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Nez Perce County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (May 2025) 21.149 **Unemployment Rate (May 2025)** 3.8% 42.847 Population (2024) Median Household Income (2023) \$71,466 \$56.586 Per Capita Personal Income (2023) Poverty Rate (2023) 13.1%

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1. Nez Perce County Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	Nez Perce County	Nez Perce County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)	
Total Population	42,477	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540	
Race and Ethnicity					
White alone, not hispanic	37,533	88.4%	83.3%	63.4%	
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	43	0.1%	0.7%	12.4%	
Native American alone, not hispanic	1,911	4.5%	1.1%	0.9%	
Asian alone, not hispanic	366	0.9%	1.3%	5.8%	
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	1,813	4.3%	13.3%	19.0%	
Gender					
Male	21,083	49.6%	50.3%	49.5%	
Female	21,394	50.4%	49.7%	50.5%	
Age					
Median age	40.9	-	37.1	38.7	
Under 18 years	9,093	21.4%	24.5%	22.2%	
Over 18 years	33,384	78.6%	75.5%	77.8%	
21 years and over	29,730	70.0%	65.7%	68.7%	
Over 65 years	8,733	20.6%	16.6%	16.8%	
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)					
Less than 9th grade	708	1.7%	2.1%	3.2%	
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	8,538	20.1%	17.0%	18.0%	
Some college, no degree	7,697	18.1%	16.3%	13.3%	
Associate's degree	3,438	8.1%	6.4%	6.0%	
Bachelor's degree	5,372	12.6%	13.7%	14.6%	
Graduate or professional degree	2,583	6.1%	6.8%	9.4%	
Median Household Income	\$71,466	-	\$74,636	\$78,538	

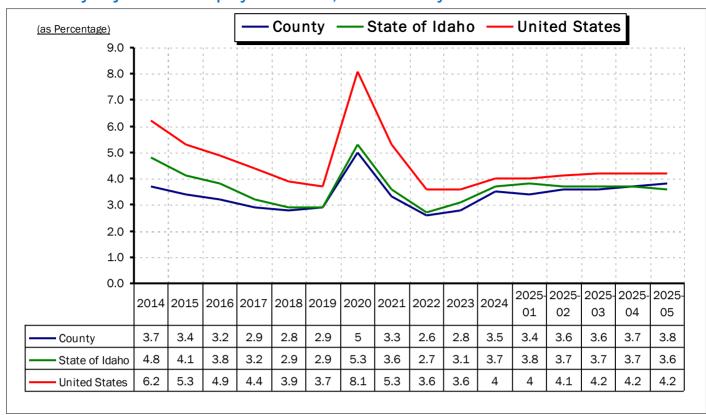
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, May 2024 to May 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
May 2025	21,149	20,353	796	3.8%
May 2024	21,122	20,379	743	3.5%
YoY % Change	0.1%	-0.1%	7.1%	0.3%

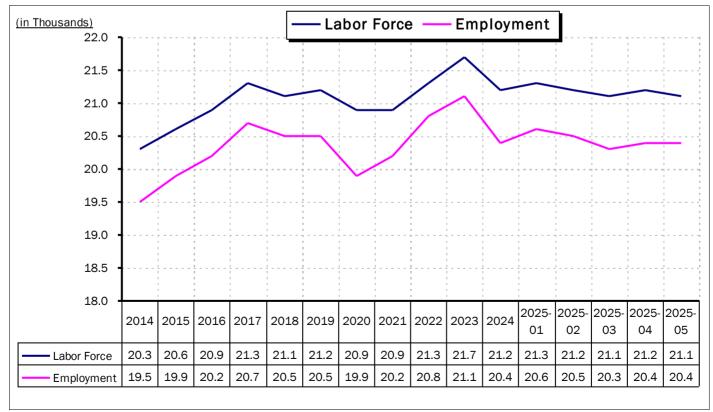
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



