

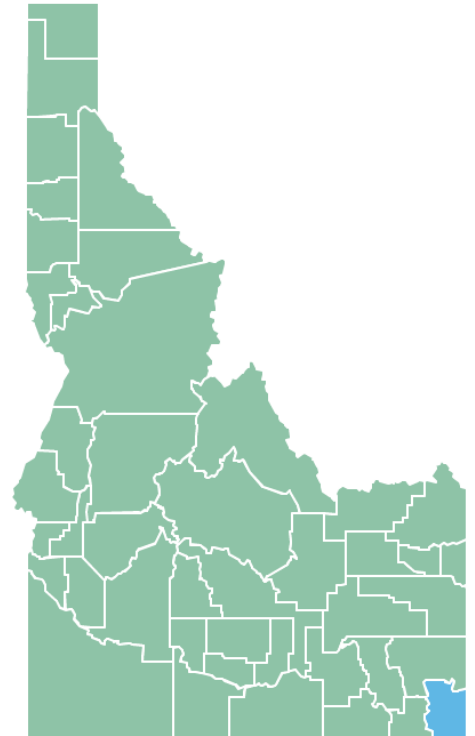


# Bear Lake County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: June 2026

## Bear Lake County Economic Overview

<b>Civilian Labor Force (May 2026)</b>	<b>3,222</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate (May 2026)</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Population (2025)</b>	<b>6,727</b>
<b>Median Household Income (2024)</b>	<b>\$75,260</b>
<b>Per Capita Personal Income (2024)</b>	<b>\$52,688</b>
<b>Poverty Rate (2024)</b>	<b>7.0%</b>



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## 1. Bear Lake County Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

	Bear Lake County	Bear Lake County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
<b>Total Population</b>	6,650	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>				
White alone, not hispanic	6,329	95.2%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	33	0.5%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	36	0.5%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	14	0.2%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	254	3.8%	13.6%	19.3%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	3,384	50.9%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	3,266	49.1%	49.7%	50.5%
<b>Age</b>				
Median age	40.5	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	1,820	27.4%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	4,830	72.6%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	4,337	65.2%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	1,410	21.2%	17.0%	17.2%
<b>Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)</b>				
Less than 9th grade	52	0.8%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	1,453	21.8%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	1,146	17.2%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	471	7.1%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	677	10.2%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	259	3.9%	7.0%	9.7%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$75,260	-	\$77,800	\$80,734

