

Idaho economic situation report

June 18, 2026 (May 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

May 2026

Idaho unemployment rate

3.7%

↑0.1

U.S. unemployment rate

4.3%

±0.0

Idaho Construction jobs OTM

+2,000

↑2.6%

- Over-the-month total nonfarm jobs increased by 3,100 (0.4%).
- Construction accounted for 64.5% of the net over-the-month job gains.

U.S. labor force participation rate

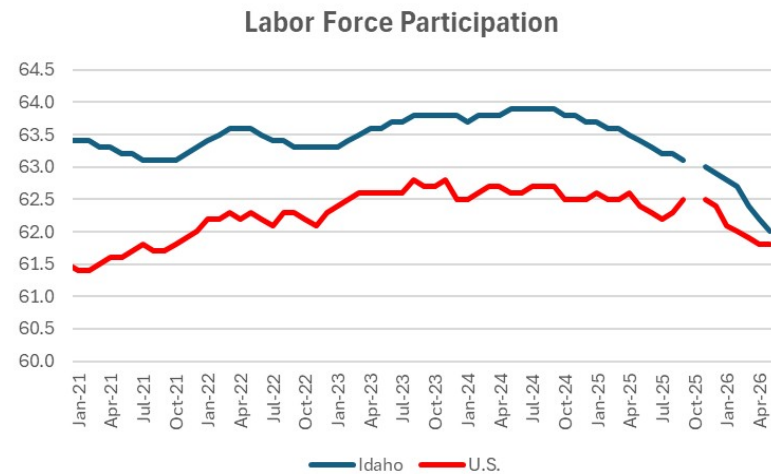
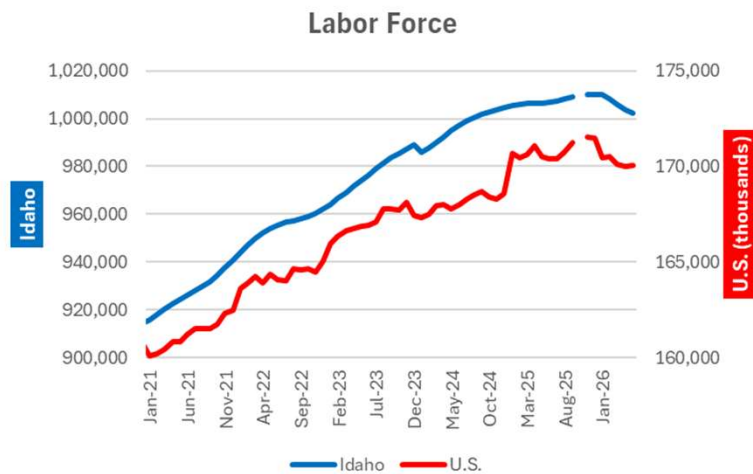
61.8%

±0.0

- Idaho's participation rate was a historically low 62% in May.
- This is the closest the national and state participation rates have been since 1981.

State and national labor force

Current and historical, compared



Labor force, May 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	1,002,324	-0.1%	-0.4%
U.S.	170,078,000	0.0%	-0.2%

