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Benewah County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2025) 4.123 **Unemployment Rate (Aug 2025)** 5.7% Population (2024) 10.529 Median Household Income (2023) \$56,553 \$45,633 Per Capita Personal Income (2023) Poverty Rate (2023) 15.0%

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1. Benewah County Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	Benewah County	Benewah County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)	
Total Population	9,913	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540	
Race and Ethnicity					
White alone, not hispanic	8,423	85.0%	83.3%	63.4%	
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	73	0.7%	0.7%	12.4%	
Native American alone, not hispanic	868	8.8%	1.1%	0.9%	
Asian alone, not hispanic	4	0.0%	1.3%	5.8%	
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	355	3.6%	13.3%	19.0%	
Gender					
Male	5,082	51.3%	50.3%	49.5%	
Female	4,831	48.7%	49.7%	50.5%	
Age					
Median age	46.0	-	37.1	38.7	
Under 18 years	2,189	22.1%	24.5%	22.2%	
Over 18 years	7,724	77.9%	75.5%	77.8%	
21 years and over	7,064	71.3%	65.7%	68.7%	
Over 65 years	2,325	23.5%	16.6%	16.8%	
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)					
Less than 9th grade	165	1.7%	2.1%	3.2%	
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	2,321	23.4%	17.0%	18.0%	
Some college, no degree	1,529	15.4%	16.3%	13.3%	
Associate's degree	715	7.2%	6.4%	6.0%	
Bachelor's degree	924	9.3%	13.7%	14.6%	
Graduate or professional degree	475	4.8%	6.8%	9.4%	
Median Household Income	\$56,553	-	\$74,636	\$78,538	

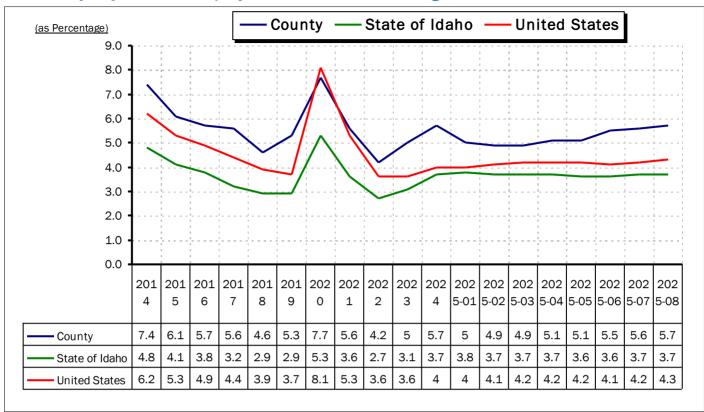
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2024 to August 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2025	4,123	3,886	237	5.7%
August 2024	4,125	3,874	251	6.1%
YoY % Change	0.0%	0.3%	-5.6%	-0.4%

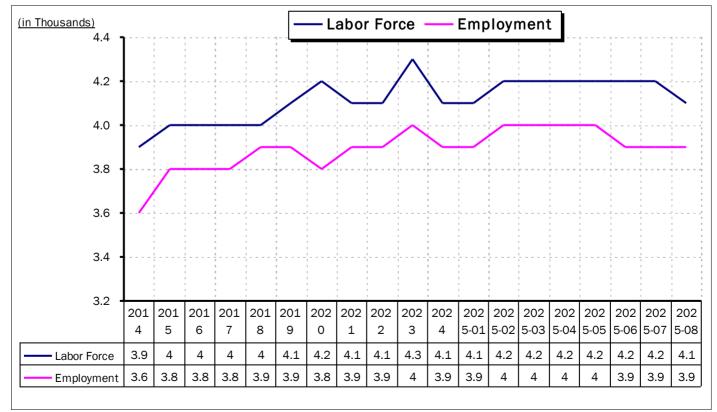
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