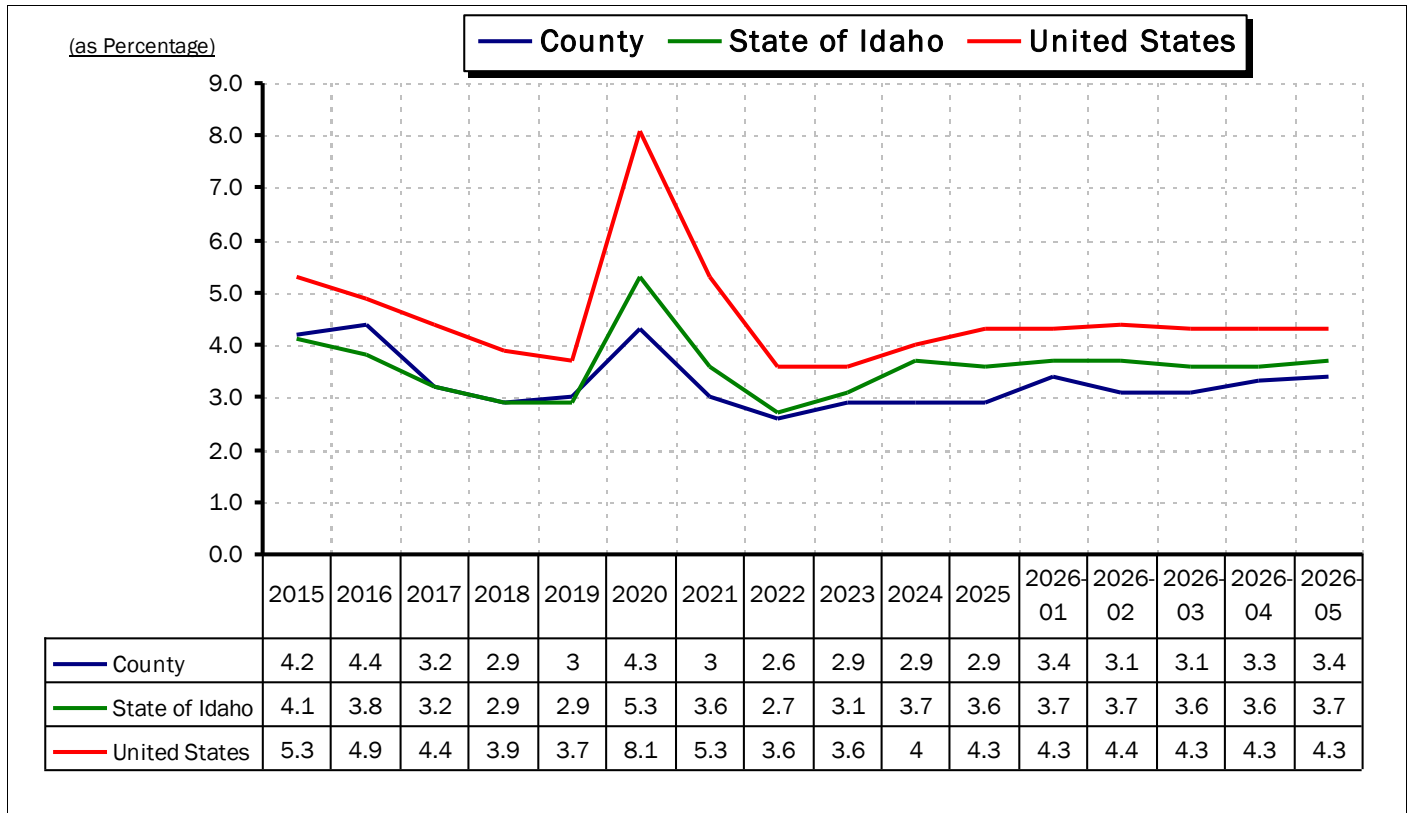
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## 2. Labor Force Growth, May 2025 to May 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
<b>May 2026</b>	3,222	3,114	108	3.4%
<b>May 2025</b>	3,334	3,241	93	2.8%
<b>YoY % Change</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

