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Southeast Idaho Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2025) 87,691 **Unemployment Rate (Aug 2025)** 3.7% 184,912 Population (2024) Median Household Income (2023) \$67,599 Per Capita Personal Income (2023) \$48,593 Poverty Rate (2023) 11.1%

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1. Southeast Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	Southeast	Region (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	178,534	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	149,218	83.6%	83.3%	63.4%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	1,071	0.6%	0.7%	12.4%
Native American alone, not hispanic	5,260	2.9%	1.1%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	1,626	0.9%	1.3%	5.8%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	21,730	12.2%	13.3%	19.0%
Gender				
Male	90,048	50.4%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	88,486	49.6%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	36.4	-	37.1	38.7
Under 18 years	49,049	27.5%	24.5%	22.2%
Over 18 years	129,485	72.5%	75.5%	77.8%
21 years and over	112,496	63.0%	65.7%	68.7%
Over 65 years	27,392	15.3%	16.6%	16.8%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	2,781	1.6%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	33,922	6.2%	17.0%	18.0%
Some college, no degree	30,223	16.9%	16.3%	13.3%
Associate's degree	11,043	6.2%	6.4%	6.0%
Bachelor's degree	19,089	10.7%	13.7%	14.6%
Graduate or professional degree	9,393	5.3%	6.8%	9.4%
Median Household Income	\$67,599	-	\$74,636	\$78,538

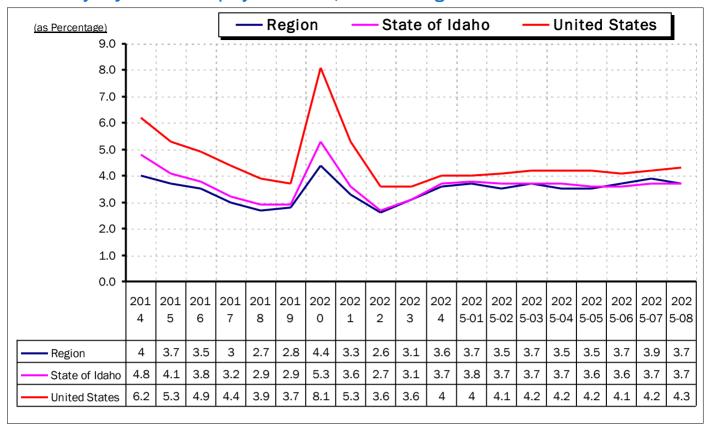
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2024 to August 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2025	87,691	84,470	3,221	3.7%
August 2024	86,819	83,654	3,165	3.6%
YoY % Change	1.0%	1.0%	1.8%	0.1%

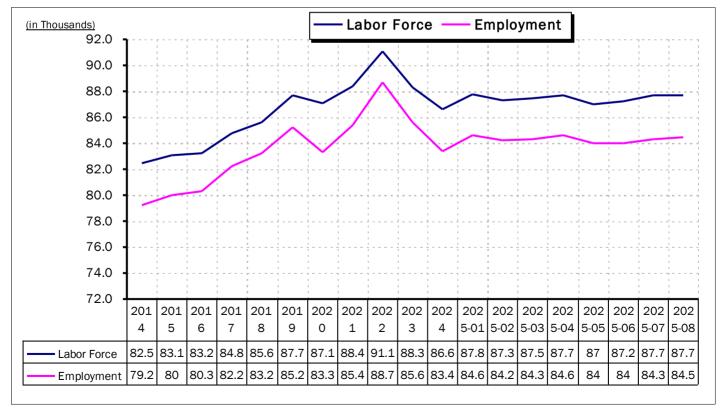
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



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



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

	2014	4	2023	3	202	4
Industry Sector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	58,890	\$33,652	67,762	\$46,588	68,875	\$48,593
Natural Resources and Mining	3,084	\$35,427	3,303	\$53,802	3,342	\$55,420
Construction	2,759	\$36,368	4,483	\$52,239	4,669	\$56,877
Manufacturing	5,988	\$54,126	7,148	\$65,804	7,395	\$65,588
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11,532	\$30,736	12,300	\$43,930	12,417	\$45,043
Information	705	\$28,710	481	\$38,522	446	\$41,064
Financial Activities	2,806	\$40,979	2,052	\$60,473	2,109	\$63,645
Professional and Business Services	4,777	\$32,515	5,515	\$55,811	5,779	\$56,467
Education and Health Services	16,152	\$32,610	19,242	\$44,421	19,669	\$47,019
Leisure and Hospitality	5,273	\$13,633	7,053	\$18,966	6,859	\$19,585
Other Services	1,239	\$26,293	1,554	\$37,671	1,551	\$38,526
Public Administration	4,575	\$37,570	4,631	\$51,136	4,639	\$54,743