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



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

	201	4	202	23	202	4
Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	3,289	\$36,456	3,380	\$53,781	3,381	\$56,376
Natural Resources and Mining	182	\$44,496	177	\$68,126	184	\$64,427
Construction	69	\$33,640	116	\$43,030	123	\$44,463
Manufacturing	547	\$47,332	515	\$69,587	493	\$72,746
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	656	\$30,721	686	\$56,155	683	\$58,826
Information	44	\$43,222	33	\$35,440	36	\$37,215
Financial Activities	82	\$32,939	79	\$68,045	81	\$70,348
Professional and Business Services	122	\$48,860	105	\$75,486	112	\$73,966
Education and Health Services	759	\$35,245	765	\$50,896	758	\$54,756
Leisure and Hospitality	151	\$10,782	224	\$14,990	197	\$16,104
Other Services	75	\$29,452	86	\$34,093	89	\$34,039
Public Administration	602	\$37,026	594	\$51,641	625	\$54,741

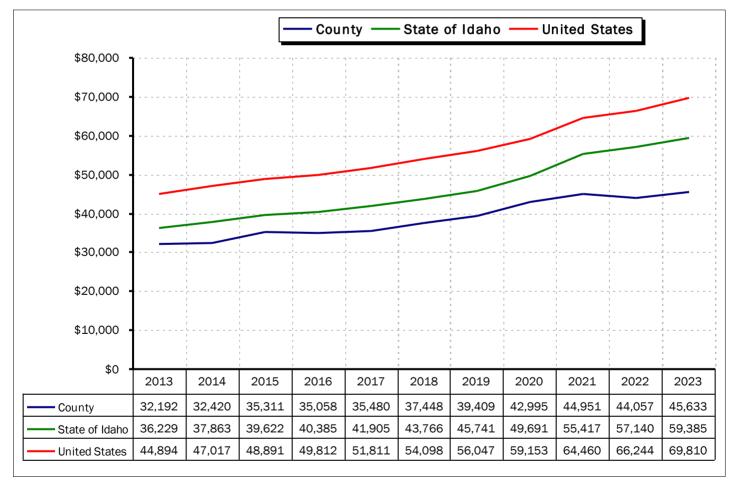
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Coeur D 'alene Tribe	Local government	500 - 999
St. Maries School District	Local government	100 - 249
Jack Buell Trucking	Private	100 - 249
Benewah Community Hospital	Local government	100 - 249
Benewah County	Local government	100 - 249
Plummer-worley School District	Local government	050 - 099
Stimson Lumber Company	Private	050 - 099
Valley Vista Care	Private	050 - 099
Archie's Iga	Private	050 - 099
Idaho Department Of Lands	State government	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)

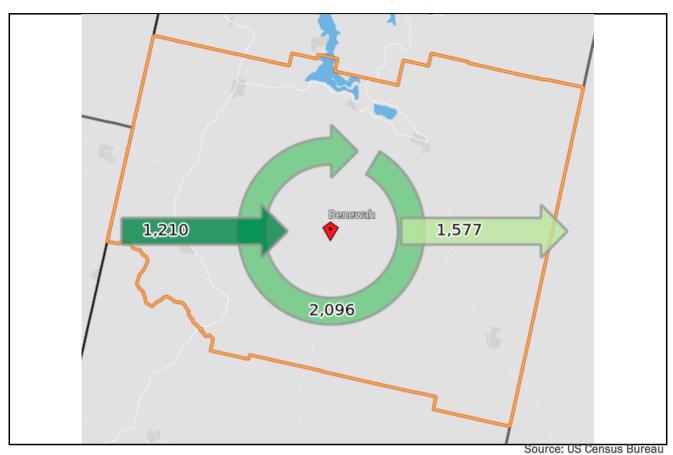
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 2,096 workers lived and worked in Benewah County in 2022. Another 1,210 workers were employed in Benewah County but lived outside, while 1,577 workers commuted to other counties for work.



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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
St. Maries	551	16.7%
Plummer	187	5.7%
Coeur d'Alene	132	4.0%
Fernwood CDP	80	2.4%
Post Falls	76	2.3%
Spokane Valley, WA	53	1.6%
Spokane, WA	43	1.3%
Hayden	36	1.1%
Moscow	34	1.0%
Lewiston	24	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 Benewah County Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
St. Maries	1,228	33.4%
Plummer	449	12.2%
Coeur d'Alene	219	6.0%
Boise	99	2.7%
Spokane	68	1.9%
Moscow	62	1.7%
Spokane Valley, WA	56	1.5%
Post Falls	52	1.4%
Hayden	48	1.3%
Pullman, WA	32	0.9%

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