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North Central Idaho Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2025)	54,125	
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2025)	4.1%	
Population (2024)	115,818	
Median Household Income (2023)	\$61,045	
Per Capita Personal Income (2023)	\$51,110	
Poverty Rate (2023)	13.6%	

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1. North Central Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	North Central	Region (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	112,482	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	100,003	88.9%	83.3%	63.4%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	559	0.5%	0.7%	12.4%
Native American alone, not hispanic	2,718	2.4%	1.1%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	1,433	1.3%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	5,046	4.5%	13.3%	19.0%
Gender				
Male	57,447	51.1%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	55,035	48.9%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	44.4	-	37.1	38.7
Under 18 years	22,270	19.8%	24.5%	22.2%
Over 18 years	90,212	80.2%	75.5%	77.8%
21 years and over	75,853	67.4%	65.7%	68.7%
Over 65 years	23,020	20.5%	16.6%	16.8%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and 0	Over)			
Less than 9th grade	1,416	1.3%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	21,342	7.1%	17.0%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	18,518	16.5%	16.3%	13.3%
Associate's degree	7,968	7.1%	6.4%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	15,186	13.5%	13.7%	14.6%
Graduate or professional degree	8,101	7.2%	6.8%	9.4%
Median Household Income	\$61,045	-	\$74,636	\$78,538

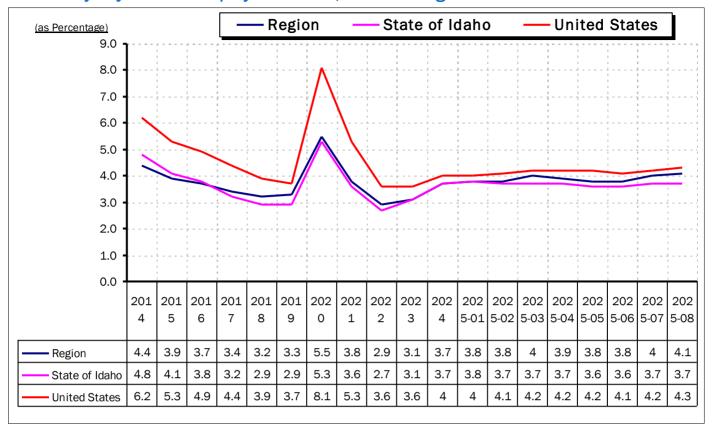
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2024 to August 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2025	54,125	51,915	2,210	4.1%
August 2024	56,005	53,805	2,200	3.9%
YoY % Change	-3.4%	-3.5%	0.5%	0.2%

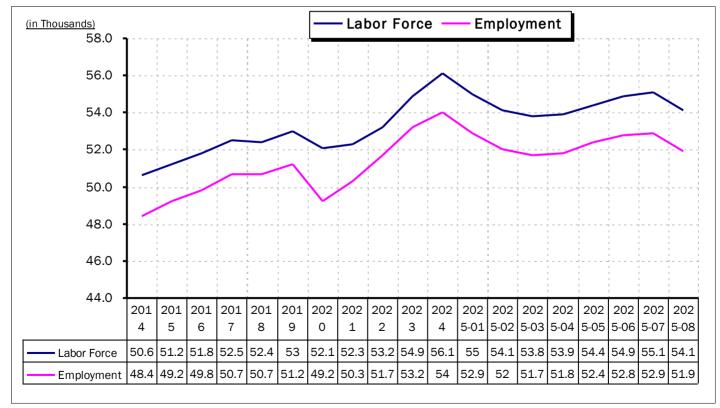
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



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



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

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

	2014	4	202	3	202	4
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	42,419	\$35,583	44,923	\$49,331	45,544	\$51,477
Natural Resources and Mining	1,250	\$44,367	1,125	\$62,691	1,135	\$62,354
Construction	1,705	\$34,914	2,494	\$52,087	2,605	\$55,717
Manufacturing	4,779	\$50,343	5,740	\$64,049	5,730	\$67,186
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	7,818	\$31,436	7,672	\$41,837	7,745	\$42,887
Information	666	\$31,487	623	\$61,191	610	\$64,785
Financial Activities	1,923	\$46,956	1,947	\$70,072	1,975	\$72,666
Professional and Business Services	2,083	\$36,062	2,435	\$56,936	2,430	\$60,968
Education and Health Services	13,054	\$36,661	13,466	\$49,569	13,869	\$51,846
Leisure and Hospitality	4,555	\$14,481	4,867	\$20,723	4,834	\$21,477
Other Services	973	\$24,080	1,100	\$36,332	1,092	\$38,000
Public Administration	3,613	\$42,538	3,454	\$59,504	3,519	\$61,342

