



Jerome County Labor Force And Economic Profile

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Jerome County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Dec 2025)	12,914
Unemployment Rate (Dec 2025)	3.2%
Population (2024)	26,056
Median Household Income (2024)	\$71,724
Per Capita Personal Income (2023)	\$46,359
Poverty Rate (2024)	12.6%



1. Jerome County Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

	Jerome County	Jerome County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	25,173	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	16,418	65.2%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	30	0.1%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	280	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	14	0.1%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	9,873	39.2%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	12,916	51.3%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	12,257	48.7%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	34.0	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	7,461	29.6%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	17,712	70.4%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	15,515	61.6%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	3,363	13.4%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	2,153	8.6%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	4,109	16.3%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	3,555	14.1%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	1,575	6.3%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	1,584	6.3%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	586	2.3%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	\$71,724	-	\$77,800	\$80,734

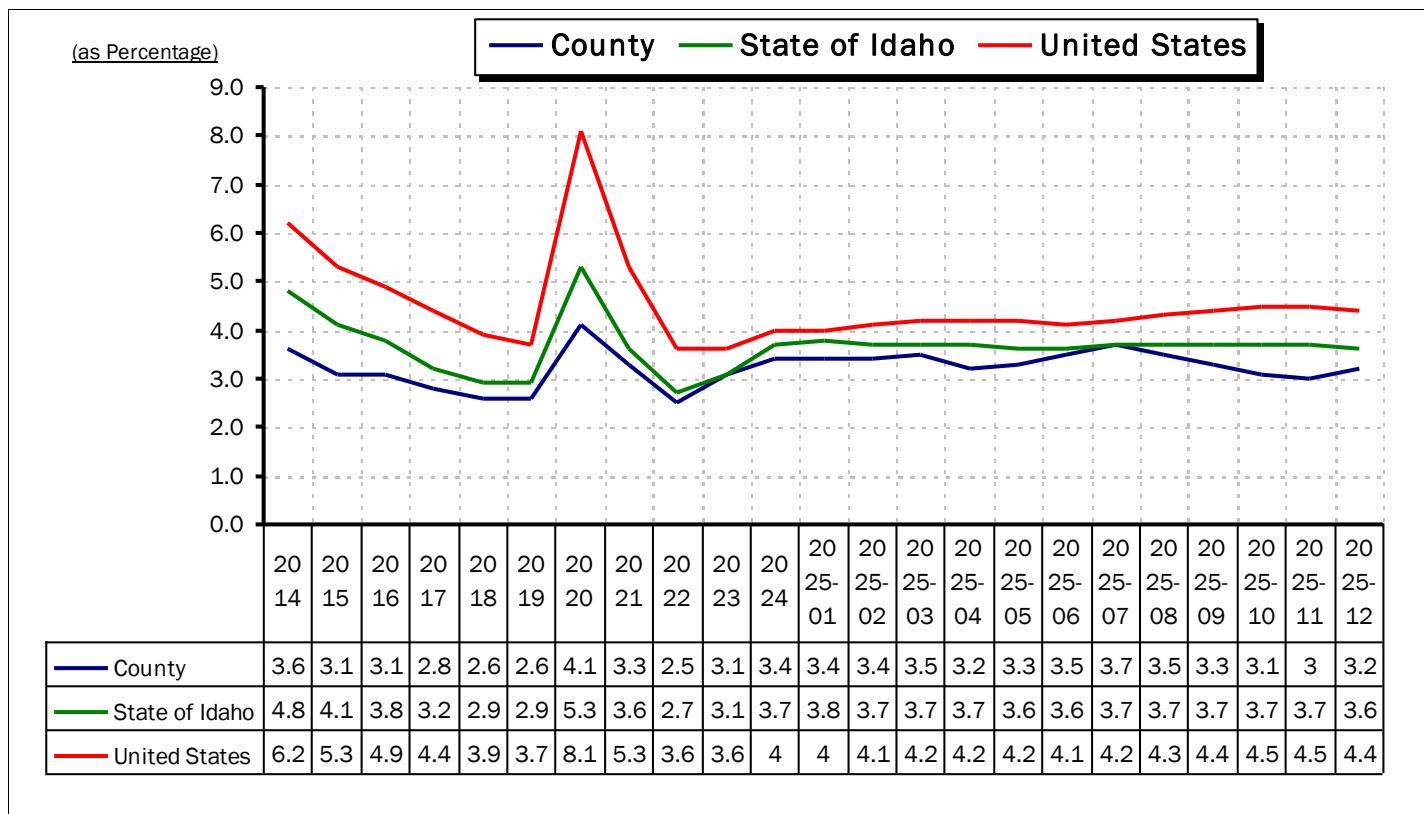
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, December 2024 to December 2025

