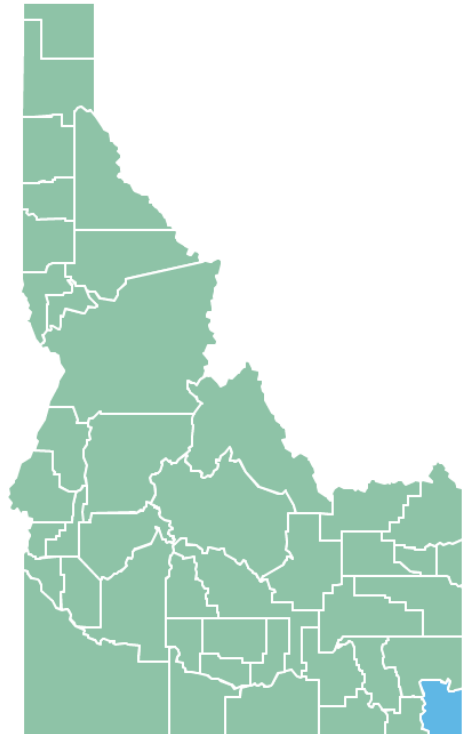


# Bear Lake County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: September 2025

## Bear Lake County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2025)	3,517
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2025)	2.8%
Population (2024)	6,779
Median Household Income (2023)	\$67,304
Per Capita Personal Income (2023)	\$49,045
Poverty Rate (2023)	10.2%



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

	Bear Lake County	Bear Lake County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
<b>Total Population</b>	6,552	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>				
White alone, not hispanic	6,183	94.4%	83.3%	63.4%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	18	0.3%	0.7%	12.4%
Native American alone, not hispanic	101	1.5%	1.1%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	17	0.3%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	244	3.7%	13.3%	19.0%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	3,326	50.8%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	3,226	49.2%	49.7%	50.5%
<b>Age</b>				
Median age	40.2	-	37.1	38.7
Under 18 years	1,776	27.1%	24.5%	22.2%
Over 18 years	4,776	72.9%	75.5%	77.8%
21 years and over	4,274	65.2%	65.7%	68.7%
Over 65 years	1,368	20.9%	16.6%	16.8%
<b>Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)</b>				
Less than 9th grade	13	0.2%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	1,556	23.7%	17.0%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	1,071	16.3%	16.3%	13.3%
Associate's degree	479	7.3%	6.4%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	597	9.1%	13.7%	14.6%
Graduate or professional degree	272	4.2%	6.8%	9.4%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$67,304	-	\$74,636	\$78,538

