Idaho economic situation report

April 6, 2026 (January data)

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Meeting overview

- Change summary.
- Economic and labor statistics for Idaho and the nation.

***Unless noted otherwise, data in this presentation is seasonally adjusted.**

Key developments

January 2026

Idaho unemployment rate	
3.7%	↑0.1

U.S. unemployment rate	
4.3%	↓0.1

Post-benchmark Idaho labor force - December 2025	
-3,204	↓0.3%

- **Labor force eligible population was 5,094 (0.3%) residents lower than previously estimated at year end.**

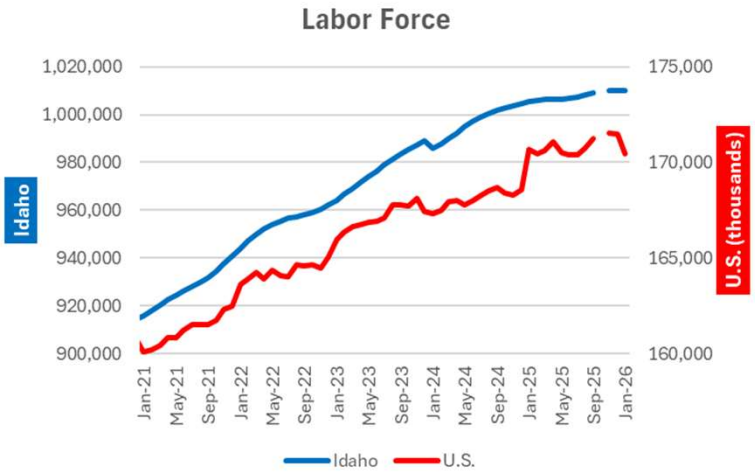
Post-benchmark U.S. nonfarm jobs - December 2025	
-1,029,000	↓0.6%

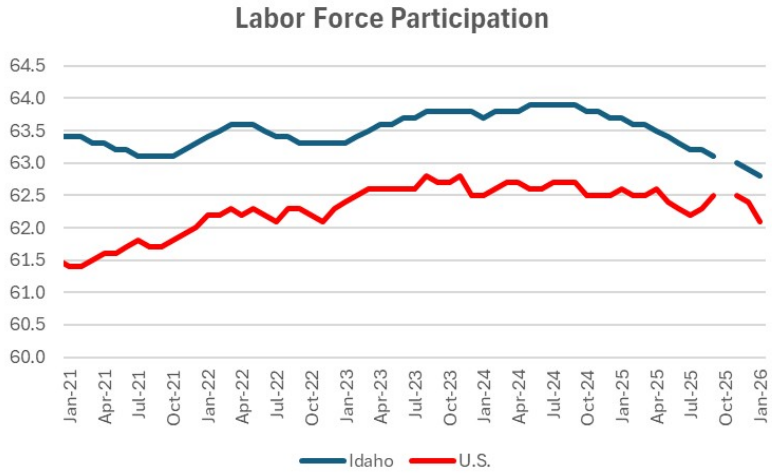
- **Largest percentage decreases were in Oil and Gas Extraction (-3.7%), Information (-2.3%) and Wholesale Trade (-1.9%)**
- **Largest numerical decreases were in Accommodation and Food Services (156.4k), Retail Trade (137.7k) and Wholesale Trade (118k).**

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Idaho Department of Labor

State and national labor force

Current and historical, compared





Labor force, January 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**1,009,832**	**0.0%**	**0.5%**
U.S.	**170,465,000**	**-0.6%**	**-0.1%**

Labor force participation rate, January 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**62.8%**	**-0.1**	**-0.9**
U.S.	**62.1%**	**-0.3**	**-0.5**

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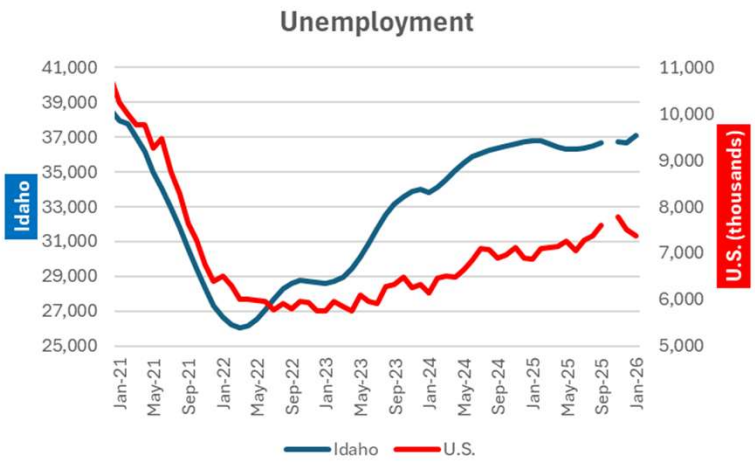