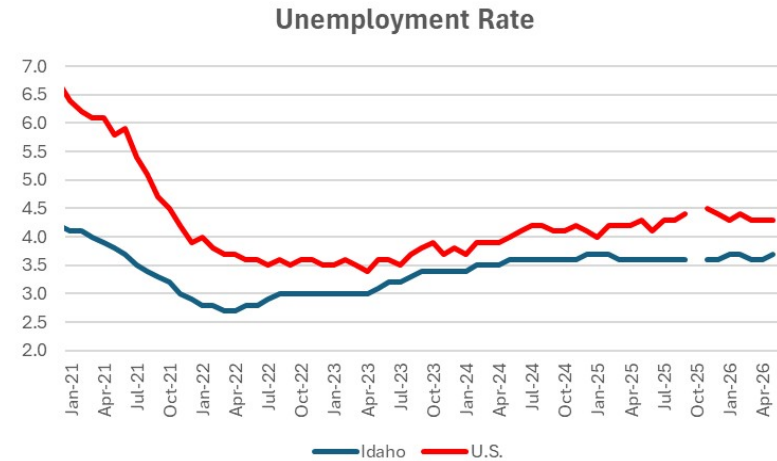
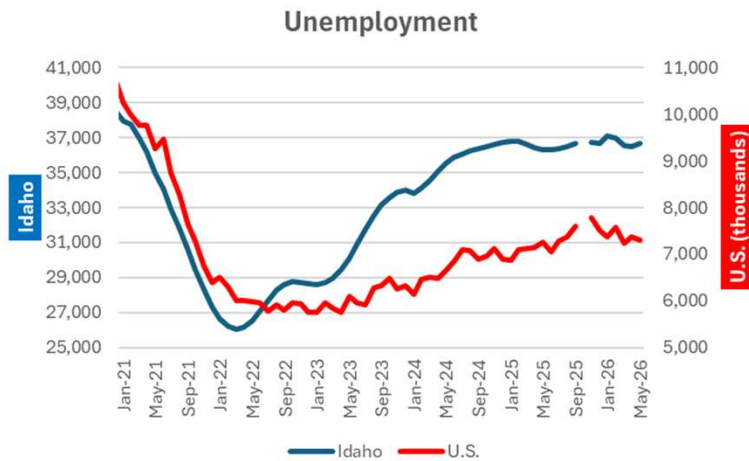
Labor force participation rate, May 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	62.0%	-0.2	-1.4
U.S.	61.8%	0.0	-0.6

*Data unavailable for October 2025

State and national unemployment

Current and historical, compared



Unemployment, May 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	36,658	0.4%	1.0%
U.S.	7,307,000	-0.9%	0.8%

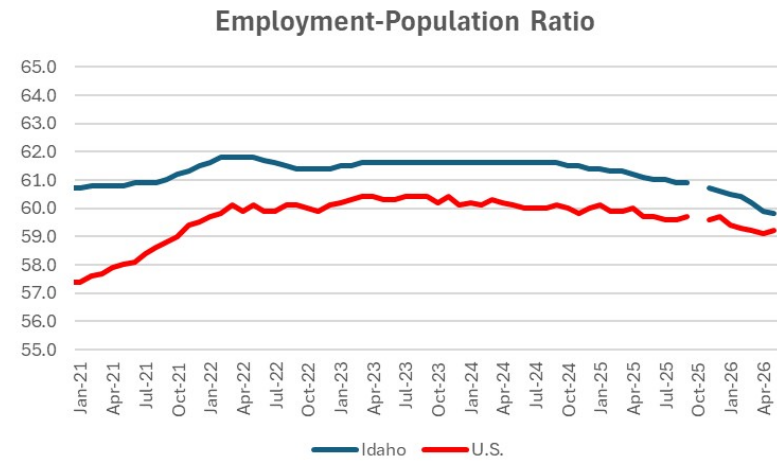
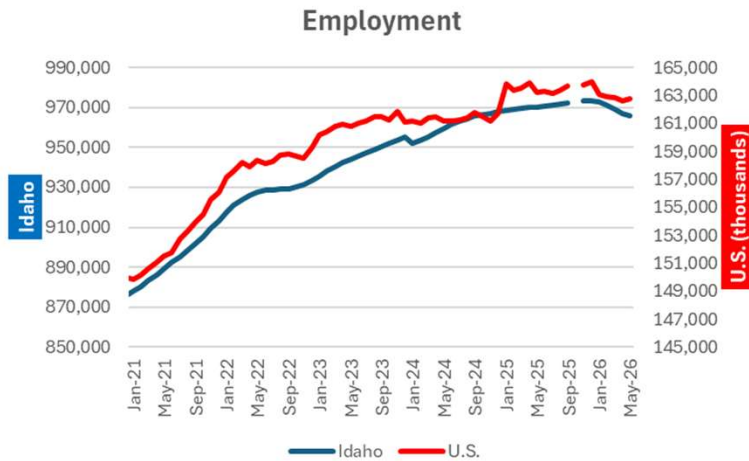
Unemployment rate, May 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	3.7%	0.1	0.1
U.S.	4.3%	0.0	0.0

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State and national employment

Current and historical, compared



Employment, May 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	965,666	-0.2%	-0.3%
U.S.	162,771,000	-0.1%	-0.8%