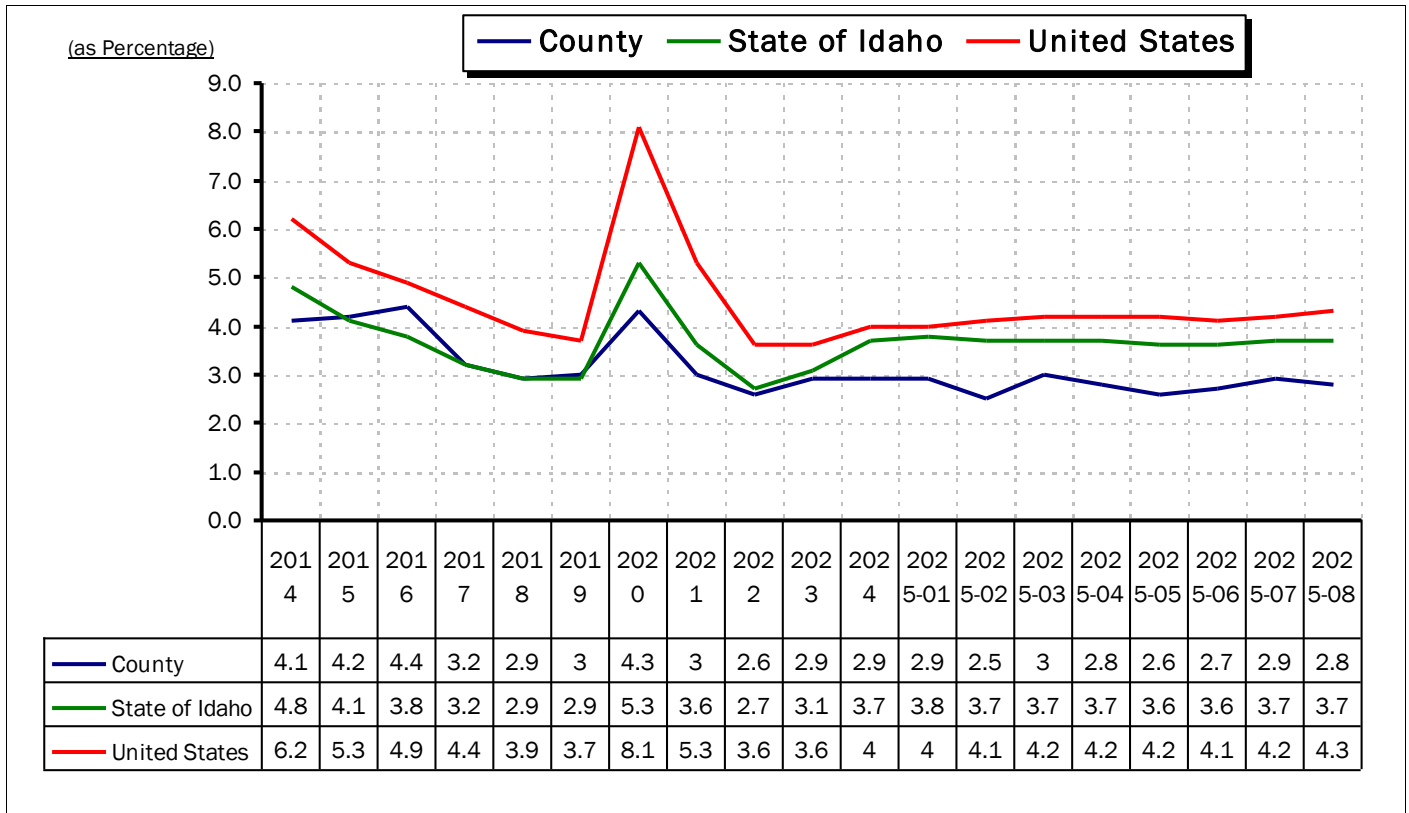
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
<b>August 2025</b>	3,517	3,418	99	2.8%
<b>August 2024</b>	3,532	3,428	104	2.9%
<b>YoY % Change</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>