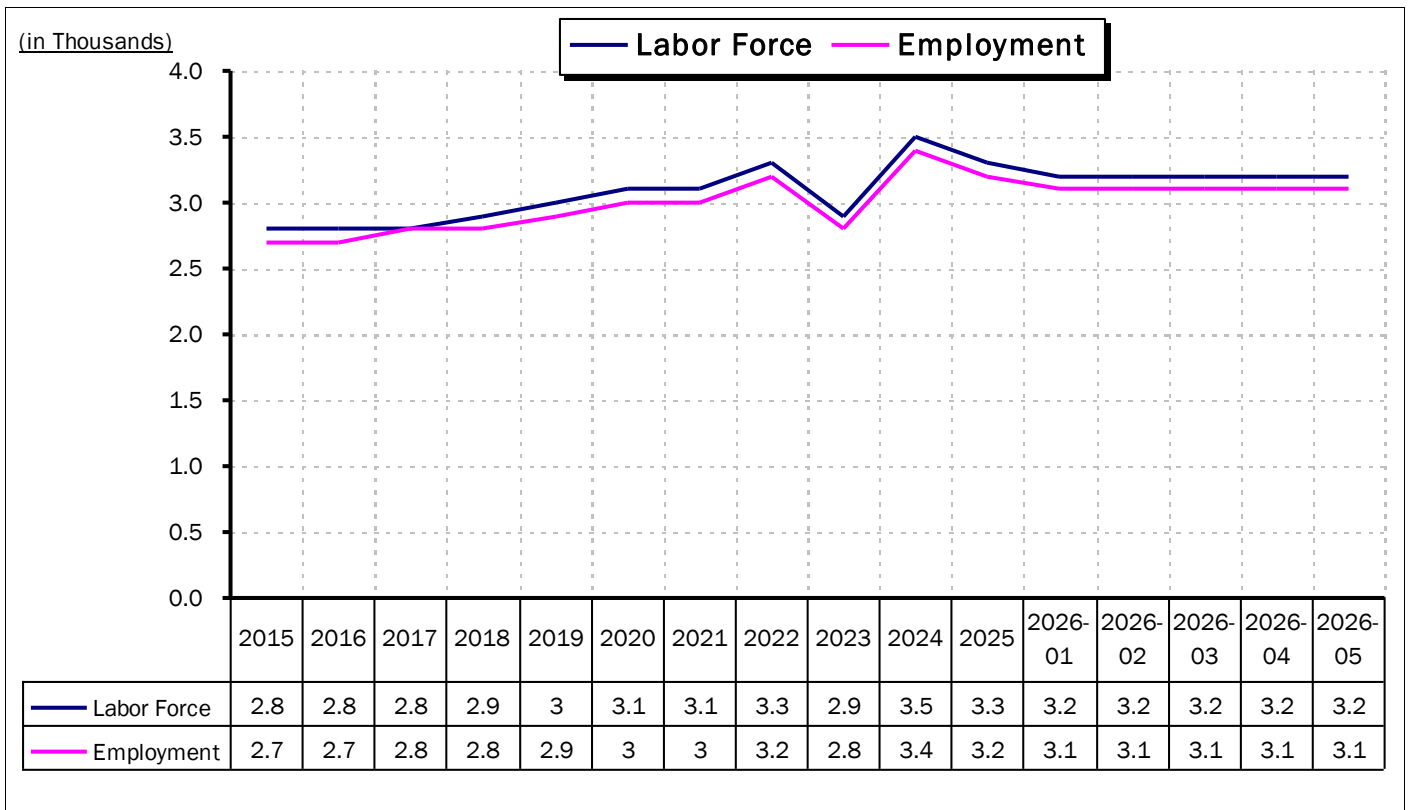
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

### 3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to May 2026



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

### 4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2015 to May 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	1,631	\$27,184	1,943	\$38,588	1,987	\$40,441
Natural Resources and Mining	16	\$50,904	18	\$32,819	16	\$35,528
Construction	39	\$32,152	81	\$39,945	89	\$40,426
Manufacturing	43	\$37,951	64	\$57,157	65	\$54,687
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	367	\$24,986	372	\$33,587	387	\$33,493
Information	30	\$17,754	14	\$31,179	13	\$40,080
Financial Activities	40	\$35,608	49	\$48,560	57	\$54,191
Professional and Business Services	114	\$37,200	331	\$46,055	331	\$47,154
Education and Health Services	540	\$29,092	591	\$43,040	599	\$47,145
Leisure and Hospitality	241	\$14,212	213	\$14,776	225	\$15,323
Other Services	21	\$26,678	27	\$30,926	32	\$33,321
Public Administration	180	\$30,971	183	\$41,086	173	\$44,516