Employment-Population ratio, May 2026

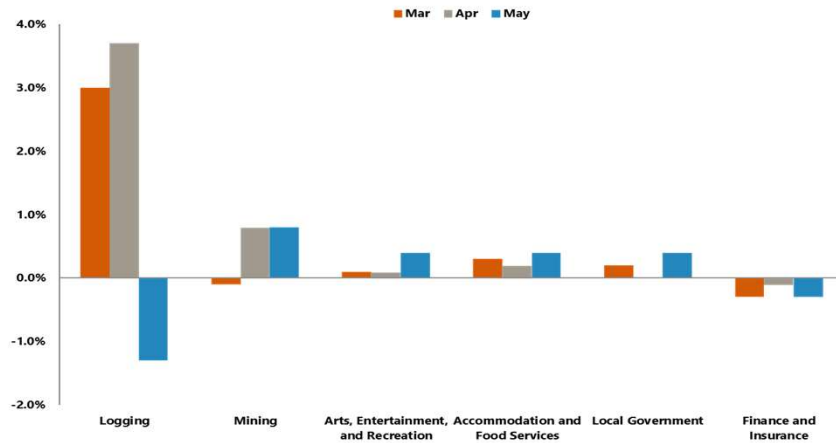
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	59.8%	-0.1	-1.3
U.S.	59.2%	0.1	-0.5

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U.S. nonfarm jobs (CES)

Nationwide seasonally adjusted change by industry

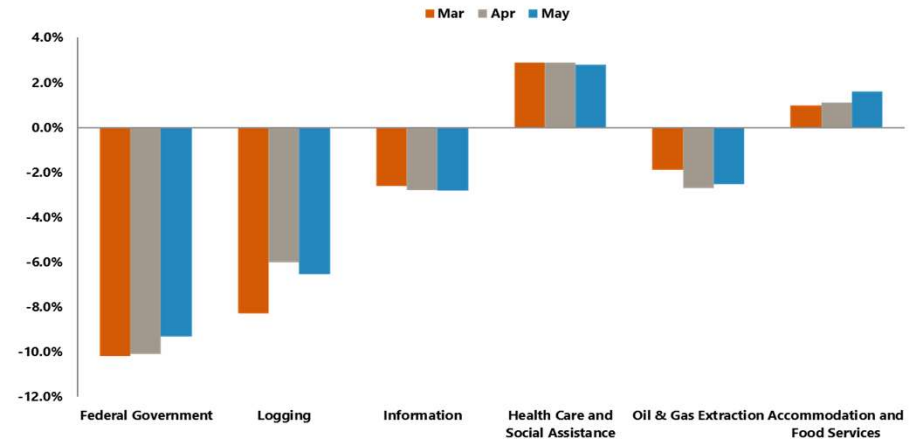
U.S. Industries With Largest Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, May 2026



National month-to-month highlights

Logging	-1.3%
Mining	0.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	0.4%
Local Government	0.4%
Finance and Insurance	-0.3%

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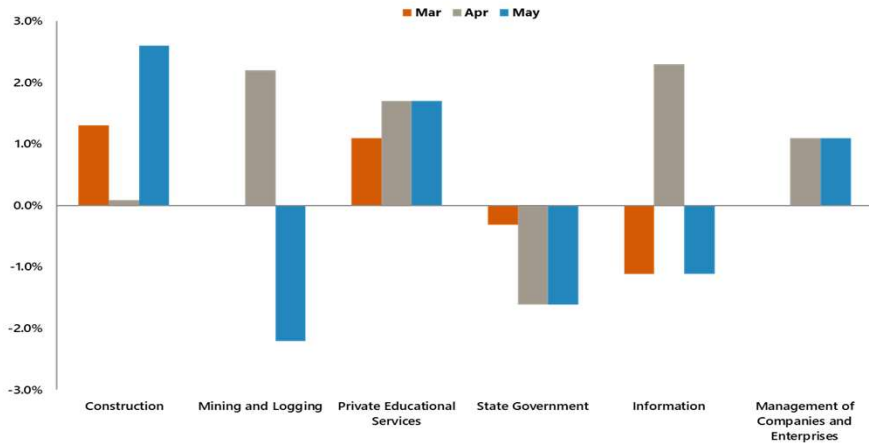
National over-the-year highlights