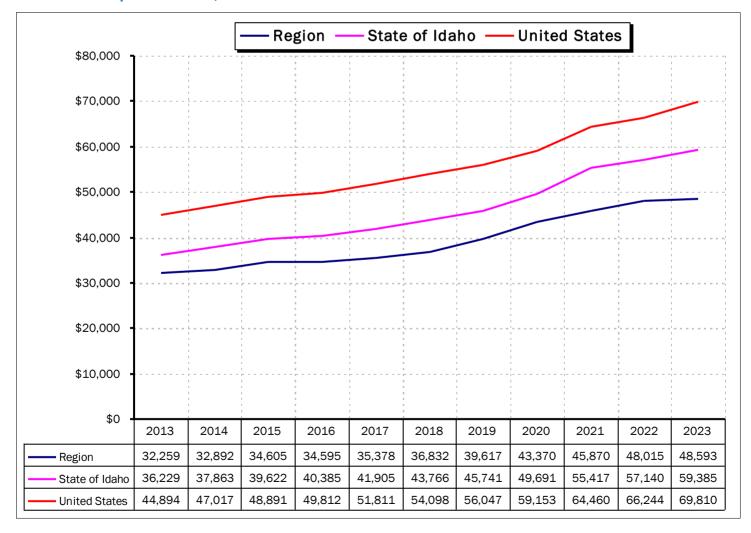
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Idaho State University	State Government	2,500 - 4,999
Pocatello/Chubbuck School District	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499
Portneuf Medical Center	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Idaho Central Credit Union	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Bingham Memorial Hospital	Private	500 - 999
Shoshone Bannock Tribes	Local Government	500 - 999
Lamb Weston Inc.	Private	500 - 999
City of Pocatello	Local Government	500 - 999
Amy's Kitchen	Private	500 - 999
J. R. Simplot Company	Private	500 - 999

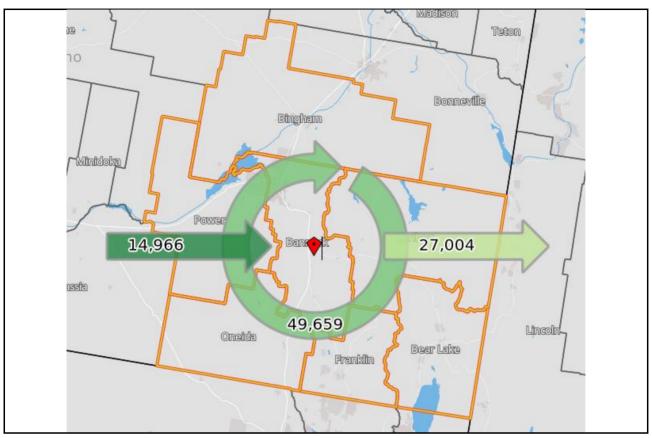
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 49,659 workers lived and worked in Southeast Idaho in . Another 14,966 workers were employed in Southeast Idaho but lived outside, while 27,004 workers lived in the area but commuted outside for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Pocatello	17,867	27.6%
Chubbuck	5,008	7.7%
Blackfoot	3,465	5.4%
Idaho Falls	2,603	4.0%
American Falls	1,495	2.3%
Preston	1,172	1.8%
Fort Hall CDP	930	1.4%
Soda Springs	915	1.4%
Montpelier	780	1.2%
Shelley	528	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 Southeast Idaho Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Pocatello	20,800	27.1%
Idaho Falls	8,221	10.7%
Blackfoot	4,502	5.9%
Chubbuck	4,051	5.3%
Preston	2,005	2.6%
Boise City	1,710	2.2%
Soda Springs	1,391	1.8%
Fort Hall CDP	1,295	1.7%
Logan, UT	949	1.2%
Rexburg	896	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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