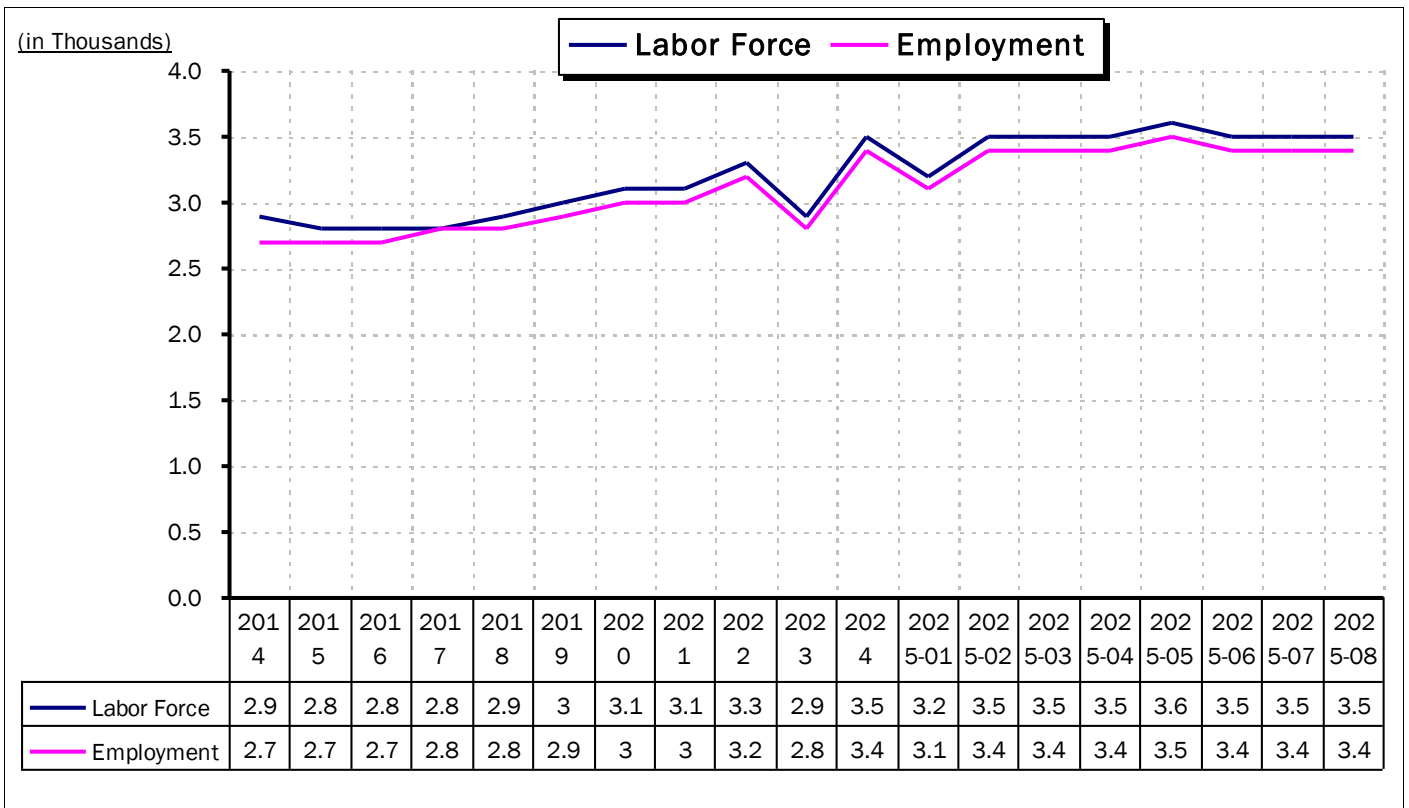
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



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

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



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

## 5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2014, 2023, and 2024

Supersector	2014		2023		2024	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,631	\$27,184	1,943	\$38,588	1,987	\$40,441
Natural Resources and Mining	16	\$50,904	18	\$32,819	16	\$35,528
Construction	39	\$32,152	81	\$39,945	89	\$40,426
Manufacturing	43	\$37,951	64	\$57,157	65	\$54,687
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	367	\$24,986	372	\$33,587	387	\$33,493
Information	30	\$17,754	14	\$31,179	13	\$40,080
Financial Activities	40	\$35,608	49	\$48,560	57	\$54,191
Professional and Business Services	114	\$37,200	331	\$46,055	331	\$47,154
Education and Health Services	540	\$29,092	591	\$43,040	599	\$47,145
Leisure and Hospitality	241	\$14,212	213	\$14,776	225	\$15,323
Other Services	21	\$26,678	27	\$30,926	32	\$33,321
Public Administration	180	\$30,971	183	\$41,086	173	\$44,516