Federal Government	-9.3%
Logging	-6.5%
Information	-2.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2.8%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-2.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	1.6%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by industry

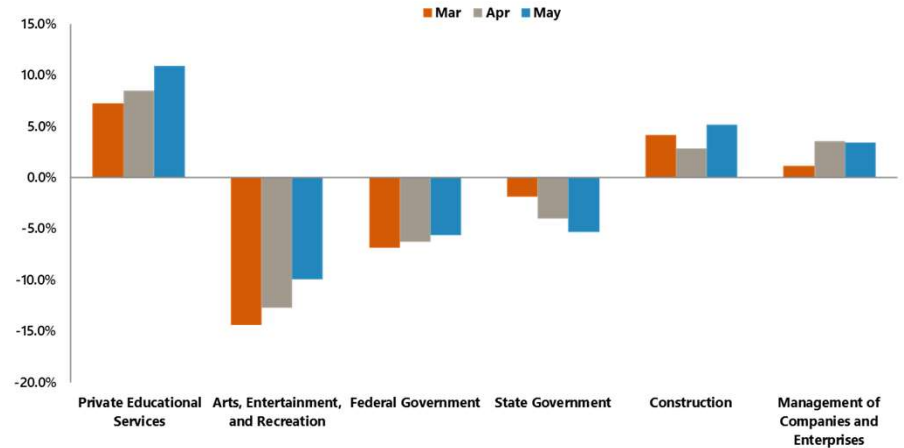
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Statewide month-to-month highlights

Construction	2.6%
Mining and Logging	-2.2%
Private Educational Services	1.7%
State Government	-1.6%
Information	-1.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1.1%

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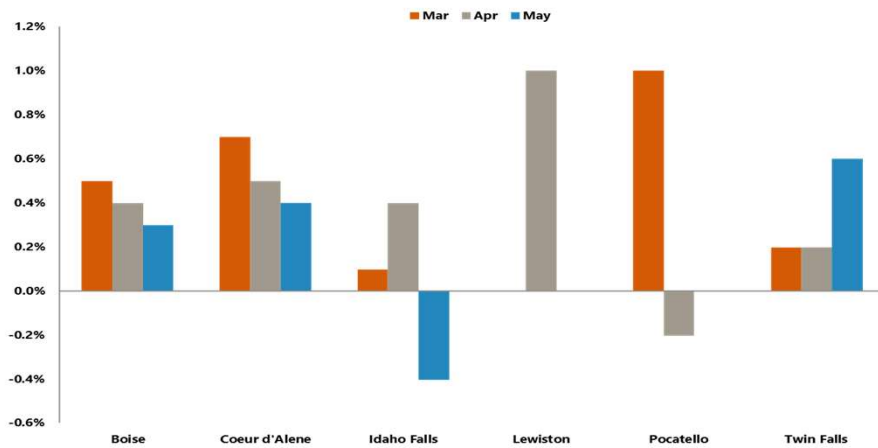
Statewide over-the-year highlights

Private Educational Services	10.8%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-9.9%
Federal Government	-5.6%
State Government	-5.3%
Construction	5.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3.4%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by MSAs

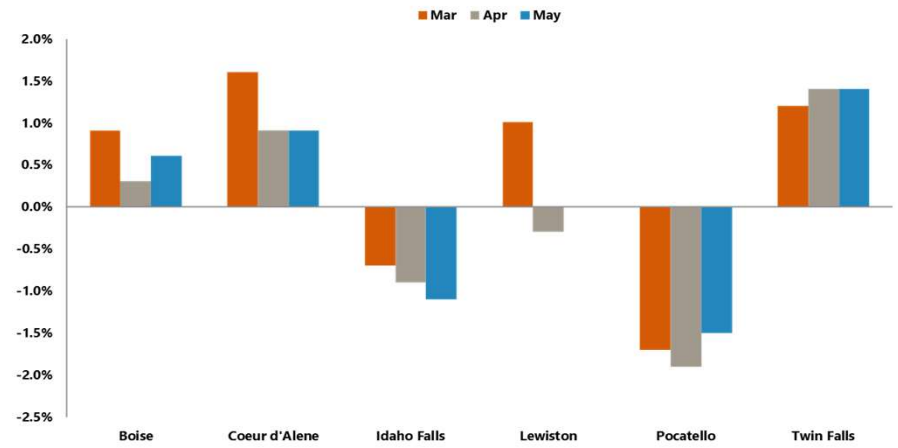
MSA Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, May 2026