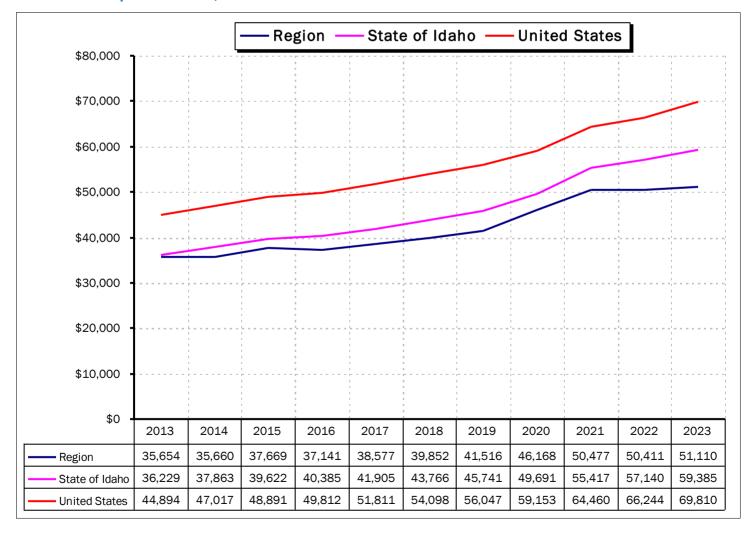
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
University of Idaho	State Government	2,500 - 4,999
Federal Cartridge Company	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Clearwater Paper Corporation	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Nez Perce Tribe	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499
Schweitzer Engineeering Laboratories	Private	500 - 999
Lewiston Independent School District	Local Government	500 - 999
Gritman Medical Center	Private	500 - 999
St. Joseph Hospital	Private	500 - 999
Lewis-Clark State College	State Government	500 - 999
Cambia Health Solutions	Private	500 - 999

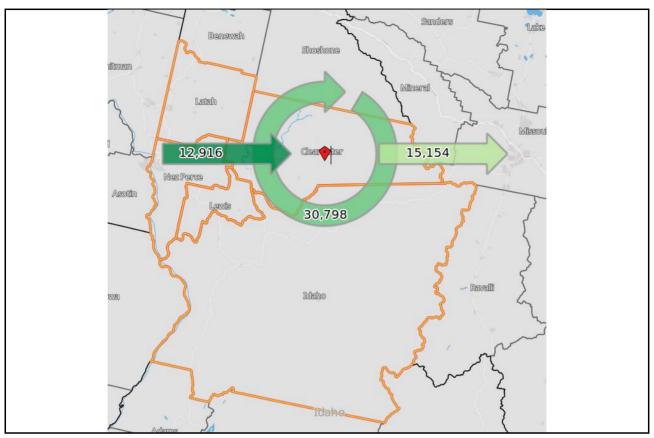
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 30,798 workers lived and worked in North Central Idaho in . Another 12,916 workers were employed in North Central Idaho but lived outside, while 15,154 workers lived in the area but commuted outside for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in North Central Idaho Live, 2022

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston	10,997	25.2%
Moscow	6,202	14.2%
Clarkston, WA	1,312	3.0%
Clarkston Heights-Vineland CDP,	1,162	2.7%
Grangeville	977	2.2%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	966	2.2%
Pullman	904	2.1%
Orofino	570	1.3%
Boise	478	1.1%
Coeur d'Alene	470	1.1%

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 North Central Idaho Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston	11,571	25.2%
Moscow	7,351	16.0%
Pullman, WA	3,345	7.3%
Clarkston, WA	1,428	3.1%
Orofino	1,406	3.1%
Grangeville	1,366	3.0%
Boise	1,179	2.6%
Coeur d'Alene	886	1.9%
Kamiah	661	1.4%
Cottonwood	482	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)

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