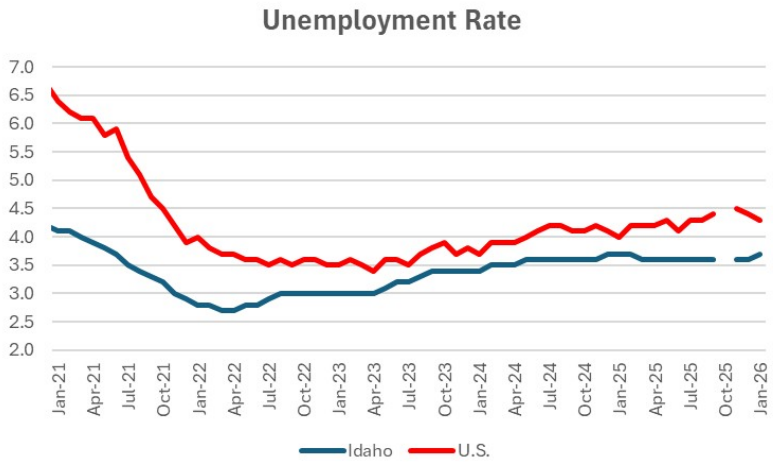

Unemployment, January 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**37,095**	**1.1%**	**0.8%**
U.S.	**7,368,000**	**-1.8%**	**7.3%**

Unemployment rate, January 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**3.7%**	**0.1**	**0.0**
U.S.	**4.3%**	**-0.1**	**0.3**

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State and national employment

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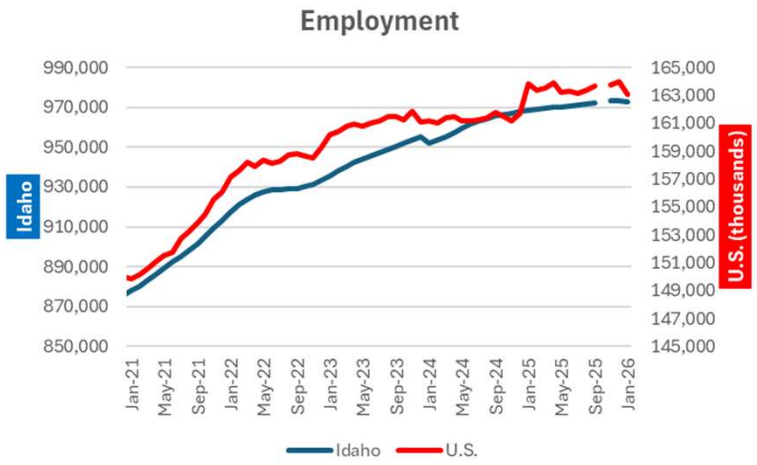

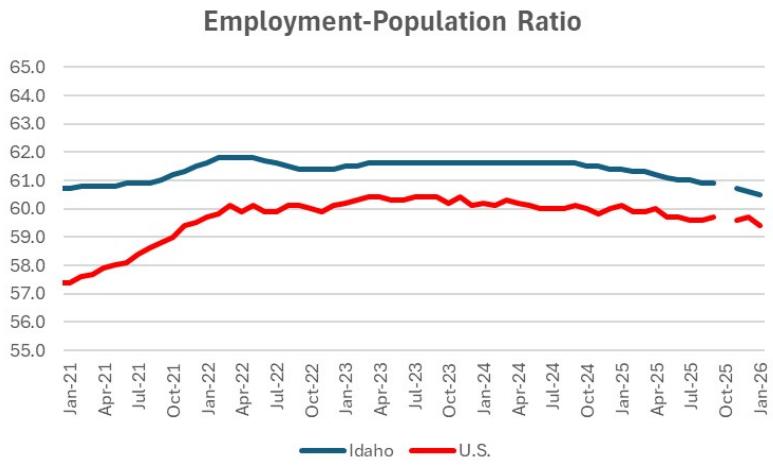

Employment, January 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**972,737**	**-0.1%**	**0.4%**
U.S.	**163,097,000**	**-0.5%**	**-0.4%**

Employment-Population ratio, January 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**60.5%**	**-0.1**	**-0.9**
U.S.	**59.4%**	**-0.3**	**-0.7**

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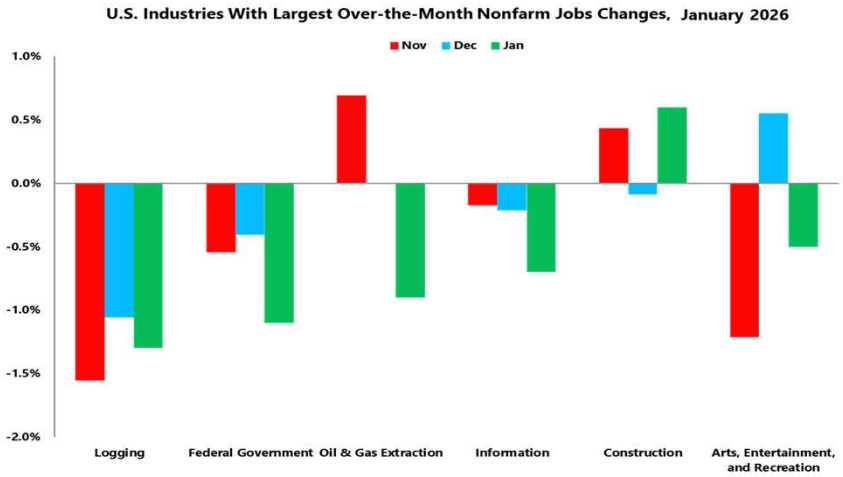
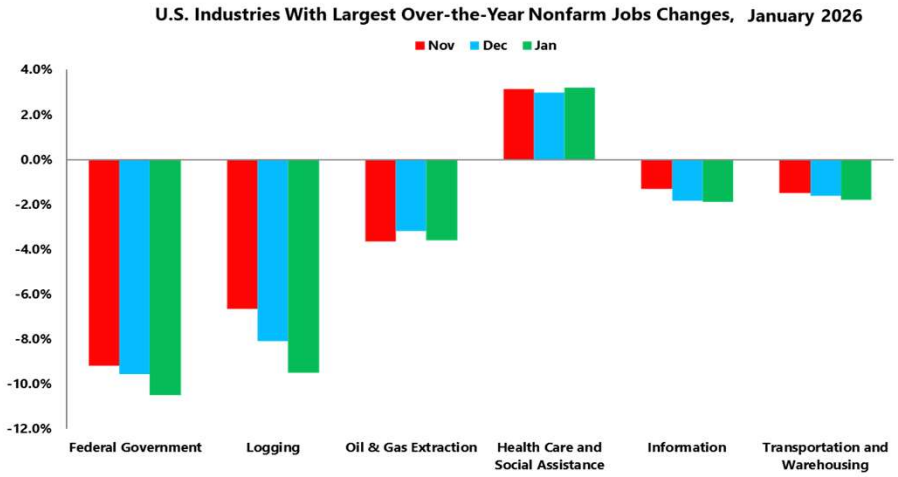
U.S. nonfarm jobs (CES)

