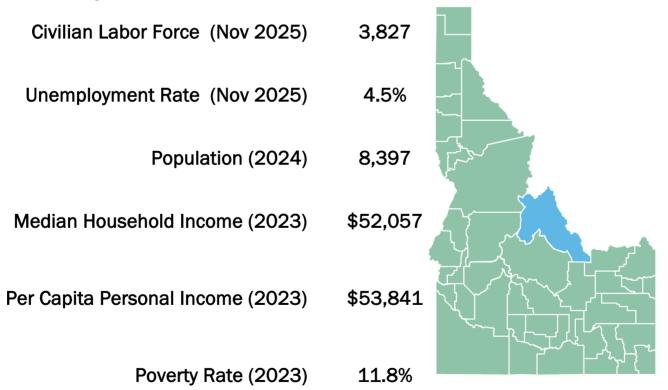


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# **Lemhi County Economic Overview**



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# 1. Lemhi County Demographic Characteristics, 2023 5-Year ACS

	Lemhi County	Lemhi County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)	
Total Population	8,166	100.0%	1,893,296	332,387,540	
Race and Ethnicity					
White alone, not hispanic	7,521	92.1%	83.3%	63.4%	
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	1	0.0%	0.7%	12.4%	
Native American alone, not hispanic	63	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%	
Asian alone, not hispanic	21	0.3%	1.3%	5.8%	
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	148	1.8%	13.3%	19.0%	
Gender					
Male	4,152	50.8%	50.3%	49.5%	
Female	4,014	49.2%	49.7%	50.5%	
Age					
Median age	53.1	-	37.1	38.7	
Under 18 years	1,495	18.3%	24.5%	22.2%	
Over 18 years	6,671	81.7%	75.5%	77.8%	
21 years and over	6,034	73.9%	65.7%	68.7%	
Over 65 years	2,485	30.4%	16.6%	16.8%	
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)					
Less than 9th grade	54	0.7%	2.1%	3.2%	
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	1,944	23.8%	17.0%	18.0%	
Some college, no degree	1,545	18.9%	16.3%	13.3%	
Associate's degree	720	8.8%	6.4%	6.0%	
Bachelor's degree	857	10.5%	13.7%	14.6%	
Graduate or professional degree	526	6.4%	6.8%	9.4%	
Median Household Income	\$52,057	-	\$74,636	\$78,538	

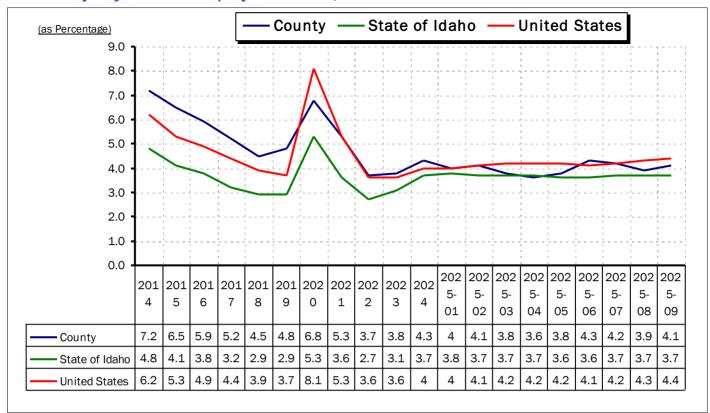
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

# 2. Labor Force Growth, November 2024 to November 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
November 2024	3,827	3,655	172	4.5%
November 2023	4,114	3,955	159	3.9%
YoY % Change	-7.0%	-7.6%	8.2%	0.6%

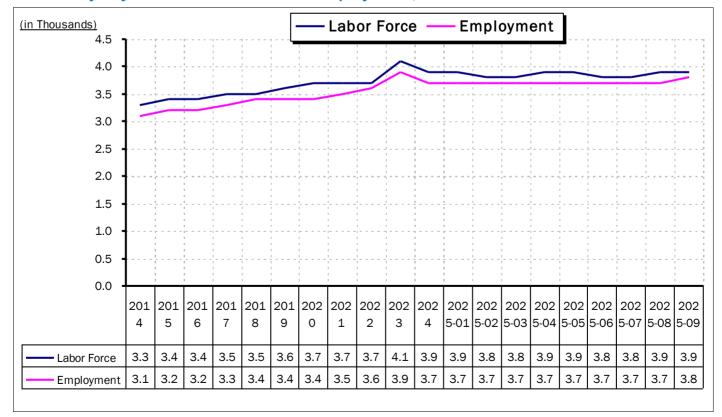
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