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
December 2025	12,914	12,504	410	3.2%
December 2024	12,908	12,446	462	3.6%
YoY % Change	0.0%	0.5%	-11.3%	-0.4%

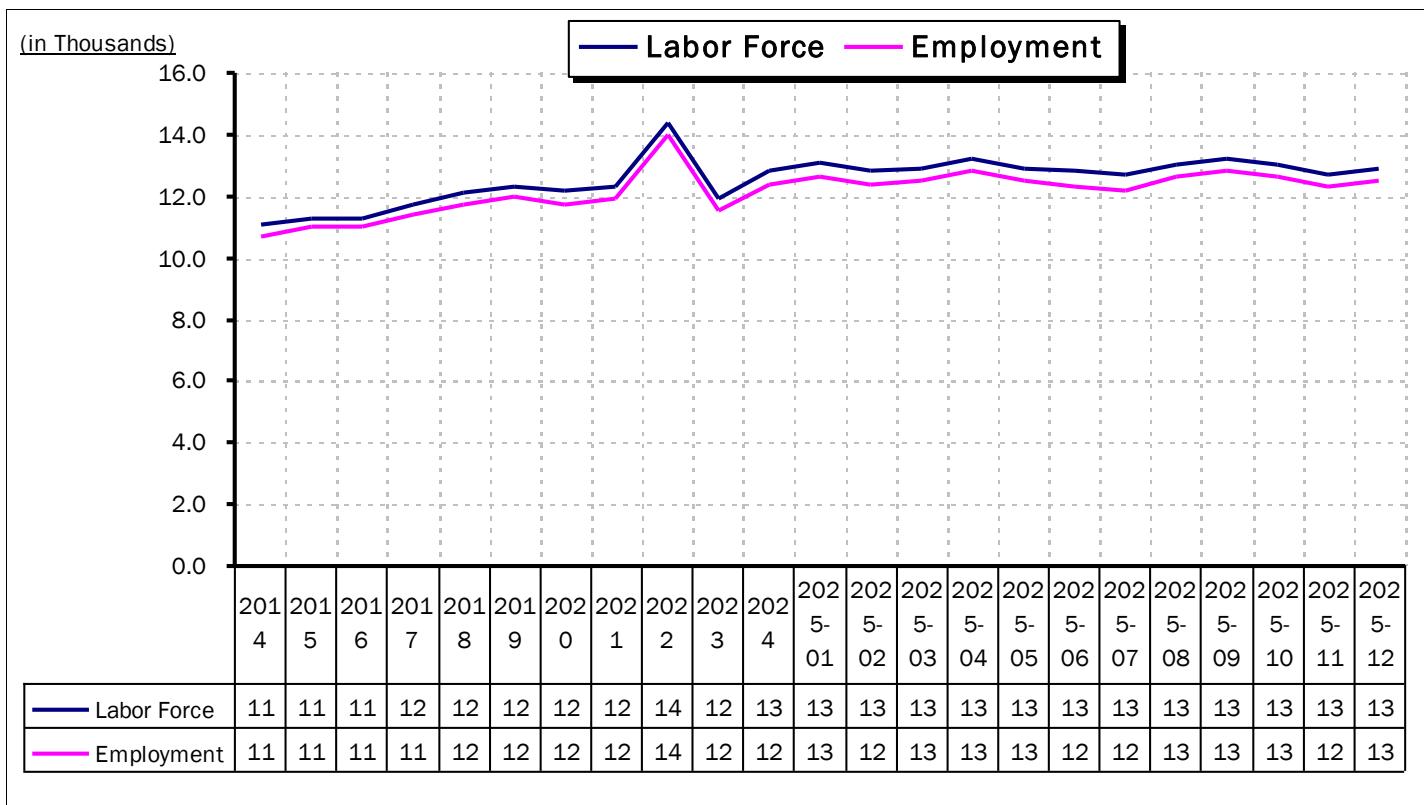
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

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



Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Note: October 2025 data is imputed

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



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

Supersector	2014		2023		2024	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	9,382	\$34,347	11,676	\$49,469	12,159	\$51,669
Natural Resources and Mining	2,495	\$31,686	2,826	\$46,046	2,827	\$47,367
Construction	272	\$39,341	596	\$58,060	673	\$60,456
Manufacturing	1,460	\$43,540	2,314	\$58,188	2,610	\$59,558
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	2,354	\$37,484	2,569	\$51,969	2,650	\$53,705
Information	78	\$36,151	56	\$58,911	54	\$61,539
Financial Activities	165	\$28,150	197	\$39,563	183	\$39,463
Professional and Business Services	350	\$37,741	564	\$57,221	553	\$60,970
Education and Health Services	1,104	\$29,493	1,267	\$44,249	1,324	\$47,181
Leisure and Hospitality	452	\$13,143	587	\$22,497	584	\$23,767
Other Services	226	\$34,539	240	\$37,914	239	\$39,578
Public Administration	426	\$32,160	460	\$49,951	462	\$55,885