Nationwide seasonally adjusted change by industry



National month-to-month highlights	
Logging	-1.3%
Federal Government	-1.1%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-0.9%
Information	-0.7%
Construction	0.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-0.5%



National over-the-year highlights	
Federal Government	-10.5%
Logging	-9.5%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-3.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	3.2%
Information	-1.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	-1.8%

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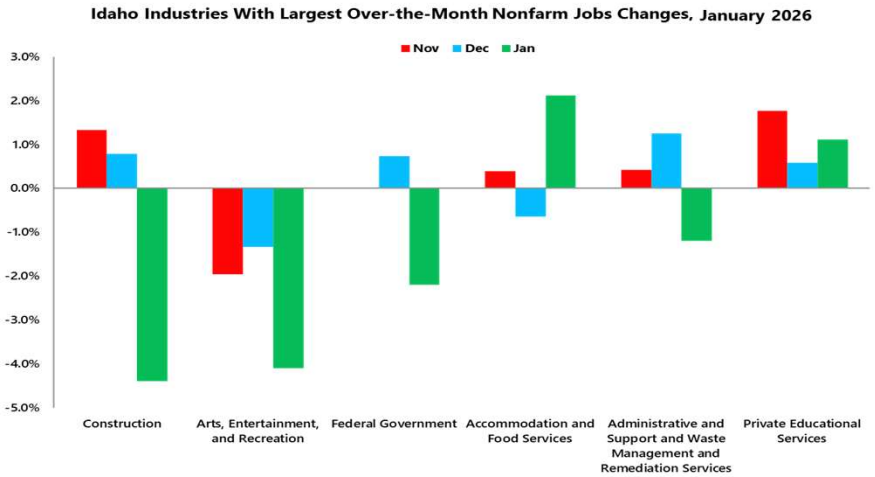
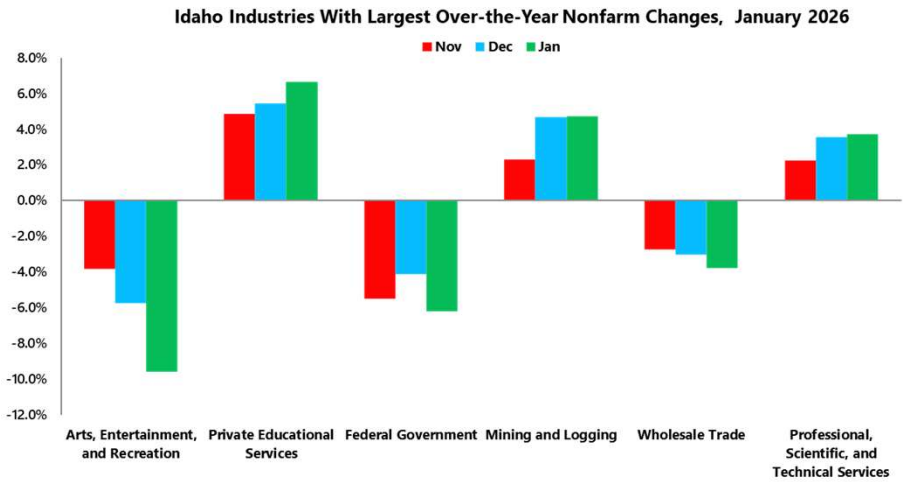
Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by industry



Statewide month-to-month highlights	
Construction	-4.4%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-4.1%
Federal Government	-2.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	2.1%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-1.2%
Private Educational Services	1.1%



Statewide over-the-year highlights	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-9.6%
Private Educational Services	6.6%
Federal Government	-6.2%
Mining and Logging	4.7%
Wholesale Trade	-3.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3.7%