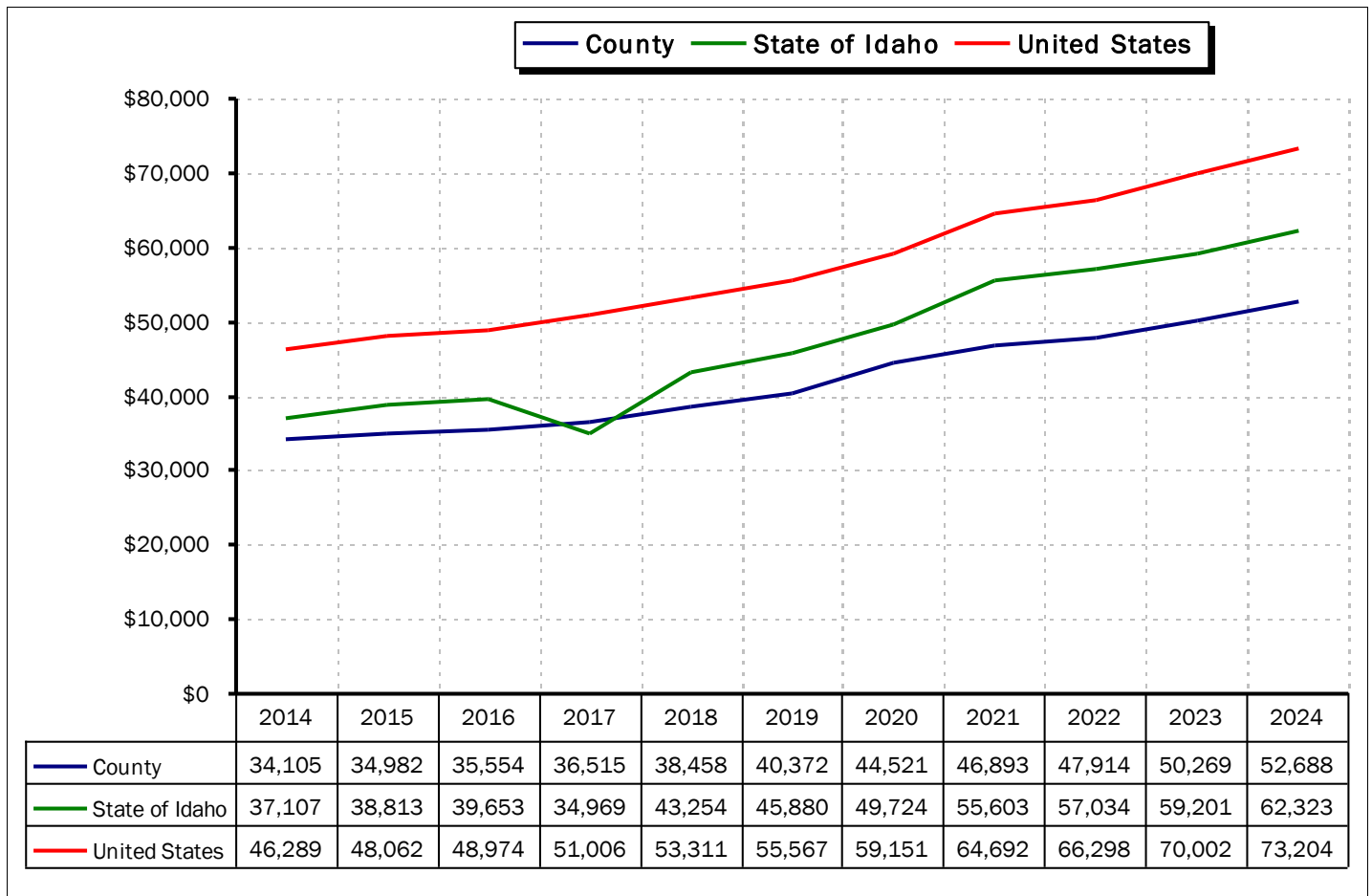
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

## 6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital	Local government	250 - 499
Bear Lake School District	Local government	100 - 249
Resource Management	Private	050 - 099
Broulim's Foodtown	Private	050 - 099
Bear Lake County	Local government	050 - 099
U.s. Forest Service	Federal government	010 - 049
Canyon Inn Montpelier	Private	010 - 049
Coopers North Beach	Private	010 - 049
City Of Montpelier	Local government	010 - 049
Jensen Lumber Company	Private	010 - 049