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

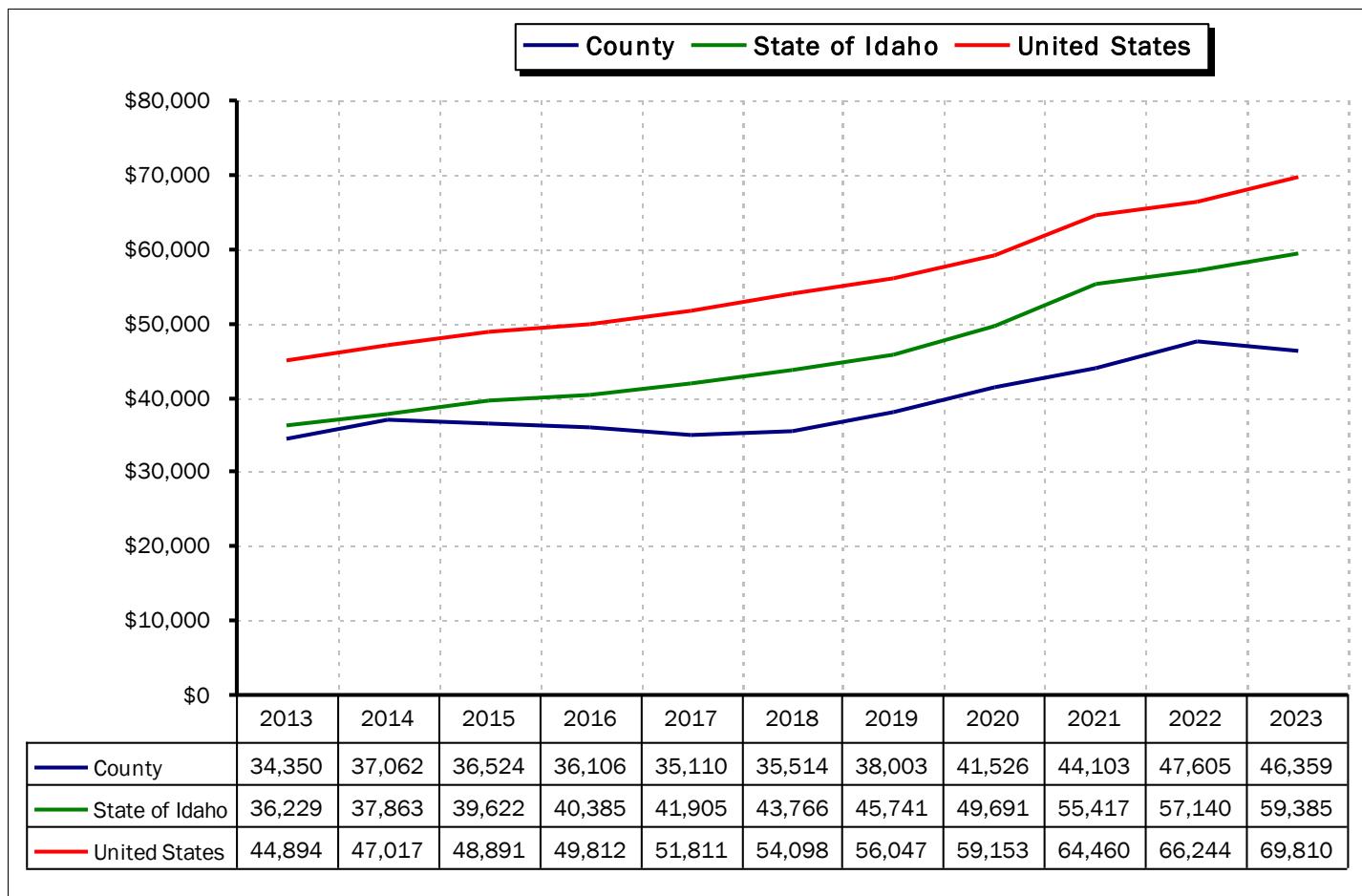
6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Jerome Joint School District	Local government	500 - 999
Agropur Formerly Jerome Cheese	Private	250 - 499
Wal-mart	Private	250 - 499
Bettencourt Dairies	Private	100 - 249
Rite Stuff Foods	Private	100 - 249
St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center	Private	100 - 249
Hilex Poly	Private	100 - 249
Commercial Creamery	Private	100 - 249
Magic Electric Plumbing And Hvac	Private	100 - 249
Jerome County	Local government	100 - 249

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed.