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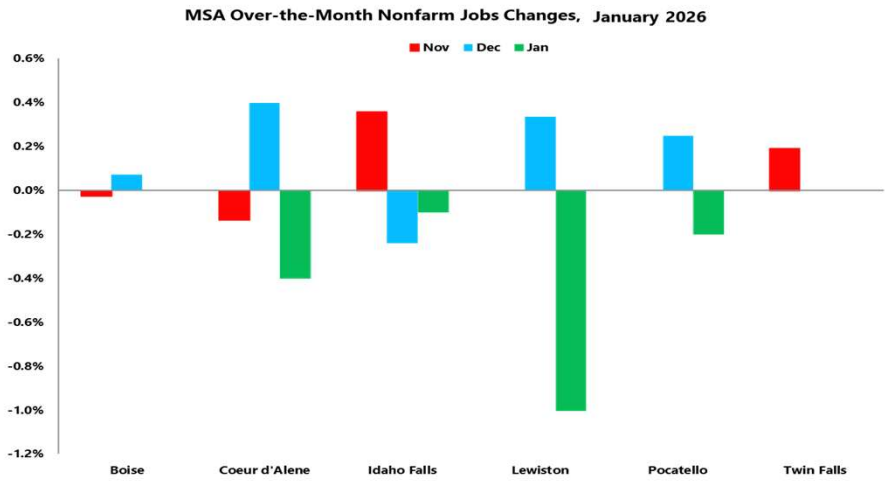
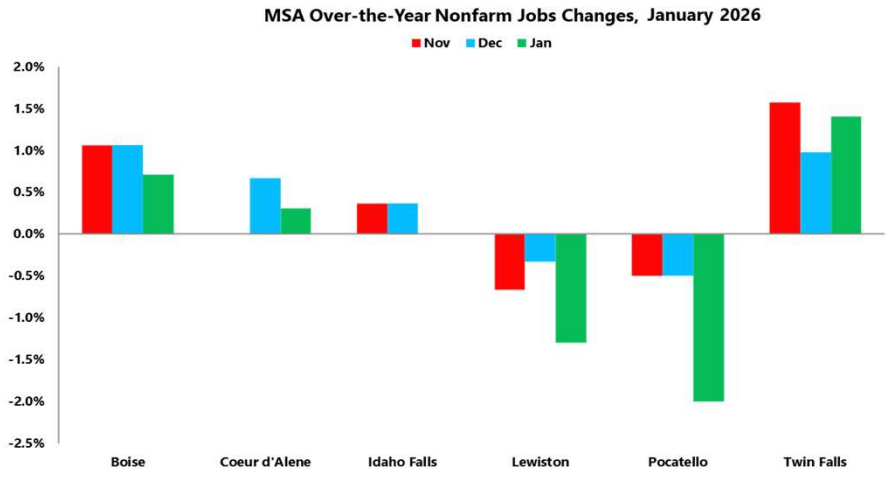
Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by MSAs



Metropolitan statistical area month-to-month changes	
Boise	0.0%
Coeur d'Alene	-0.4%
Idaho Falls	-0.1%
Lewiston	-1.0%
Pocatello	-0.2%
Twin Falls	0.0%



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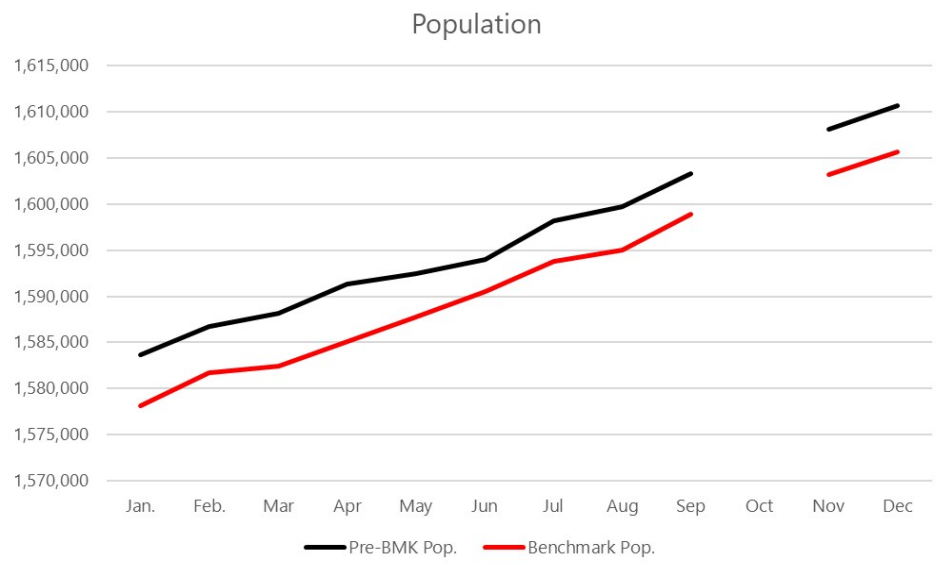

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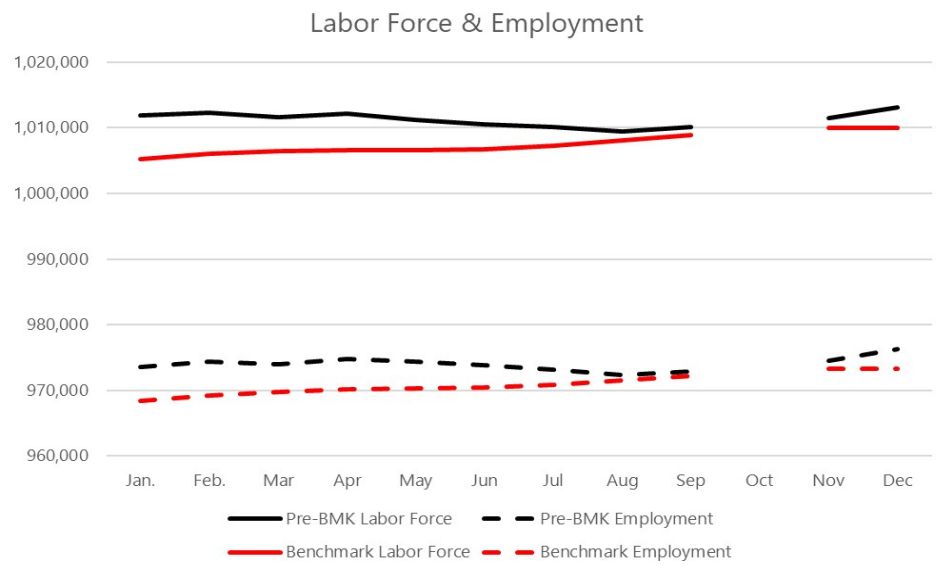