Metropolitan statistical area month-to-month changes

Boise	0.3%
Coeur d'Alene	0.4%
Idaho Falls	-0.4%
Lewiston	0.0%
Pocatello	0.0%
Twin Falls	0.6%

MSA Over-the-Year Nonfarm Jobs Changes, May 2026



Metropolitan statistical area over-the-year changes

Boise	0.6%
Coeur d'Alene	0.9%
Idaho Falls	-1.1%
Lewiston	0.0%
Pocatello	-1.5%
Twin Falls	1.4%

Idaho unemployment rate: Counties

Highest Unemployment Rates

Adams	6.8%
Clearwater	6.3%
Bonner	5.4%
Benewah	5.3%
Boundary	5.2%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Teton	2.6%
Oneida	3.2%
Jefferson	3.2%
Latah	3.2%
Blaine	3.3%

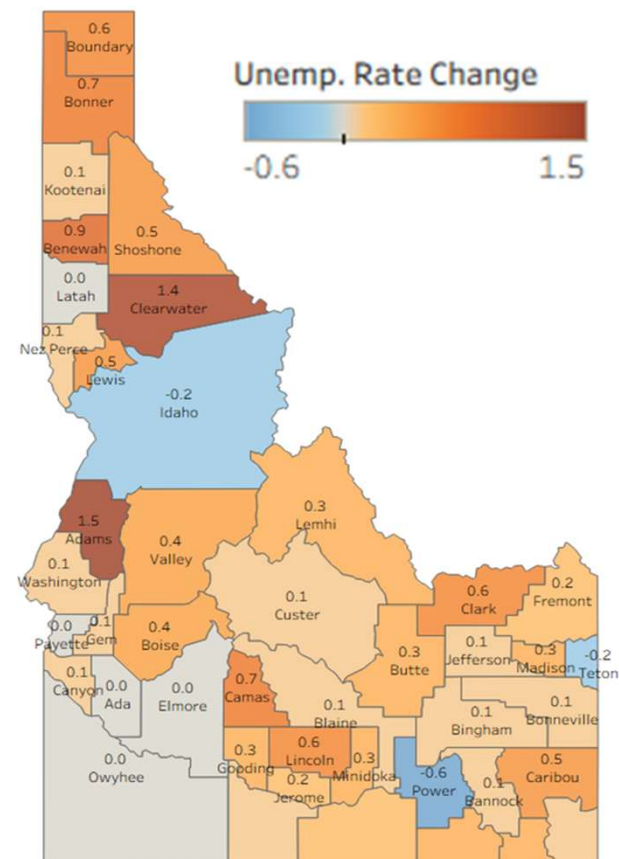
Largest Rate Changes

Adams	+1.5
Clearwater	+1.4
Benewah	+0.9
Bonner	+0.7
Camas	+0.7

35 counties experienced increases.

4 experienced decreases.

5 saw no statistical change.



Idaho unemployment rate: Statistical areas

Highest Unemployment Rates

Sandpoint MicSA	5.4%
Valley-Adams LMA	4.8%
Coeur d'Alene MSA	4.5%
Idaho-Lewis LMA	4.4%
Pocatello MSA	4.4%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Moscow MicSA	3.2%
Idaho Falls MSA	3.4%
Hailey MicSA	3.5%
Twin Falls MSA	3.5%
Boise City MSA	3.6%