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



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

	201	3	202	22	202	3
Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	20,254	\$37,163	21,177	\$50,175	21,546	\$52,396
Natural Resources and Mining	286	\$49,745	247	\$67,074	249	\$71,128
Construction	669	\$39,889	1,002	\$52,477	1,079	\$58,320
Manufacturing	3,503	\$52,860	4,075	\$66,692	4,198	\$67,838
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	3,743	\$32,394	3,753	\$45,361	3,725	\$46,290
Information	411	\$30,528	353	\$45,948	339	\$49,465
Financial Activities	1,326	\$45,478	1,234	\$75,616	1,300	\$80,289
Professional and Business Services	918	\$34,524	1,057	\$44,218	1,085	\$47,299
Education and Health Services	5,118	\$36,246	4,886	\$48,357	5,012	\$49,312
Leisure and Hospitality	2,125	\$15,792	2,245	\$21,920	2,263	\$23,240
Other Services	515	\$22,761	646	\$33,649	662	\$35,172
Public Administration	1,640	\$42,705	1,679	\$52,359	1,634	\$58,494

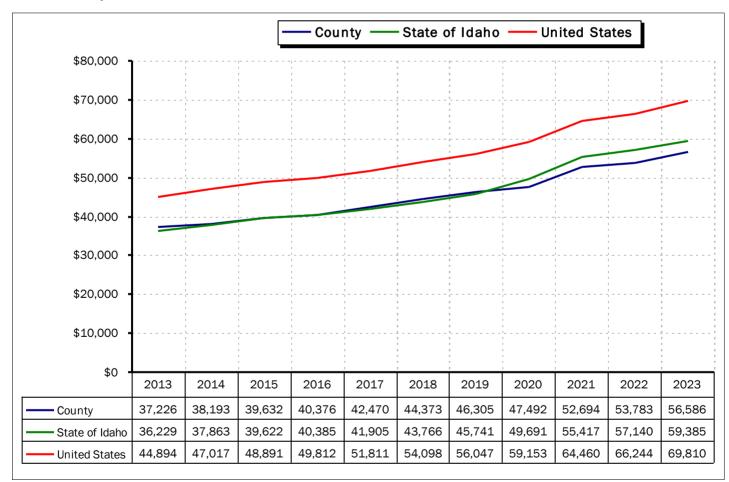
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2023

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Federal Cartridge Company	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Clearwater Paper Corporation	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Schweitzer Engineeering Laboratories	Private	500 - 999
Lewiston Independent School District	Local Government	500 - 999
Nez Perce Tribe	Local Government	500 - 999
St. Joseph Hospital	Private	500 - 999
Lewis-clark State College	State Government	500 - 999
Happy Day Corporation	Private	250 - 499
City Of Lewiston	Local Government	250 - 499
Nez Perce County	Local Government	100 - 249

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)

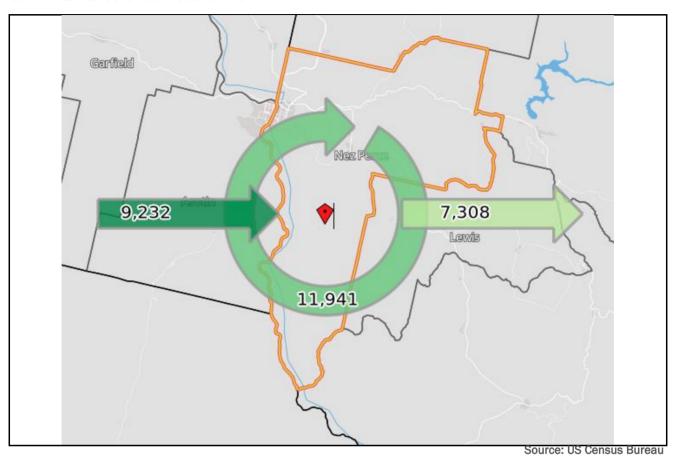
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 11,941 workers lived and worked in Nez Perce County in 2022. Another 9,232 workers were employed in Nez Perce County but lived outside, while 7,308 workers commuted to other counties for work.



9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Nez Perce County Live, 2022

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston	10,038	47.4%
Clarkston, WA	1,312	6.2%
Clarkston Heights-Vineland CDP, WA	1,135	5.4%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	966	4.6%
Moscow	545	2.6%
Lapwai	241	1.1%
Coeur d'Alene	193	0.9%
Boise	185	0.9%
Pullman	182	0.9%
Asotin, WA	162	0.8%

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 Nez Perce County Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston	9,850	51.2%
Clarkston, WA	1,392	7.2%
Moscow	553	2.9%
Boise	446	2.3%
Pullman, WA	423	2.2%
Lapwai	405	2.1%
Coeur d'Alene	401	2.1%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	284	1.5%
Spokane Valley, WA	160	0.8%
Orofino	151	0.8%

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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