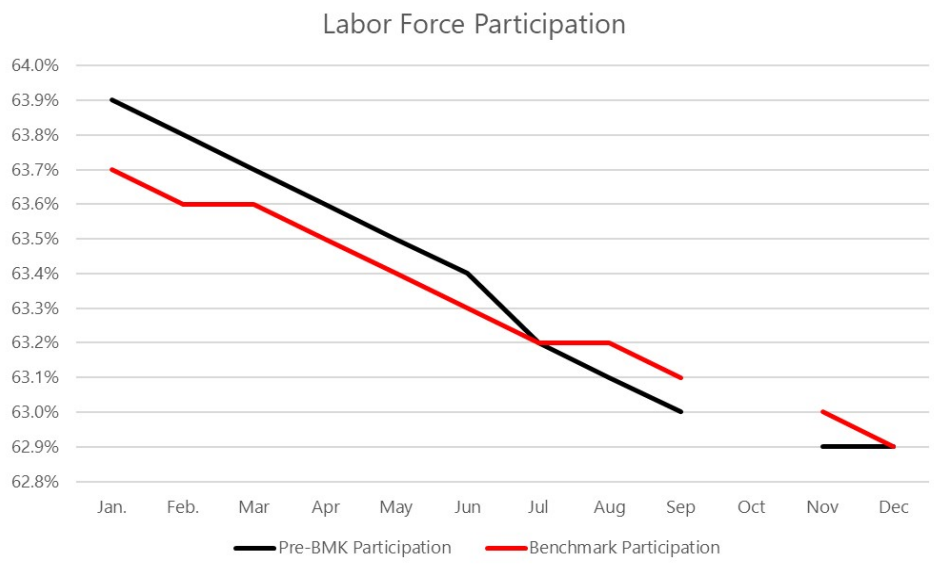

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Nonfarm benchmark changes 2023-2025

Sector	Dec. 2025	Dec. 2024	Dec. 2023
Total Nonfarm	-0.4%	-1.1%	-0.8%
Total Private	-1.0%	0.0%	-0.7%
Government	2.9%	-7.0%	-1.3%
Mining and Logging	2.3%	9.8%	2.4%
Construction	-3.4%	1.2%	-1.7%
Manufacturing	-0.8%	-5.2%	4.7%
Retail Trade	-0.5%	1.6%	-0.3%
Financial Activities	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%
Professional and Business Services	1.1%	-3.0%	-1.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1.8%	1.2%	-3.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	-8.3%	2.3%	2.2%
Other Services	-3.2%	10.1%	-3.9%
Boise MSA	-1.1%	-0.3%	-1.8%
Coeur d'Alene MSA	-2.8%	-0.8%	0.5%
Idaho Falls MSA	-0.5%	-1.3%	-0.6%
Lewiston MSA	-1.0%	-1.9%	1.3%
Pocatello MSA	-0.5%	-1.9%	-3.6%
Twin Falls MSA	0.6%	0.6%	-2.7%

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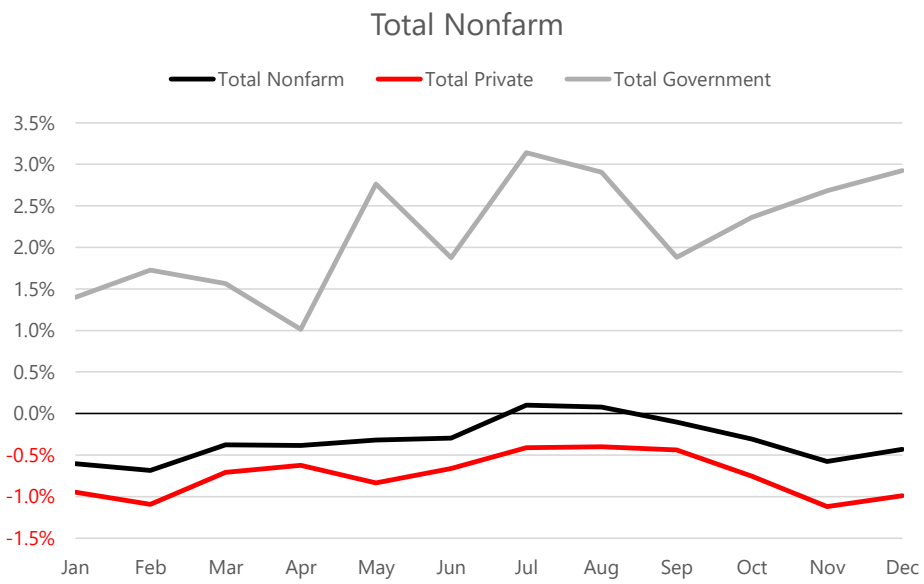