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

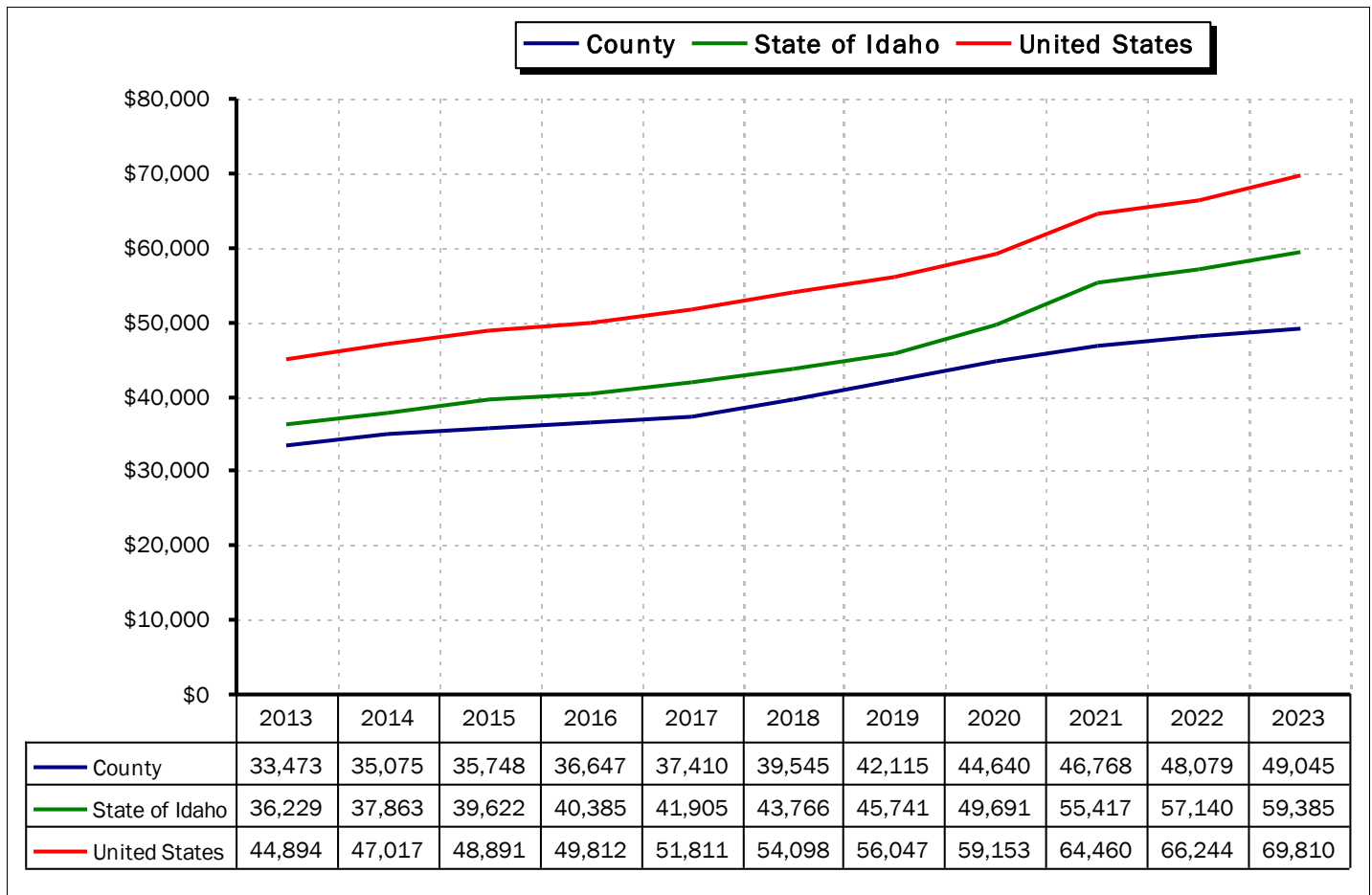
## 6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital	Local government	250 - 499
Bear Lake School District	Local government	100 - 249
Resource Management	Private	050 - 099
Broulim's Foodtown	Private	050 - 099
Bear Lake County	Local government	050 - 099
U.s. Forest Service	Federal government	010 - 049
Canyon Inn Montpelier	Private	010 - 049
Coopers North Beach	Private	010 - 049
City Of Montpelier	Local government	010 - 049
Jensen Lumber Company	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)

