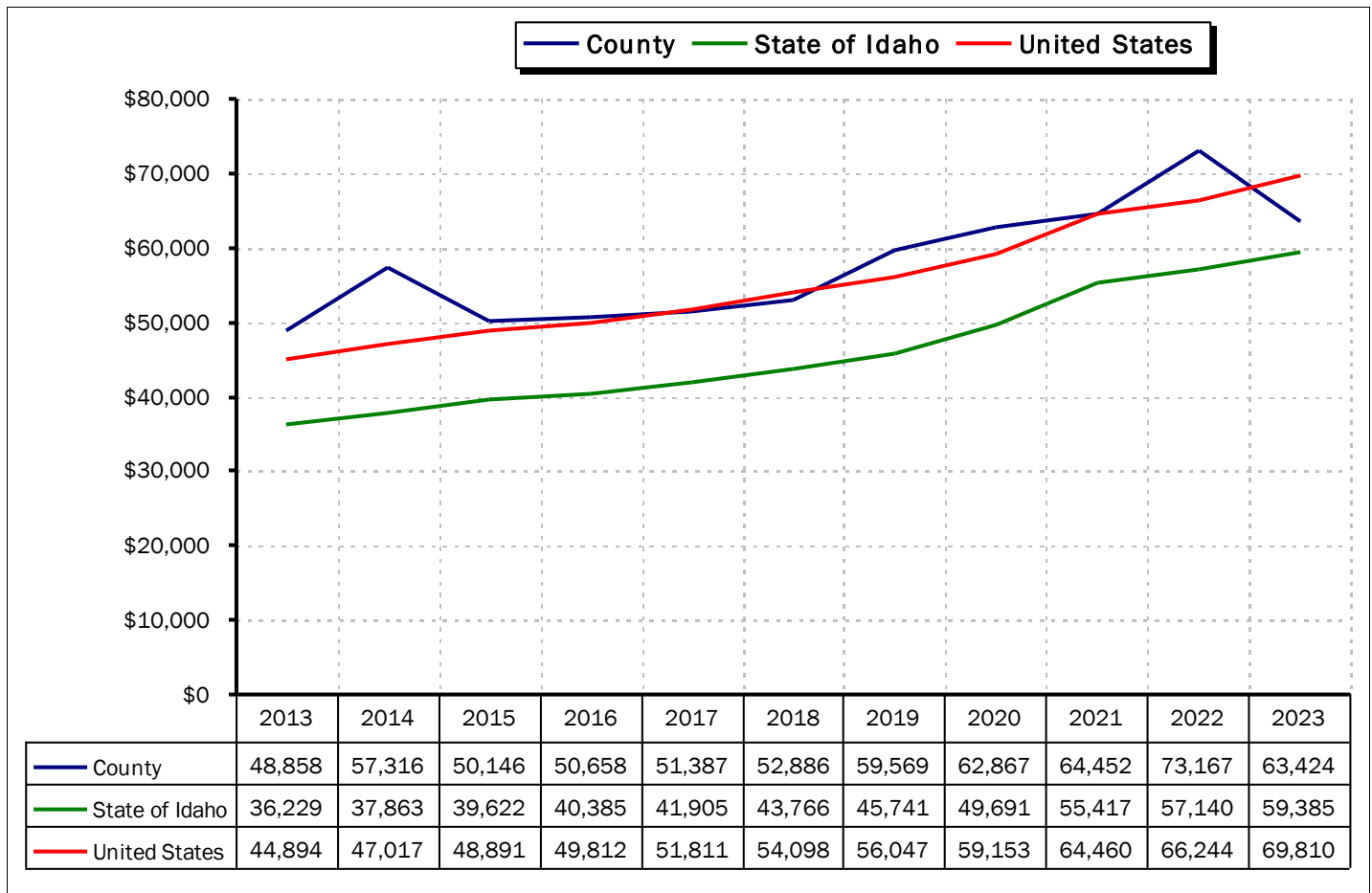
## 6. Top Employers, 2023

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Glanbia Foods	Private	250 - 499
North Canyon Medical Center	Private	250 - 499
Bettencourt Dairies	Private	250 - 499
Clear Springs Foods	Private	100 - 249
Gooding Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Wendell School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf And The Blind	Local Government	100 - 249
Gooding County	Local Government	100 - 249
Wilbur-ellis Nutrition	Private	050 - 099
Mustang Forestry	Private	050 - 099

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)

