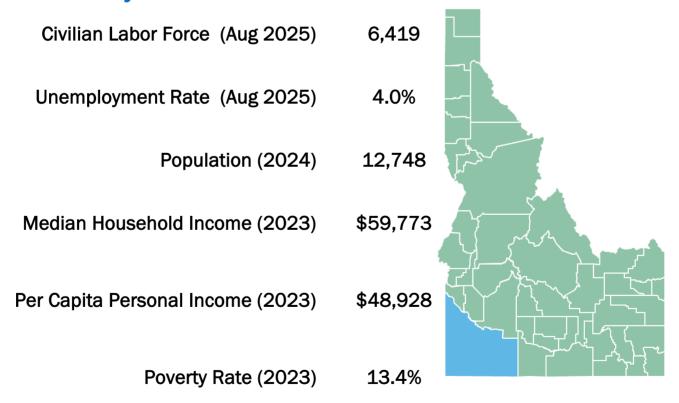


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1. Owyhee County Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	Owyhee County	Owyhee County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)	
Total Population	12,284	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540	
Race and Ethnicity					
White alone, not hispanic	8,979	73.1%	83.3%	63.4%	
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	59	0.5%	0.7%	12.4%	
Native American alone, not hispanic	599	4.9%	1.1%	0.9%	
Asian alone, not hispanic	13	0.1%	1.3%	5.8%	
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	3,049	24.8%	13.3%	19.0%	
Gender					
Male	6,363	51.8%	50.3%	49.5%	
Female	5,921	48.2%	49.7%	50.5%	
Age					
Median age	38.3	-	37.1	38.7	
Under 18 years	3,068	25.0%	24.5%	22.2%	
Over 18 years	9,216	75.0%	75.5%	77.8%	
21 years and over	8,217	66.9%	65.7%	68.7%	
Over 65 years	2,347	19.1%	16.6%	16.8%	
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)					
Less than 9th grade	1,121	9.1%	2.1%	3.2%	
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	3,103	25.3%	17.0%	18.0%	
Some college, no degree	1,682	13.7%	16.3%	13.3%	
Associate's degree	478	3.9%	6.4%	6.0%	
Bachelor's degree	766	6.2%	13.7%	14.6%	
Graduate or professional degree	358	2.9%	6.8%	9.4%	
Median Household Income	\$59,773	-	\$74,636	\$78,538	

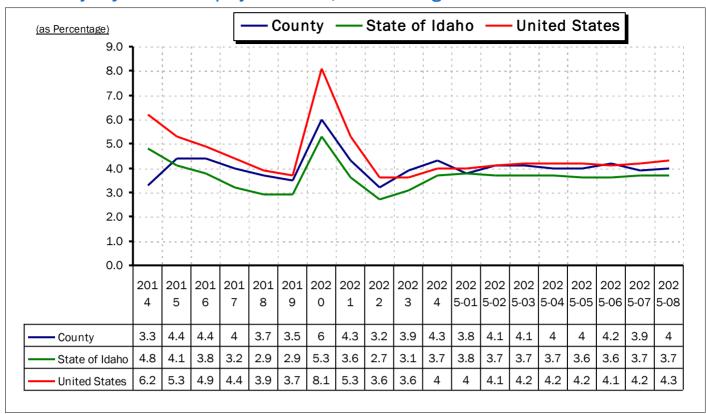
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2024 to August 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2025	6,419	6,162	257	4.0%
August 2024	6,326	6,047	279	4.4%
YoY % Change	1.5%	1.9%	-7.9%	-0.4%

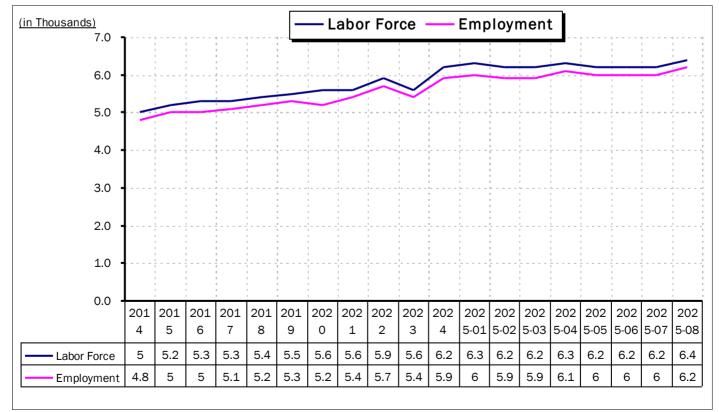
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



