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Payette County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2025) 12.769 **Unemployment Rate (Aug 2025)** 4.3% Population (2024) 27,662 Median Household Income (2023) \$65,723 \$49,505 Per Capita Personal Income (2023) Poverty Rate (2023) 9.0%

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

	Payette County	Payette County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	26,190	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	21,608	82.5%	83.3%	63.4%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	22	0.1%	0.7%	12.4%
Native American alone, not hispanic	215	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	140	0.5%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	4,589	17.5%	13.3%	19.0%
Gender				
Male	13,098	50.0%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	13,092	50.0%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	38.8	-	37.1	38.7
Under 18 years	6,719	25.7%	24.5%	22.2%
Over 18 years	19,471	74.3%	75.5%	77.8%
21 years and over	17,539	67.0%	65.7%	68.7%
Over 65 years	5,048	19.3%	16.6%	16.8%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	810	3.1%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	5,795	22.1%	17.0%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	4,231	16.2%	16.3%	13.3%
Associate's degree	1,736	6.6%	6.4%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	2,414	9.2%	13.7%	14.6%
Graduate or professional degree	1,029	3.9%	6.8%	9.4%
Median Household Income	\$65,723	-	\$74,636	\$78,538

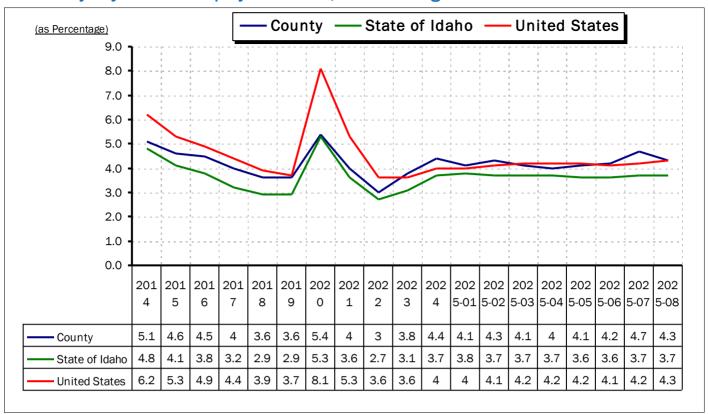
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2024 to August 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2025	12,769	12,225	544	4.3%
August 2024	12,924	12,332	592	4.6%
YoY % Change	-1.2%	-0.9%	-8.1%	-0.3%

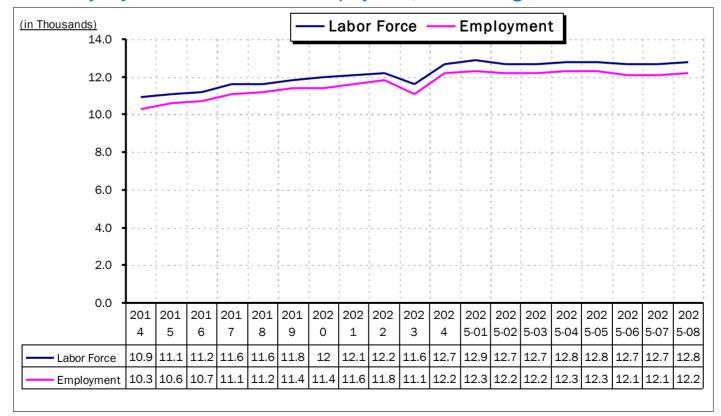
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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	6,028	\$32,953	6,897	\$47,476	7,094	\$49,427
Natural Resources and Mining	468	\$26,443	334	\$43,261	334	\$44,533
Construction	234	\$31,488	398	\$48,937	483	\$63,624
Manufacturing	1,289	\$30,420	1,257	\$49,597	1,357	\$53,193
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	919	\$36,393	1,144	\$54,582	1,109	\$53,448
Information	362	\$55,222	43	\$114,342	28	\$72,092
Financial Activities	239	\$51,464	277	\$53,946	283	\$56,122
Professional and Business Services	475	\$27,547	686	\$53,118	703	\$51,227
Education and Health Services	1,222	\$33,741	1,579	\$47,181	1,604	\$49,565
Leisure and Hospitality	203	\$11,144	475	\$19,520	495	\$19,548
Other Services	234	\$21,430	322	\$39,410	317	\$42,177
Public Administration	383	\$32,265	382	\$41,803	381	\$44,917