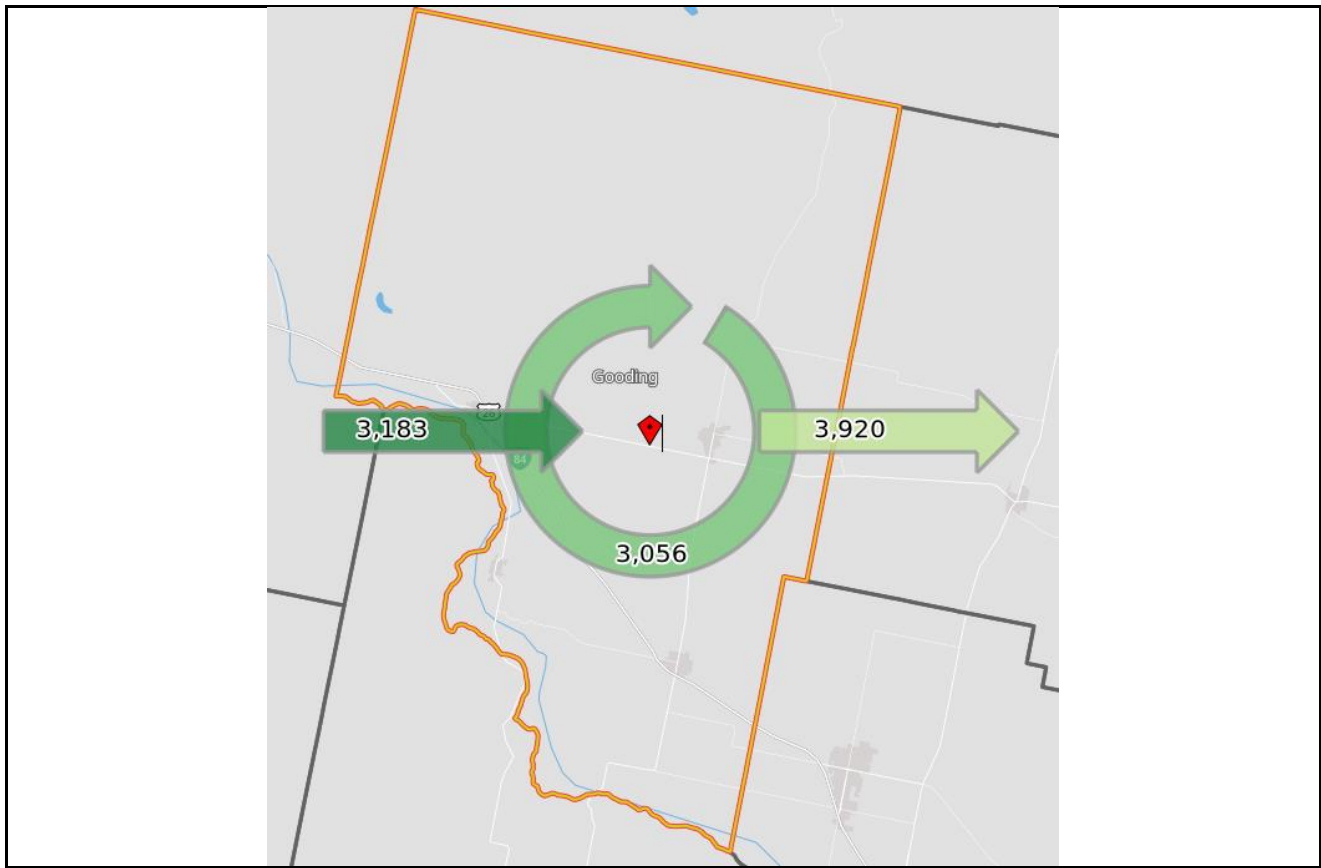
## 7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

## 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 3,056 workers lived and worked in Gooding County in 2022. Another 3,183 workers were employed in Gooding County but lived outside, while 3,920 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

## 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Gooding County Live, 2022

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Gooding	787	12.6%
Wendell	490	7.9%
Jerome	435	7.0%
Twin Falls	402	6.4%
Hagerman	180	2.9%
Buhl	140	2.2%
Bliss	55	0.9%
Shoshone	52	0.8%
Boise	44	0.7%
Idaho Falls	43	0.7%

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 Gooding County Work, 2022**

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Gooding	941	13.5%
Twin Falls	843	12.1%
Wendell	455	6.5%
Jerome	406	5.8%
Boise	286	4.1%
Hagerman	171	2.5%
Burley	92	1.3%
Hailey	90	1.3%
Nampa	85	1.2%
Bliss	84	1.2%

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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