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



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

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	2,950	\$32,252	3,180	\$45,789	3,531	\$47,459
Natural Resources and Mining	1,177	\$35,444	939	\$35,444	1,188	\$47,367
Construction	90	\$30,814	191	\$30,814	182	\$48,439
Manufacturing	177	\$36,611	164	\$36,611	240	\$71,242
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	392	\$37,630	564	\$37,630	535	\$45,687
Information	23	\$32,574	27	\$32,574	24	\$36,570
Financial Activities	32	\$44,745	32	\$44,745	34	\$48,870
Professional and Business Services	148	\$43,383	166	\$43,383	209	\$79,133
Education and Health Services	537	\$24,280	583	\$24,280	599	\$40,873
Leisure and Hospitality	153	\$10,482	250	\$10,482	243	\$15,397
Other Services	13	\$27,899	47	\$27,899	61	\$72,874
Public Administration	208	\$27,963	217	\$27,963	216	\$42,593

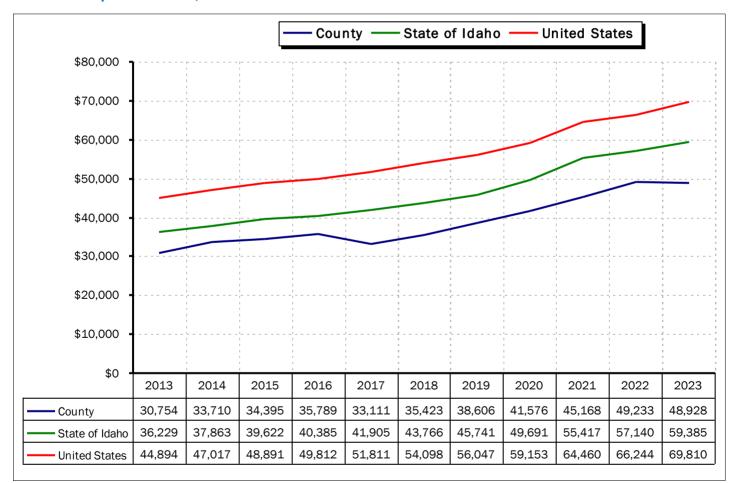
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Marsing Agricultural Labor Sponsoring Comm.	Private	250 - 499
J R Simplot	Private	250 - 499
Homedale Joint School District	Local government	100 - 249
Marsing Joint School District	Local government	100 - 249
Owyhee County	Local government	050 - 099
Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center	Private	050 - 099
Albertsons	Private	050 - 099
Bruneau-grandview Joint School District	Local government	050 - 099
U.s. Ecology Idaho	Private	050 - 099
Savory Layne Bbq	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)

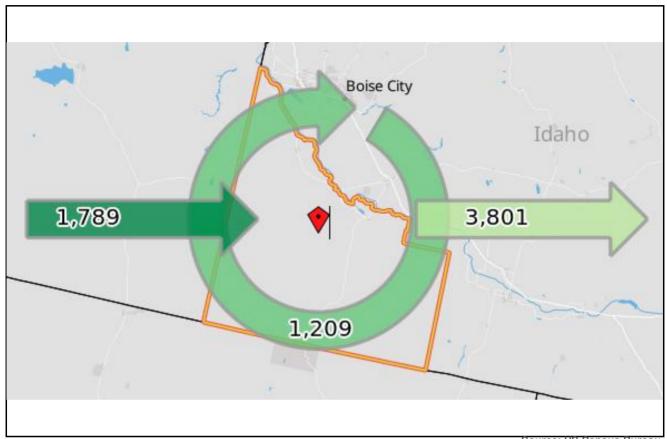
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 1,209 workers lived and worked in Owyhee County in 2022. Another 1,789 workers were employed in Owyhee County but lived outside, while 3,801 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Homedale	256	8.5%
Caldwell	213	7.1%
Nampa	182	6.1%
Mountain Home	129	4.3%
Boise	113	3.8%
Marsing	111	3.7%
Meridian	88	2.9%
Grand View	52	1.7%
Wilder	44	1.5%
Eagle	25	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 Owyhee County Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Boise	734	14.7%
Nampa	642	12.8%
Caldwell	471	9.4%
Homedale	347	6.9%
Meridian	307	6.1%
Marsing	162	3.2%
Grand View	104	2.1%
Mountain Home	84	1.7%
Twin Falls	83	1.7%
Murphy CDP	69	1.4%

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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