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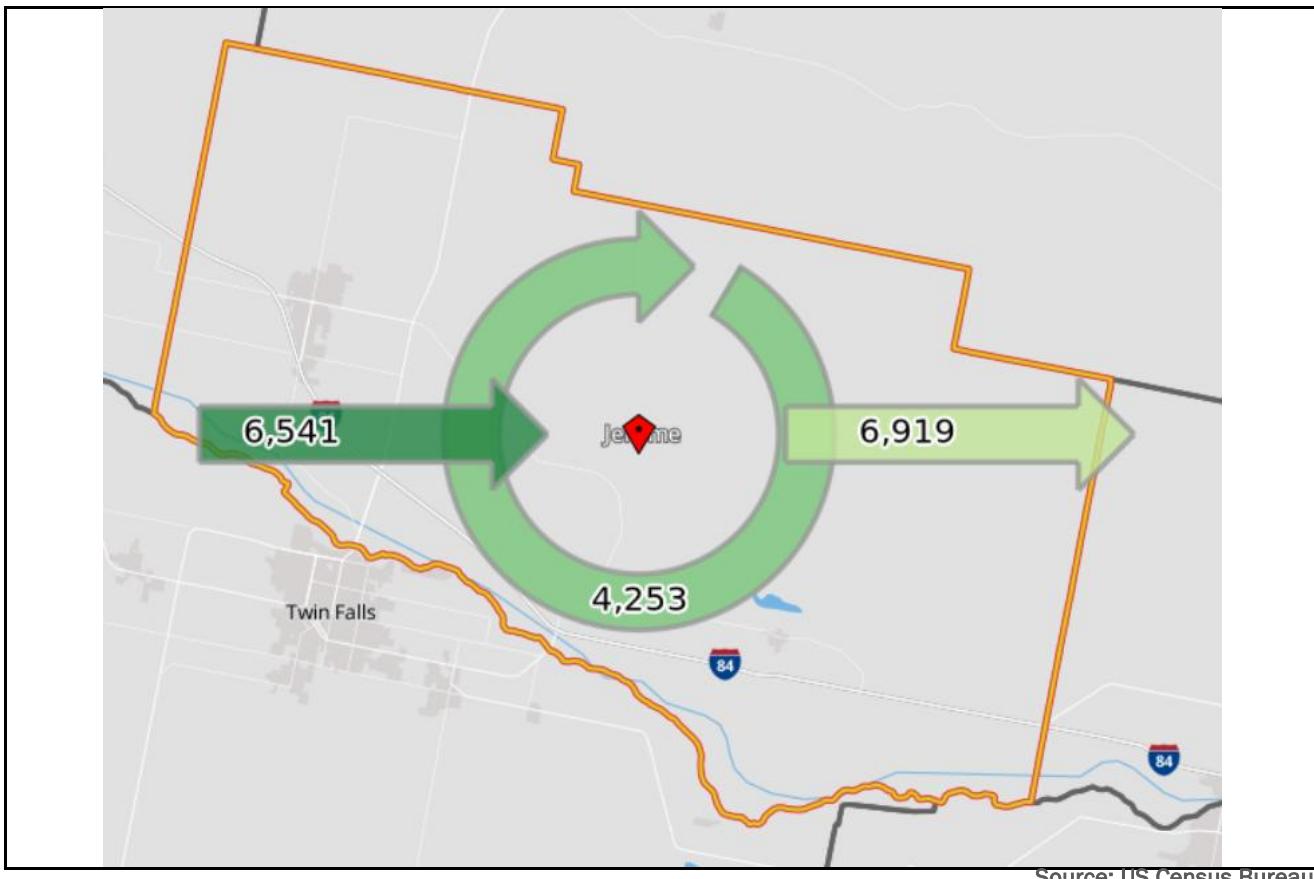
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2013 to 2023



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 4,253 workers lived and worked in Jerome County in 2023. Another 6,541 workers were employed in Jerome County but lived outside, while 6,919 workers commuted to other counties for work.



9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Jerome County Live, 2023

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Jerome	2,224	20.6%
Twin Falls	1,915	17.7%
Wendell	200	1.9%
Kimberly	163	1.5%
Gooding	150	1.4%
Buhl	134	1.2%
Hazelton	128	1.2%
Boise	111	1.0%
Burley	99	0.9%
Filer	92	0.9%

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 Jerome County Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Twin Falls	2,593	23.2%
Jerome	2,212	19.8%
Boise	445	4.0%
Burley	196	1.8%
Nampa	140	1.3%
Wendell	138	1.2%
Pocatello	136	1.2%
Meridian	129	1.2%
Gooding	128	1.1%
Kimberly	109	1.0%

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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