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed.  
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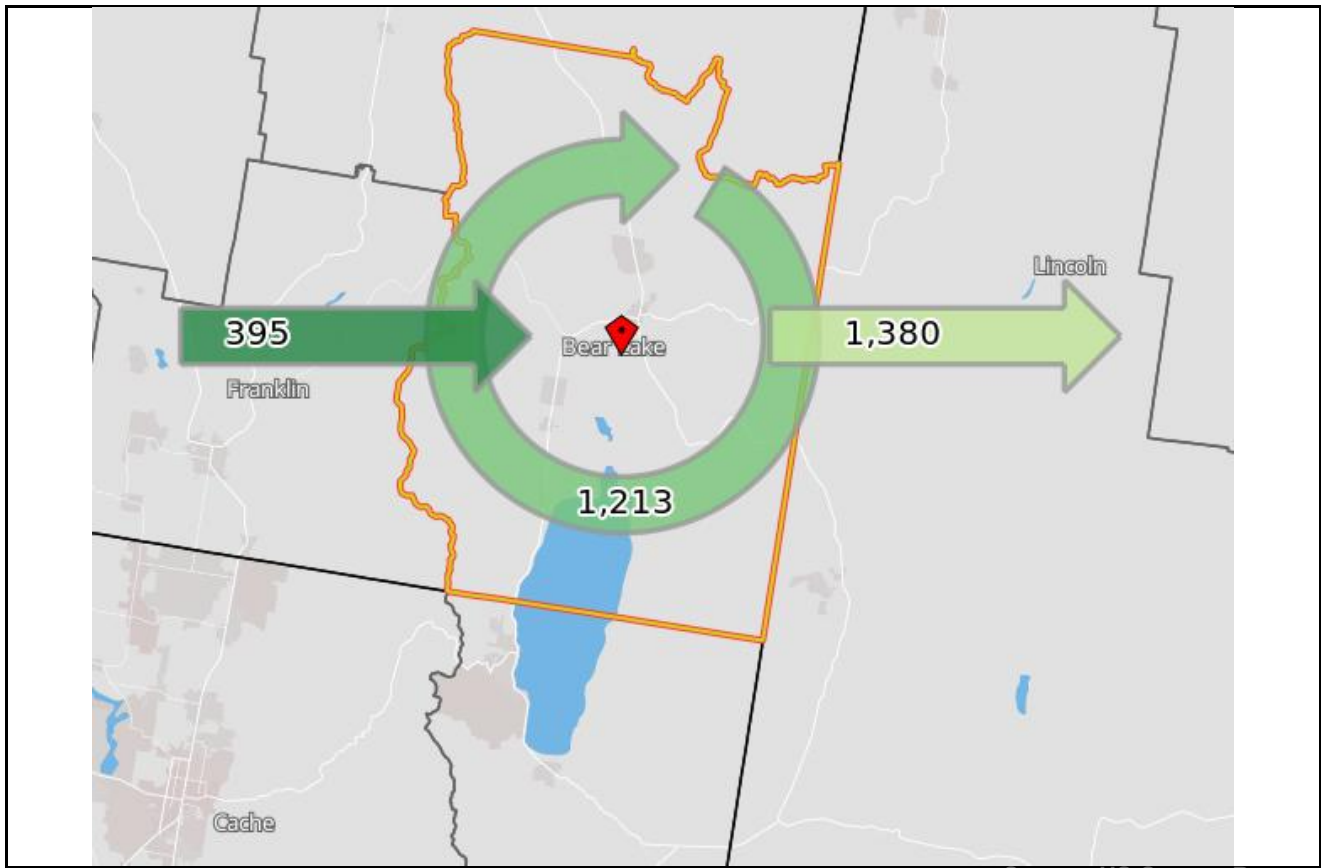
## 7. Per Capita Income, 2014 to 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

### 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 1,213 workers lived and worked in Bear Lake County in 2023. Another 395 workers were employed in Bear Lake County but lived outside, while 1,380 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

### 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Bear Lake County Live, 2023

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	587	36.5%
Georgetown	78	4.9%
Paris	69	4.3%
Bennington	54	3.4%
Pocatello	36	2.2%
St. Charles	31	1.9%
Bloomington	28	1.7%
Idaho Falls	15	0.9%
Preston	14	0.9%
Chubbuck	12	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 Bear Lake County Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	820	31.6%
Soda Springs	188	7.3%
Paris	164	6.3%
Pocatello	90	3.5%
Boise	86	3.3%
Garden City	81	3.1%
Idaho Falls	59	2.3%
Meridian	31	1.2%
Twin Falls	31	1.2%
Logan	27	1.0%

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