

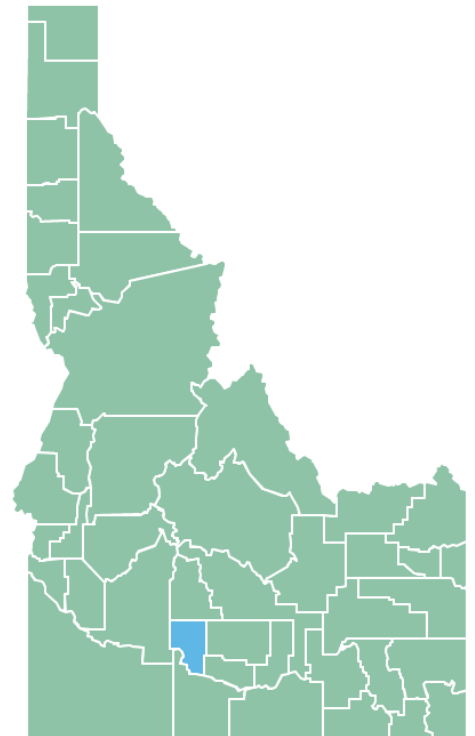


Gooding County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: May 2026

Gooding County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Apr 2026)	8,259
Unemployment Rate (Apr 2026)	3.4%
Population (2025)	16,446
Median Household Income (2024)	\$63,559
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	\$70,962
Poverty Rate (2024)	13.0%



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

	Gooding County	Gooding County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	15,931	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	10,708	67.2%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	10	0.1%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	349	2.2%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	44	0.3%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	5,016	31.5%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	8,083	50.7%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	7,848	49.3%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	38.1	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	4,204	26.4%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	11,727	73.6%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	10,327	64.8%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	2,940	18.5%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	732	4.6%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	3,199	20.1%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	2,696	16.9%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	768	4.8%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	1,120	7.0%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	557	3.5%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	\$63,559	-	\$77,800	\$80,734

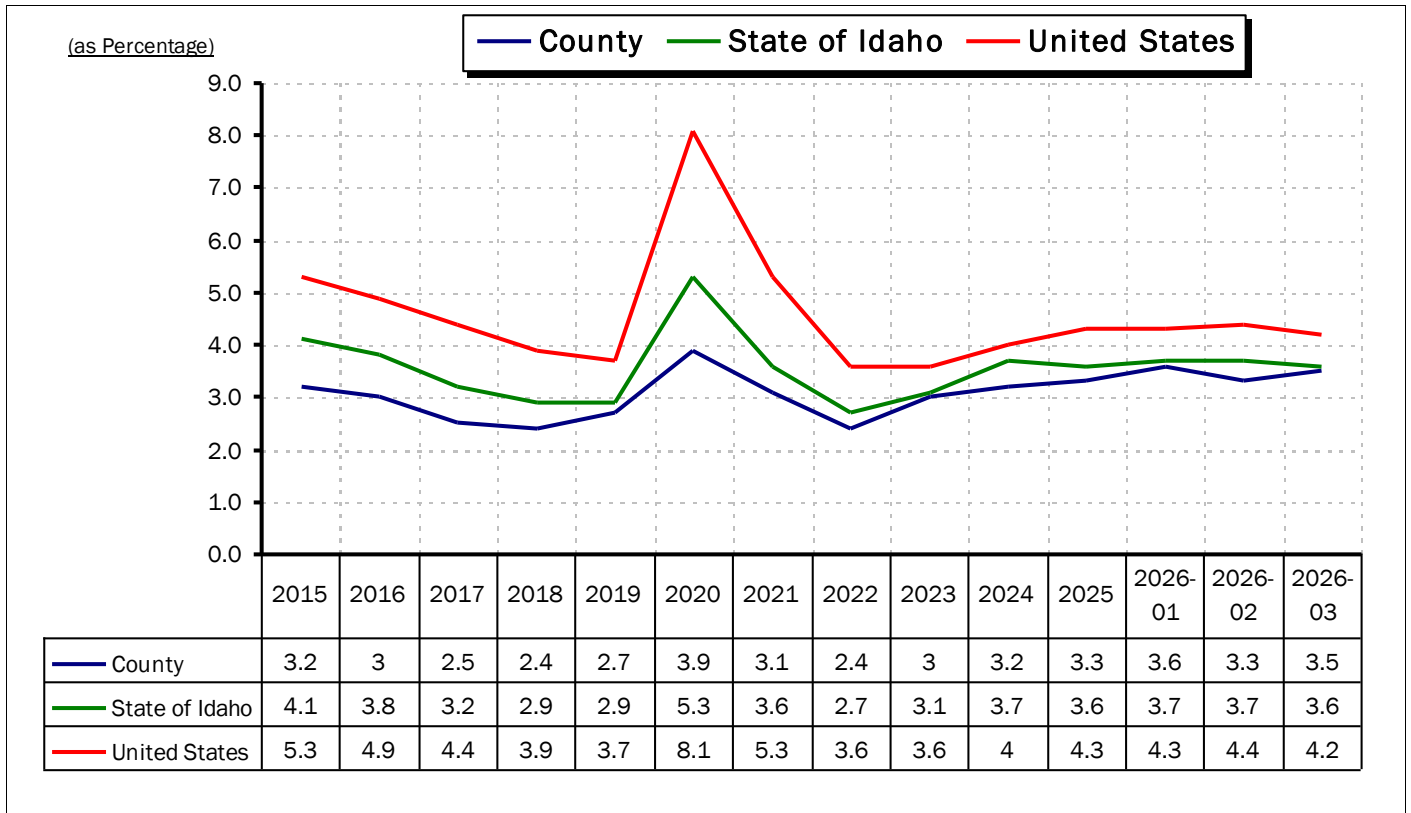
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, April 2025 to April 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
April 2025	8,259	7,981	278	3.4%
April 2024	8,414	8,135	279	3.3%
YoY % Change	-1.8%	-1.9%	-0.4%	0.1%

