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South Central Idaho Economic Overview

110,985 Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2025) **Unemployment Rate (Aug 2025)** 3.4% Population (2024) 219,485 \$67,527 Median Household Income (2023) Per Capita Personal Income (2023) \$70,087 Poverty Rate (2023) 11.4%

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

| | South Central | Region (%) | State of Idaho (%) | United States (%) |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Population | 210,746 | 100.0% | 1,893,296 | 332,387,540 |
| Race and Ethnicity | | | | |
| White alone, not hispanic | 162,141 | 76.9% | 83.3% | 63.4% |
| Black or African American alone, not hispanic | 1,061 | 0.5% | 0.7% | 12.4% |
| Native American alone, not hispanic | 2,082 | 1.0% | 1.1% | 0.9% |
| Asian alone, not hispanic | 1,740 | 0.8% | 1.3% | 5.8% |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 53,082 | 25.2% | 13.3% | 19.0% |
| Gender | | | | |
| Male | 106,876 | 50.7% | 50.3% | 49.5% |
| Female | 103,870 | 49.3% | 49.7% | 50.5% |
| Age | | | | |
| Median age | 36.6 | - | 37.1 | 38.7 |
| Under 18 years | 57,146 | 27.1% | 24.5% | 22.2% |
| Over 18 years | 153,600 | 72.9% | 75.5% | 77.8% |
| 21 years and over | 135,653 | 64.4% | 65.7% | 68.7% |
| Over 65 years | 34,546 | 16.4% | 16.6% | 16.8% |
| Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over) | | | | |
| Less than 9th grade | 9,187 | 4.4% | 2.1% | 3.2% |
| High school graduate (with equivalencies) | 38,583 | 6.3% | 17.0% | 18.0% |
| Some college, no degree | 32,295 | 15.3% | 16.3% | 13.3% |
| Associate's degree | 13,343 | 6.3% | 6.4% | 6.0% |
| Bachelor's degree | 20,504 | 9.7% | 13.7% | 14.6% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 11,146 | 5.3% | 6.8% | 9.4% |
| Median Household Income | \$67,527 | - | \$74,636 | \$78,538 |

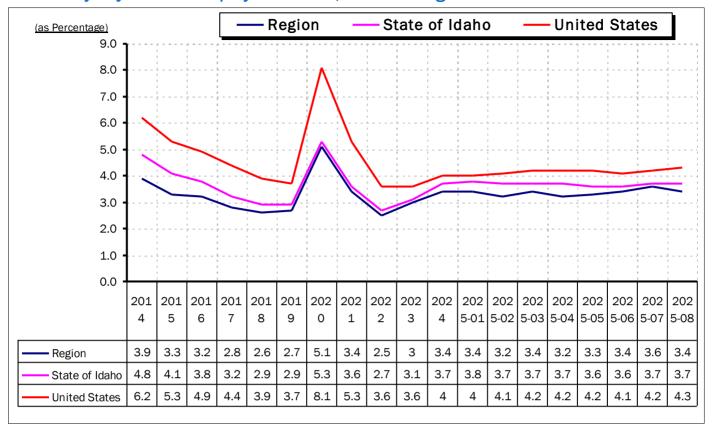
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2024 to August 2025

| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| August 2025 | 110,985 | 107,213 | 3,772 | 3.4% |
| August 2024 | 111,325 | 107,453 | 3,872 | 3.5% |
| YoY % Change | -0.3% | -0.2% | -2.6% | -0.1% |

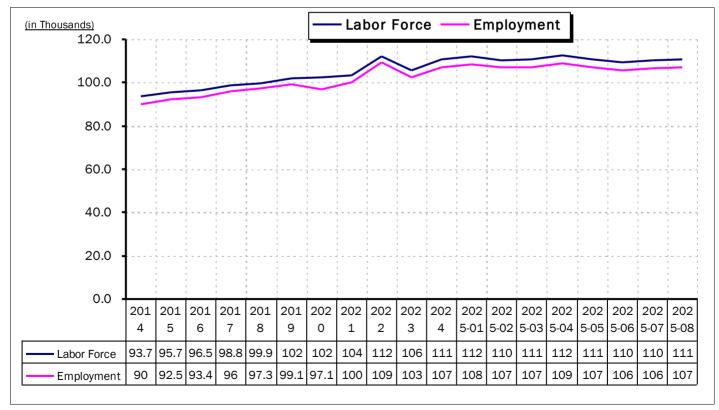
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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 | 82,622 | \$33,140 | 97,715 | \$48,993 | 98,835 | \$50,991 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 9,994 | \$31,545 | 11,380 | \$46,437 | 11,428 | \$47,734 |
| Construction | 3,865 | \$36,694 | 7,050 | \$55,953 | 7,394 | \$59,426 |
| Manufacturing | 9,225 | \$44,149 | 12,064 | \$60,580 | 12,327 | \$60,889 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities | 17,522 | \$33,746 | 19,781 | \$49,448 | 19,876 | \$50,974 |
| Information | 968 | \$38,320 | 892 | \$61,802 | 855 | \$66,776 |
| Financial Activities | 2,507 | \$42,523 | 2,841 | \$68,055 | 2,748 | \$71,907 |
| Professional and Business Services | 8,128 | \$32,119 | 7,587 | \$55,300 | 7,402 | \$60,753 |
| Education and Health Services | 15,791 | \$33,627 | 18,813 | \$47,369 | 19,285 | \$50,046 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 8,404 | \$16,096 | 10,648 | \$25,360 | 10,831 | \$25,555 |
| Other Services | 2,171 | \$29,358 | 2,493 | \$42,917 | 2,495 | \$44,175 |
| Public Administration | 4,047 | \$36,482 | 4,166 | \$52,621 | 4,194 | \$55,917 |