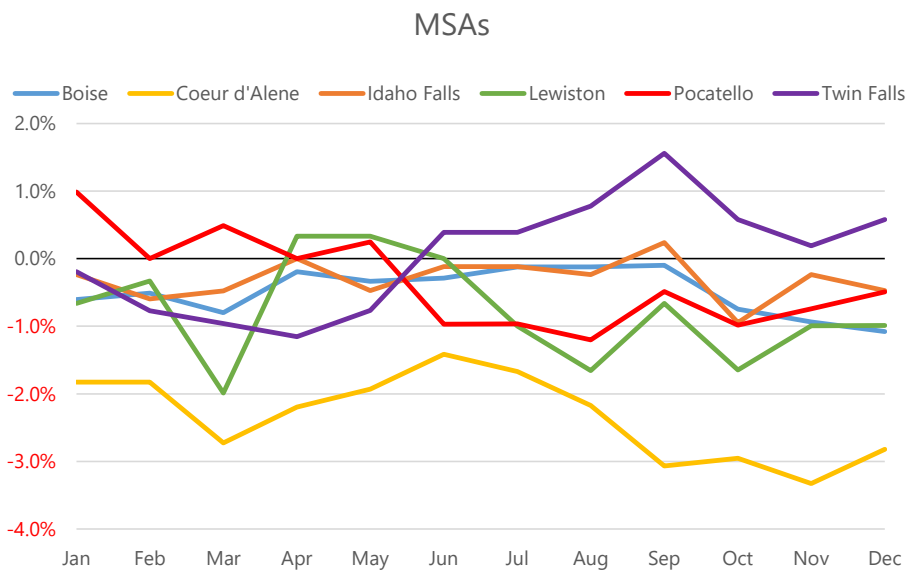

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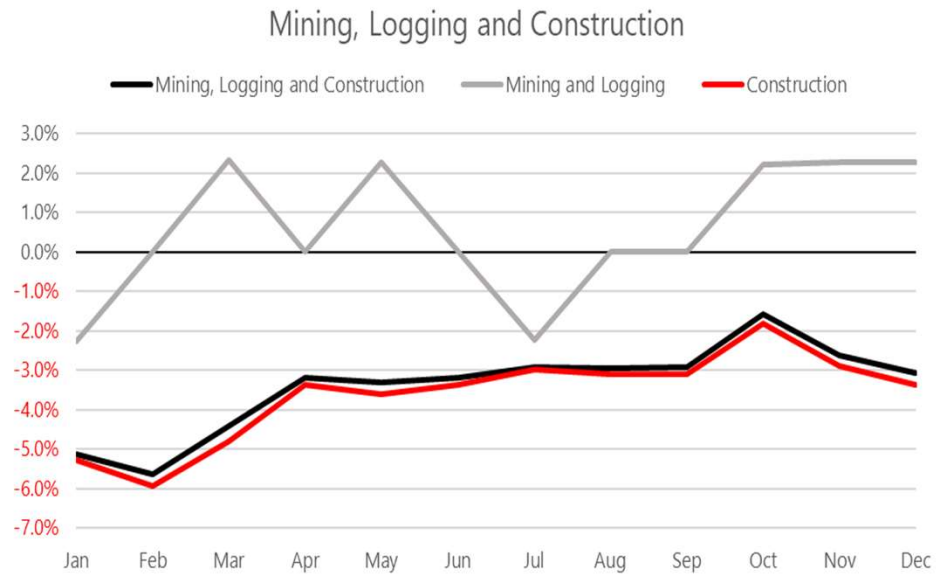