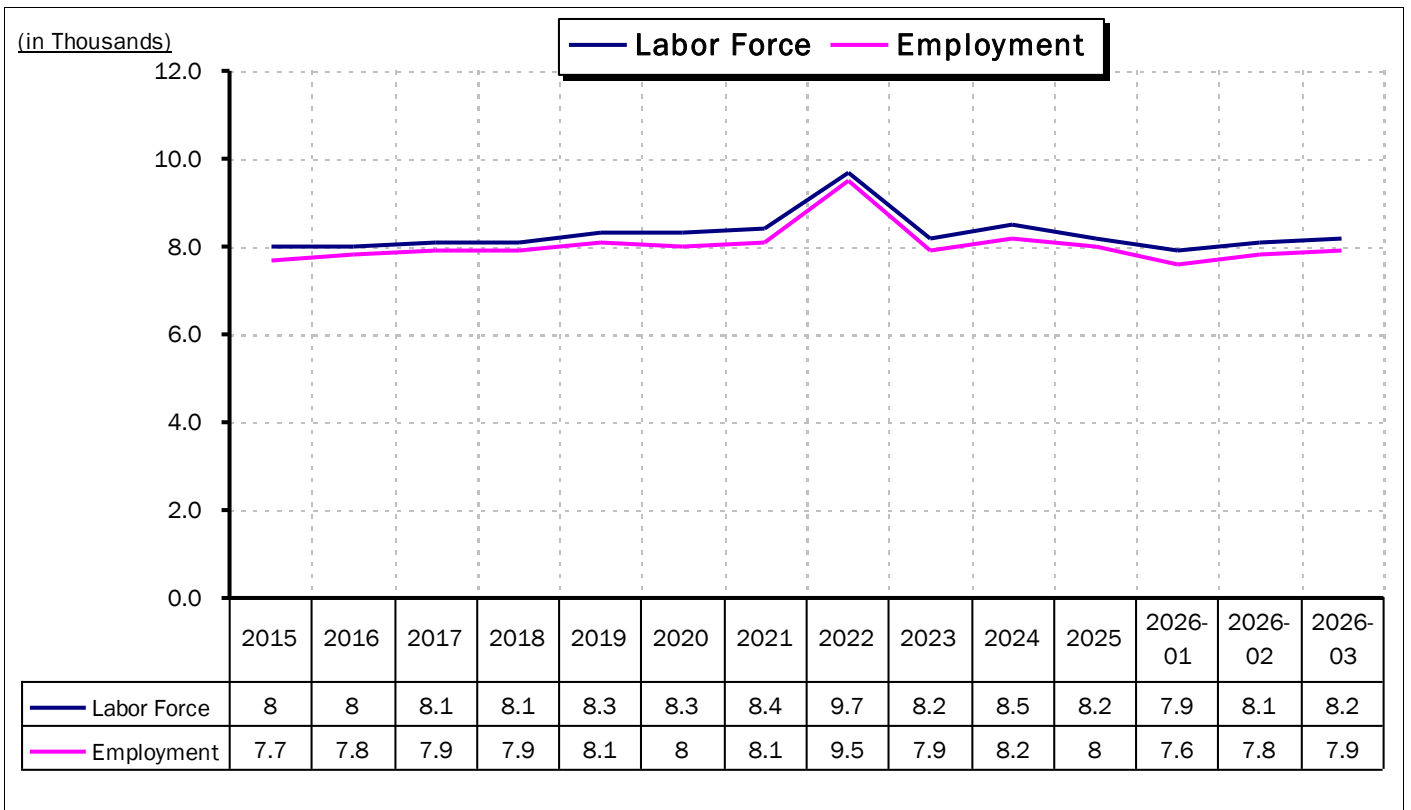
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to April 2026