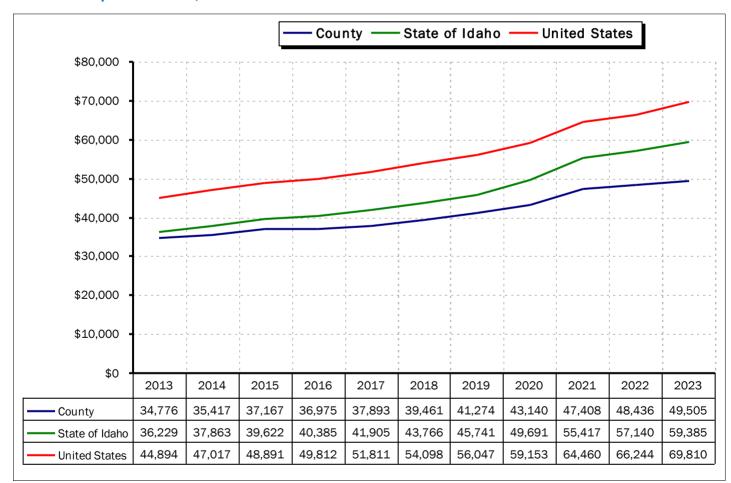
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Woodgrain Millwork	Private	250 - 499
Dickinson Frozen Foods	Private	250 - 499
Fruitland School District	Local government	100 - 249
Payette School District	Local government	100 - 249
Swire Pacific Holdings	Private	100 - 249
New Plymouth School District	Local government	100 - 249
Payette County	Local government	100 - 249
American Staffing	Private	100 - 249
Western Idaho Community Action	Private	100 - 249
St. Luke's Regional Medical Center	Private	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)

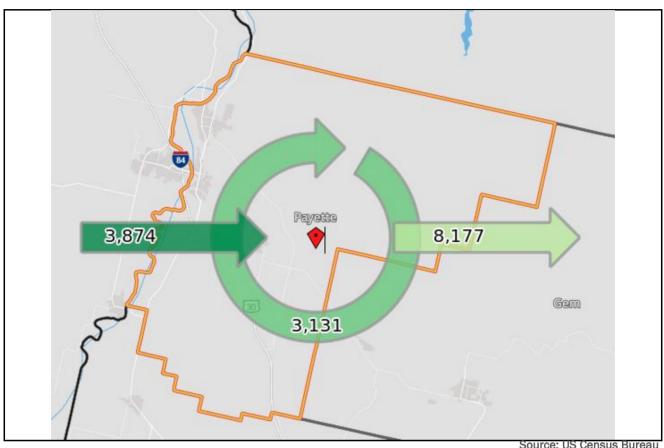
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 3,131 workers lived and worked in Payette County in 2022. Another 3,874 workers were employed in Payette County but lived outside, while 8,177 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Payette	1,015	14.5%
Fruitland	816	11.6%
Ontario	433	6.2%
Nampa	343	4.9%
Caldwell	264	3.8%
Boise	254	3.6%
Weiser	227	3.2%
Meridian	214	3.1%
New Plymouth	167	2.4%
Emmett	89	1.3%

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 Payette County Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Ontario, OR	1,914	16.9%
Boise	1,359	12.0%
Fruitland	1,220	10.8%
Payette	945	8.4%
Nampa	747	6.6%
Meridian	533	4.7%
Caldwell	452	4.0%
New Plymouth	291	2.6%
Weiser	168	1.5%
Twin Falls	135	1.2%

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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