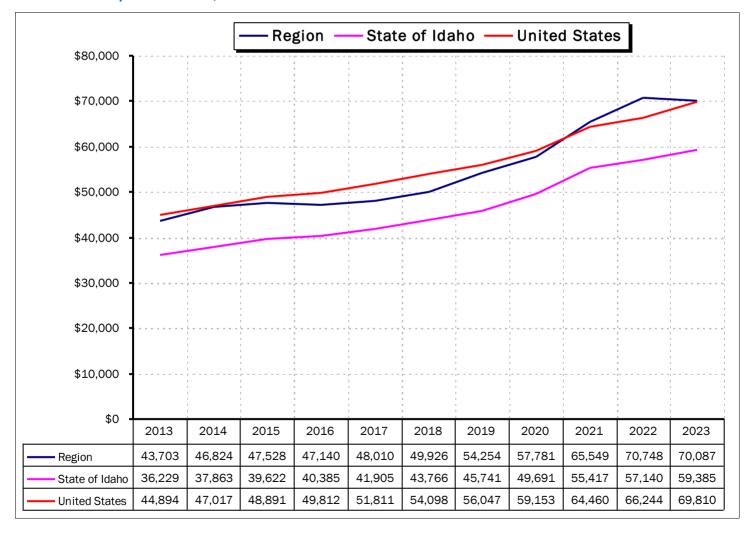
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

| Employer | Ownership | Employment Range |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| St Lukes Magic Valley Regional Medical Center | Private | 2,500 - 2,999 |
| Sun Valley Resort | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Twin Falls School District | Local Government | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Amalgamated Sugar Company | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Chobani | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Wal-Mart | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| College Of Southern Idaho | Local Government | 500 - 999 |
| Glanbia Foods | Private | 500 - 999 |
| Cassia County Joint School District | Local Government | 500 - 999 |
| McCain Foods | Private | 500 - 999 |

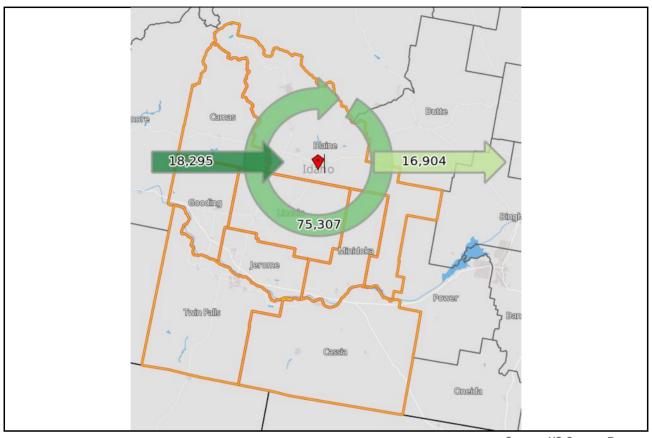
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 75,307 workers lived and worked in South Central Idaho in . Another 18,295 workers were employed in South Central Idaho but lived outside, while 16,904 workers lived in the area but commuted outside for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

| City of Residence | Count of All Jobs | Percentage of Total Jobs |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Twin Falls | 18,959 | 20.3% |
| Jerome | 4,516 | 4.8% |
| Burley | 4,253 | 4.5% |
| Hailey | 3,542 | 3.8% |
| Rupert | 2,124 | 2.3% |
| Boise | 1,602 | 1.7% |
| Buhl | 1,584 | 1.7% |
| Kimberly | 1,420 | 1.5% |
| Heyburn | 1,200 | 1.3% |
| Bellevue | 1,025 | 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 South Central Idaho Work, 2022

| City of Employment | Count of All Jobs | Percentage of Total Jobs |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Twin Falls | 25,394 | 27.5% |
| Burley | 6,476 | 7.0% |
| Boise | 4,336 | 4.7% |
| Jerome | 4,215 | 4.6% |
| Ketchum | 2,969 | 3.2% |
| Hailey | 2,929 | 3.2% |
| Rupert | 1,849 | 2.0% |
| Sun Valley | 1,368 | 1.5% |
| Gooding | 1,128 | 1.2% |
| Nampa | 1,102 | 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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