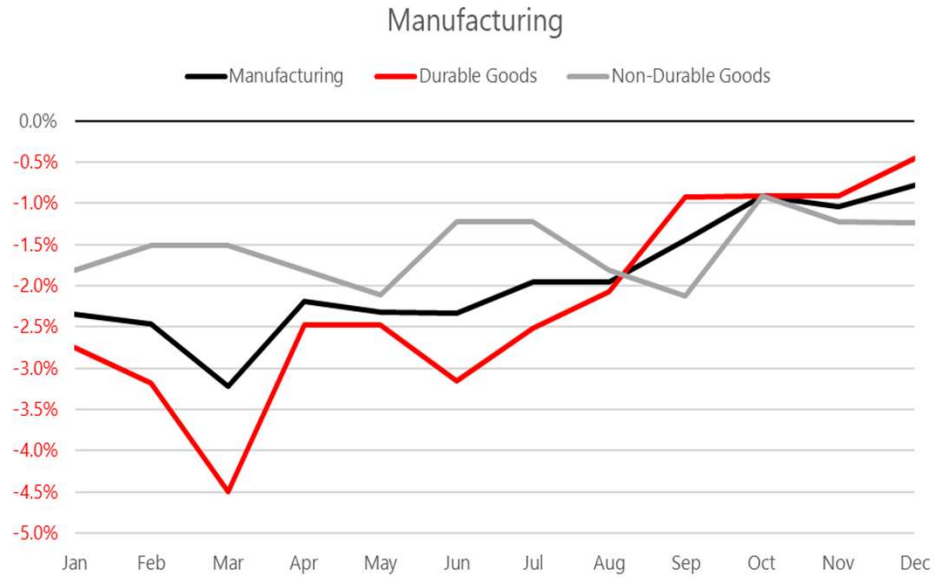

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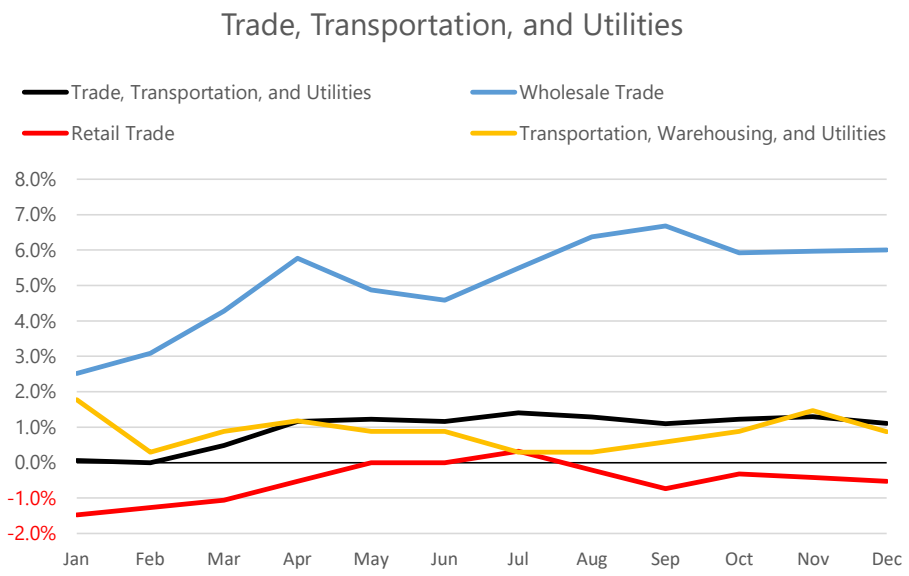

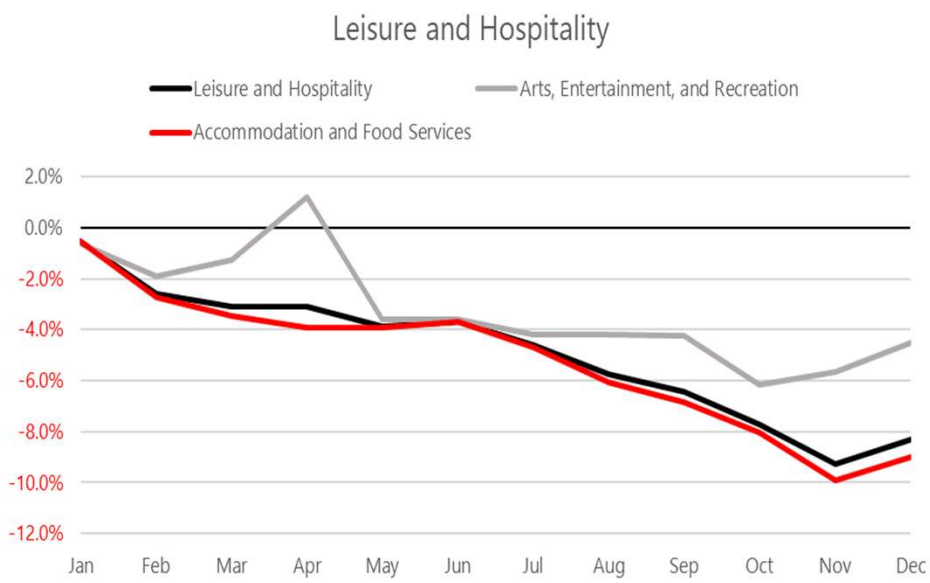

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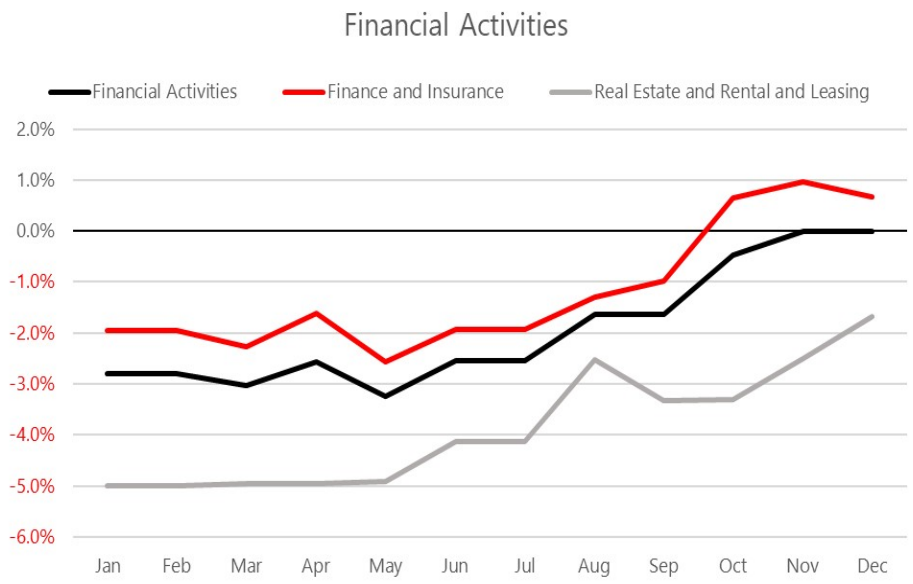