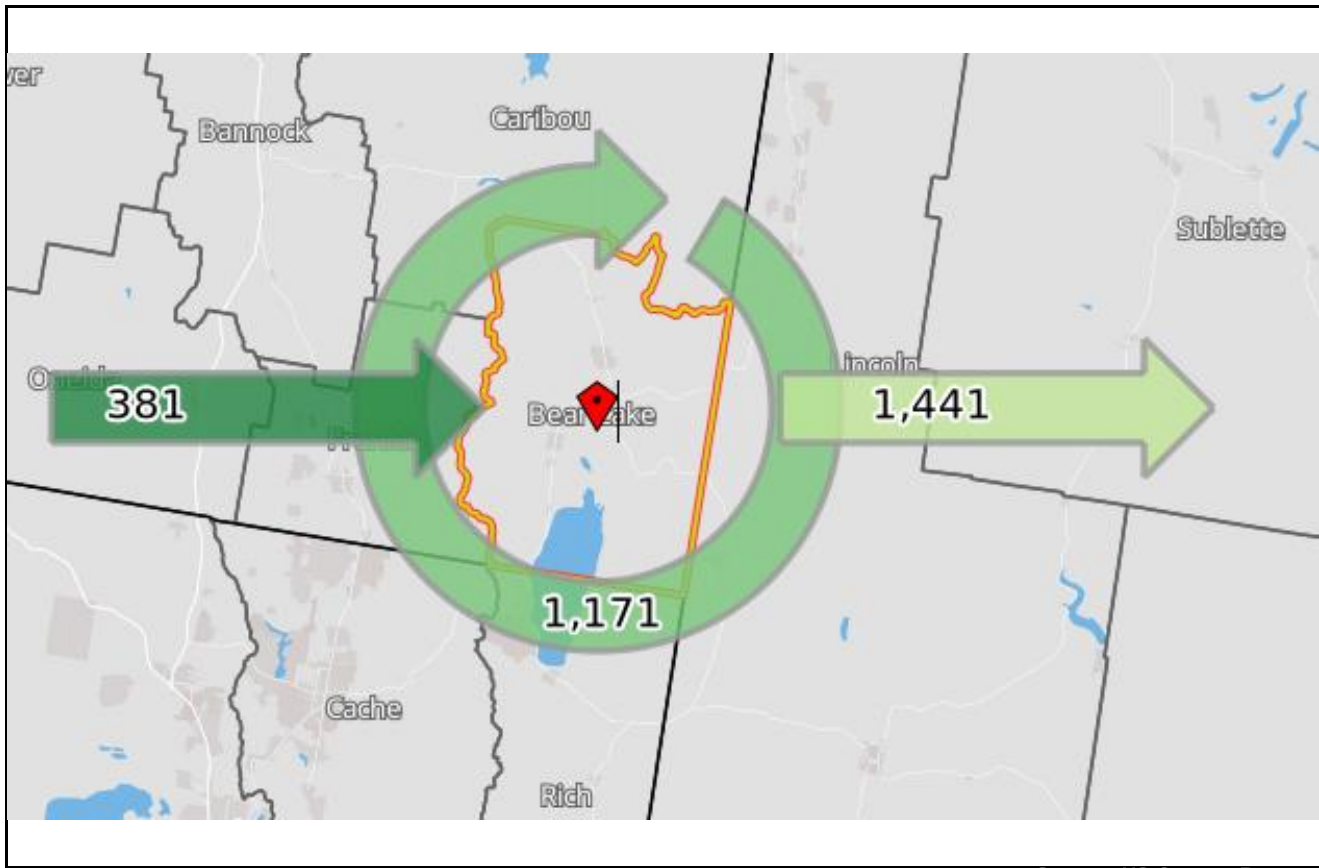
## 7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

## 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 1,171 workers lived and worked in Bear Lake County in 2022. Another 381 workers were employed in Bear Lake County but lived outside, while 1,441 workers commuted to other counties for work.



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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	598	38.5%
Paris	65	4.2%
Georgetown	60	3.9%
Bennington CDP	53	3.4%
Bloomington city	27	1.7%
Pocatello	27	1.7%
St. Charles	21	1.4%
Chubbuck	16	1.0%
Idaho Falls	14	0.9%
Rexburg	13	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 Bear Lake County Work, 2022**

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	784	30.0%
Soda Springs	207	7.9%
Paris	144	5.5%
Pocatello	100	3.8%
Boise	88	3.4%
Garden City, UT	86	3.3%
Idaho Falls	55	2.1%
Logan, UT	43	1.6%
Twin Falls	36	1.4%
Meridian	30	1.1%

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