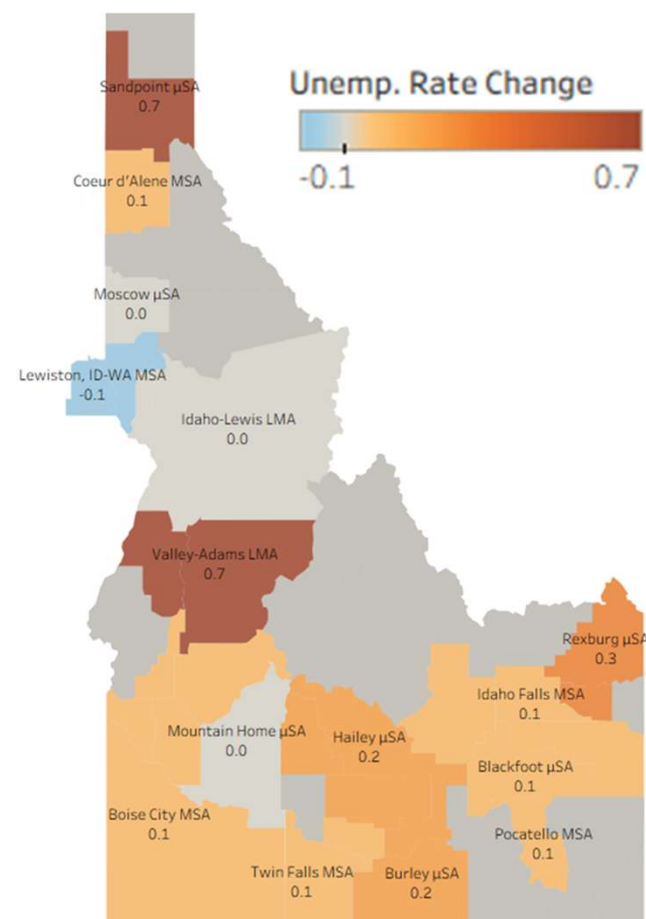
Largest Rate Changes

Sandpoint MicSA	+0.7
Valley-Adams LMA	+0.7
Rexburg MicSA	+0.3
Burley MicSA	+0.2
Hailey MicSA	+0.2

11 areas experienced increases.

1 experienced a decrease.

3 saw no statistical change



Idaho unemployment rate: Cities

Highest Unemployment Rates

Post Falls	4.7%
Pocatello	4.6%
Rexburg	4.6%
Coeur d'Alene	4.4%
Caldwell	4.0%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Moscow	3.2%
Meridian	3.2%
Boise	3.3%
Lewiston	3.5%
Twin Falls	3.6%

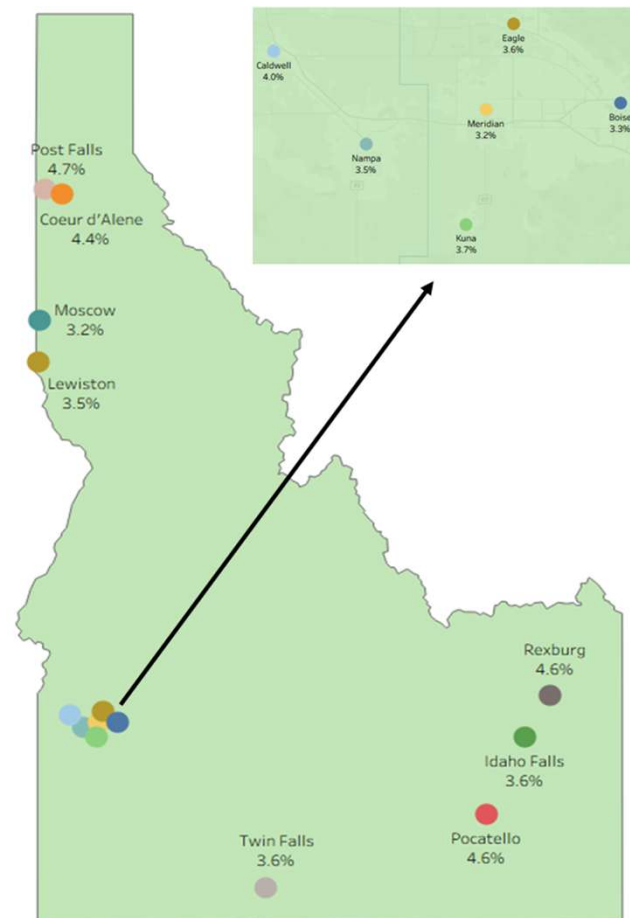
Largest Rate Changes

Rexburg	+0.5
Twin Falls	+0.2
Coeur d'Alene	+0.1
Post Falls	+0.1
Idaho Falls	+0.1

7 cities experienced increases.

6 experienced a decrease.

1 saw no statistical change.



Upcoming release dates

Upcoming release schedule

- **July 17, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for June 2026.
- **August 21, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for July 2026.

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