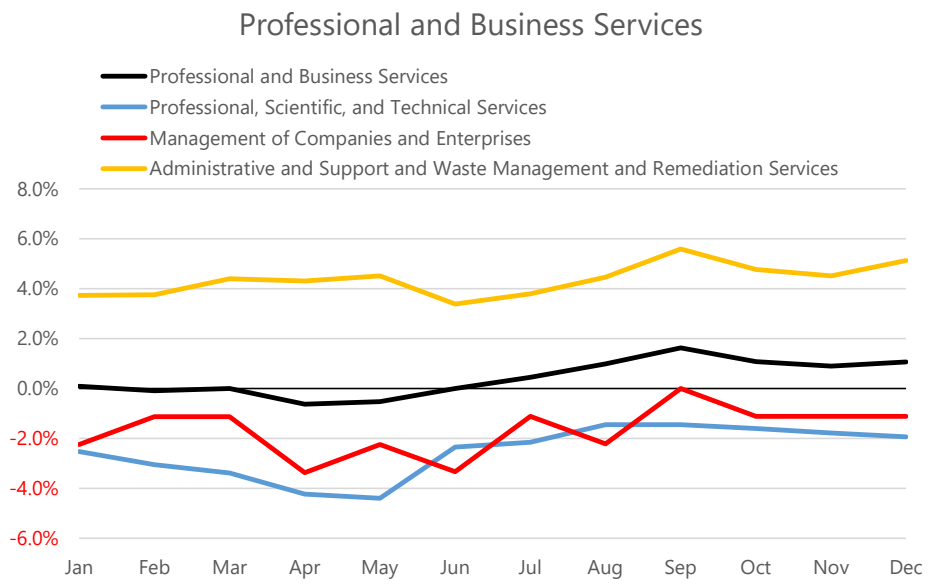

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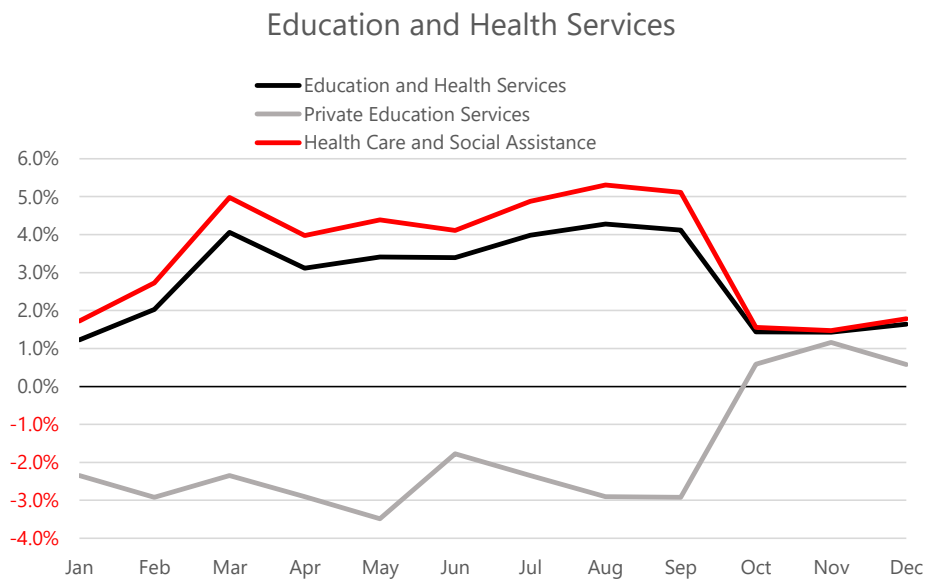

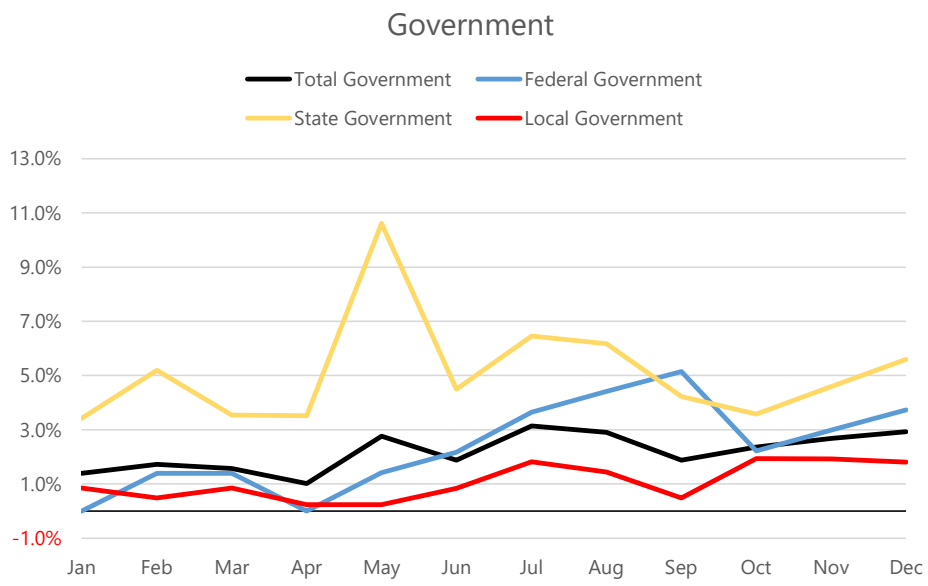

Upcoming release dates

Upcoming release schedule

- **April 20, 2026**
  - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for February 2026.
- **May 4, 2026**
  - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for March 2026.

Full release calendar is available at www.labor.idaho.gov/lmicalendar