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

4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2015 to April 2026



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

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

Supersector	2014	2014	2023	2023	2024	2024
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	5,892	\$31,533	6,653	\$46,635	6,721	\$48,921
Natural Resources and Mining	1,900	\$30,465	2,050	\$44,313	2,054	\$46,504
Construction	206	\$28,001	376	\$49,632	375	\$53,591
Manufacturing	786	\$46,283	1,014	\$59,352	1,005	\$61,482
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	860	\$32,692	784	\$50,075	799	\$55,419
Information			11	\$22,012	9	\$26,397
Financial Activities	104	\$26,905	123	\$52,403	124	\$56,951
Professional and Business Services	154	\$43,487	138	\$58,409	119	\$63,055
Education and Health Services	1,036	\$27,857	1,364	\$46,090	1,397	\$48,809
Leisure and Hospitality	344	\$12,367	380	\$17,859	405	\$18,477
Other Services	164	\$45,950	112	\$49,442	100	\$42,123
Public Administration	338	\$22,190	301	\$37,802	334	\$37,204

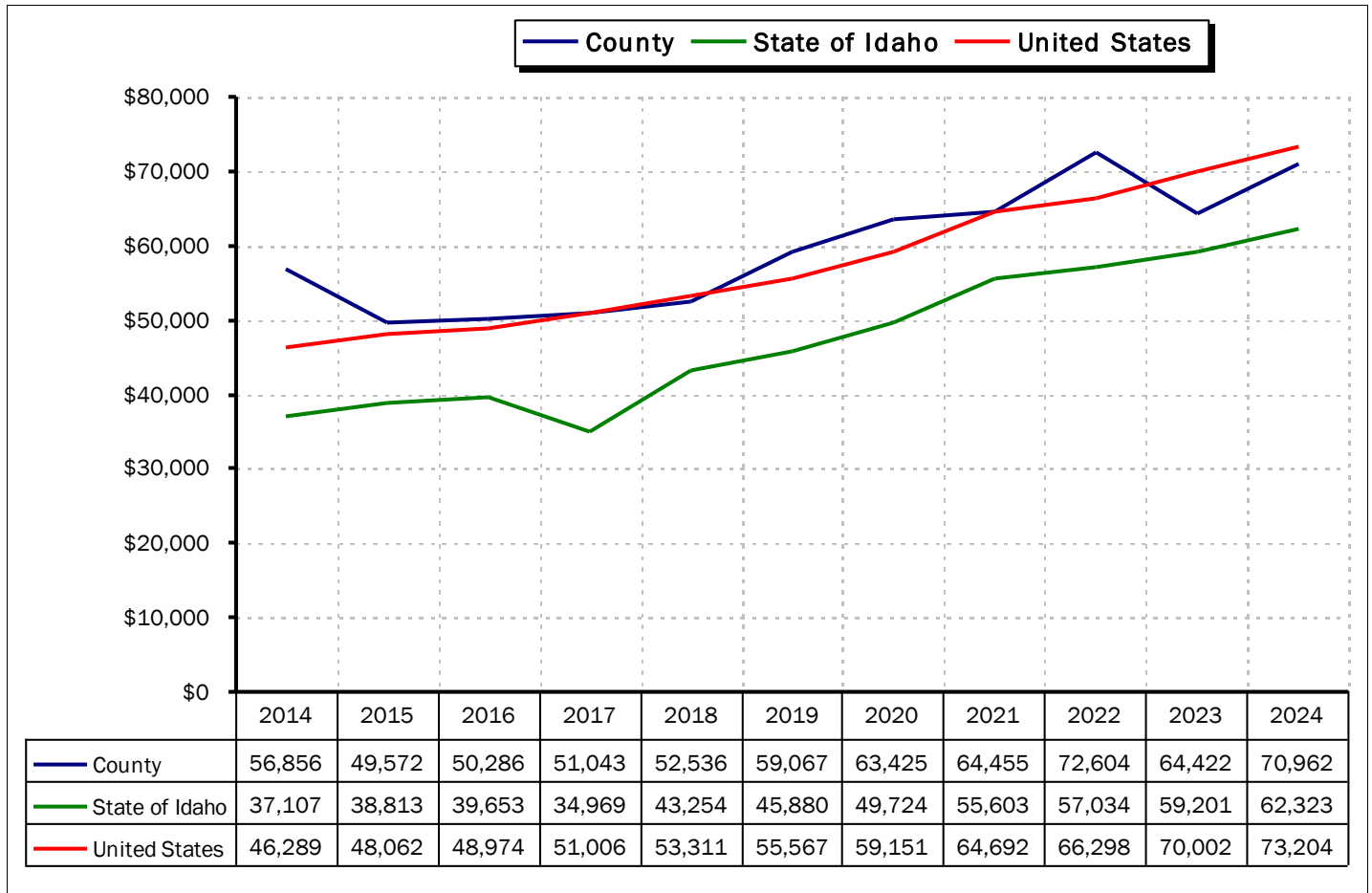
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Glanbia Foods	Private	250 - 499
North Canyon Medical Center	Private	250 - 499
Bettencourt Dairies	Private	250 - 499
Gooding Joint School District	Local government	100 - 249
Riverence	Private	100 - 249
Wendell School District	Local government	100 - 249
Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf And The Blind	Local government	100 - 249
Gooding County	Local government	100 - 249
Mustang Forestry	Private	100 - 249
Wilbur-ellis Nutrition	Private	050 - 099

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. Per Capita Income, 2014 to 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 3,034 workers lived and worked in Gooding County in 2023. Another 3,546 workers were employed in Gooding County but lived outside, while 4,019 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Gooding	827	12.6%
Twin Falls	513	7.8%
Wendell	447	6.8%
Jerome	430	6.5%
Hagerman	180	2.7%
Buhl	151	2.3%
Boise	71	1.1%
Bliss	56	0.9%
Filer	56	0.9%
Shoshone	44	0.7%

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 Gooding County Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Gooding	933	13.2%
Twin Falls	842	11.9%
Wendell	449	6.4%
Jerome	425	6.0%
Boise	304	4.3%
Hagerman	159	2.3%
Hailey	104	1.5%
Idaho Falls	92	1.3%
Burley	90	1.3%
Meridian	90	1.3%

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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