### 3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2014 to November 2025



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

# 4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2014 to November 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	2,243	\$30,709	2,735	\$47,367	2,704	\$49,609
Natural Resources and Mining	36	\$44,221	139	\$76,730	108	\$58,305
Construction	149	\$46,995	195	\$49,592	206	\$53,150
Manufacturing	76	\$31,948	91	\$41,134	89	\$44,146
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	414	\$27,959	480	\$34,464	490	\$36,652
Information	31	\$16,683	36	\$21,517	38	\$23,206
Financial Activities	52	\$25,195	65	\$35,269	66	\$37,762
Professional and Business Services	146	\$32,354	167	\$83,393	173	\$86,272
Education and Health Services	538	\$30,471	674	\$52,466	665	\$55,959
Leisure and Hospitality	282	\$13,257	394	\$20,472	368	\$22,249
Other Services	117	\$17,945	58	\$41,011	66	\$40,681
Public Administration	402	\$43,532	436	\$59,921	435	\$65,800

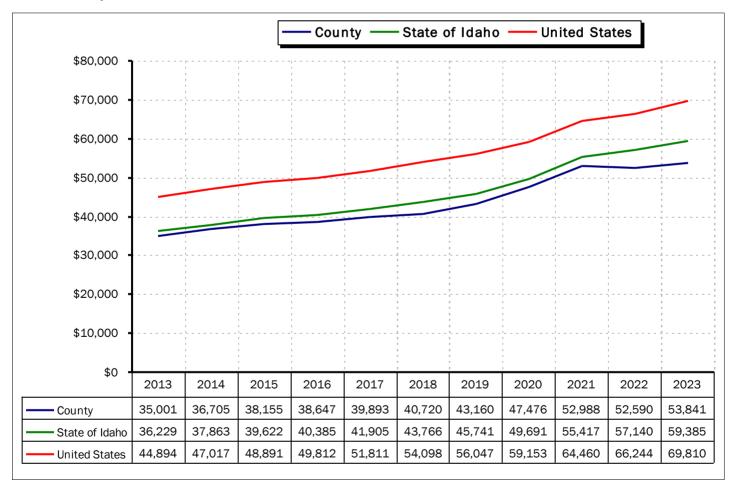
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

#### 6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Steele Memorial Medical Center	Local government	100 - 249
U.s. Forest Service	Federal government	100 - 249
Salmon School District	Local government	100 - 249
Lemhi County	Local government	050 - 099
Dahle Construction	Private	050 - 099
Sawtooth Healthcare	Private	050 - 099
Idaho Department Of Fish And Game	State government	050 - 099
Q B Corporation	Private	050 - 099
Ray's Heating Plumbing Electric	Private	010 - 049
Bureau Of Land Management	Federal government	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)

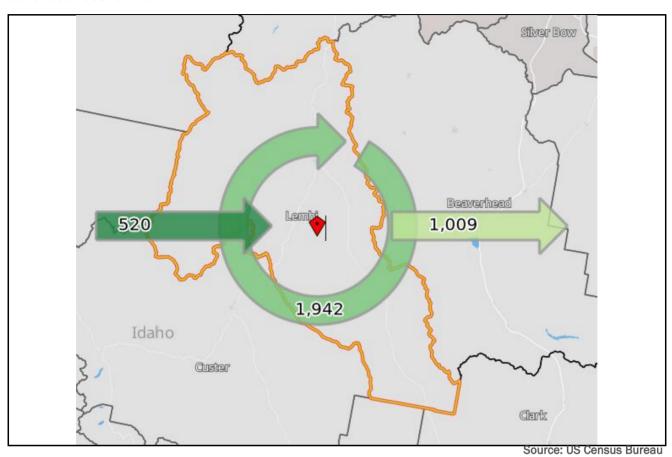
#### 7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2022

It is estimated that 1,942 workers lived and worked in Lemhi County in 2022. Another 520 workers were employed in Lemhi County but lived outside, while 1,009 workers commuted to other counties for work.



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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Salmon	863	35.1%
Boise	39	1.6%
Idaho Falls	22	0.9%
Pocatello	20	0.8%
Twin Falls	17	0.7%
Leadore	16	0.6%
Nampa	16	0.6%
Rexburg	14	0.6%
Meridian	13	0.5%
Caldwell	10	0.4%

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)

#### 10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Lemhi County Work, 2022

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Salmon	1,310	44.4%
Leadore	159	5.4%
Idaho Falls	131	4.4%
Boise	114	3.9%
Challis	37	1.3%
Twin Falls	34	1.2%
Meridian	31	1.1%
Mackay	28	0.9%
Pocatello	28	0.9%
Rexburg	17	0.6%

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