

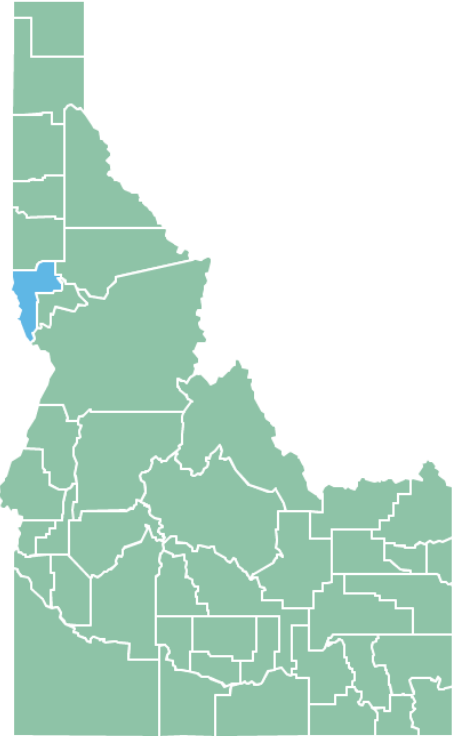


# Nez Perce County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: June 2026

## Nez Perce County Economic Overview

<b>Civilian Labor Force (May 2026)</b>	<b>20,805</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate (May 2026)</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>Population (2025)</b>	<b>42,905</b>
<b>Median Household Income (2024)</b>	<b>\$72,599</b>
<b>Per Capita Personal Income (2024)</b>	<b>\$59,776</b>
<b>Poverty Rate (2024)</b>	<b>12.2%</b>



## 1. Nez Perce County Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

	Nez Perce County	Nez Perce County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
<b>Total Population</b>	42,697	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
<b>Race and Ethnicity</b>				
White alone, not hispanic	37,457	87.7%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	83	0.2%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	1,889	4.4%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	368	0.9%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	1,885	4.4%	13.6%	19.3%
<b>Gender</b>				
Male	21,280	49.8%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	21,417	50.2%	49.7%	50.5%
<b>Age</b>				
Median age	41.2	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	9,063	21.2%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	33,634	78.8%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	29,893	70.0%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	8,998	21.1%	17.0%	17.2%
<b>Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)</b>				
Less than 9th grade	730	1.7%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	9,082	21.3%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	7,162	16.8%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	3,682	8.6%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	5,552	13.0%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	2,563	6.0%	7.0%	9.7%
<b>Median Household Income</b>	\$72,599	-	\$77,800	\$80,734

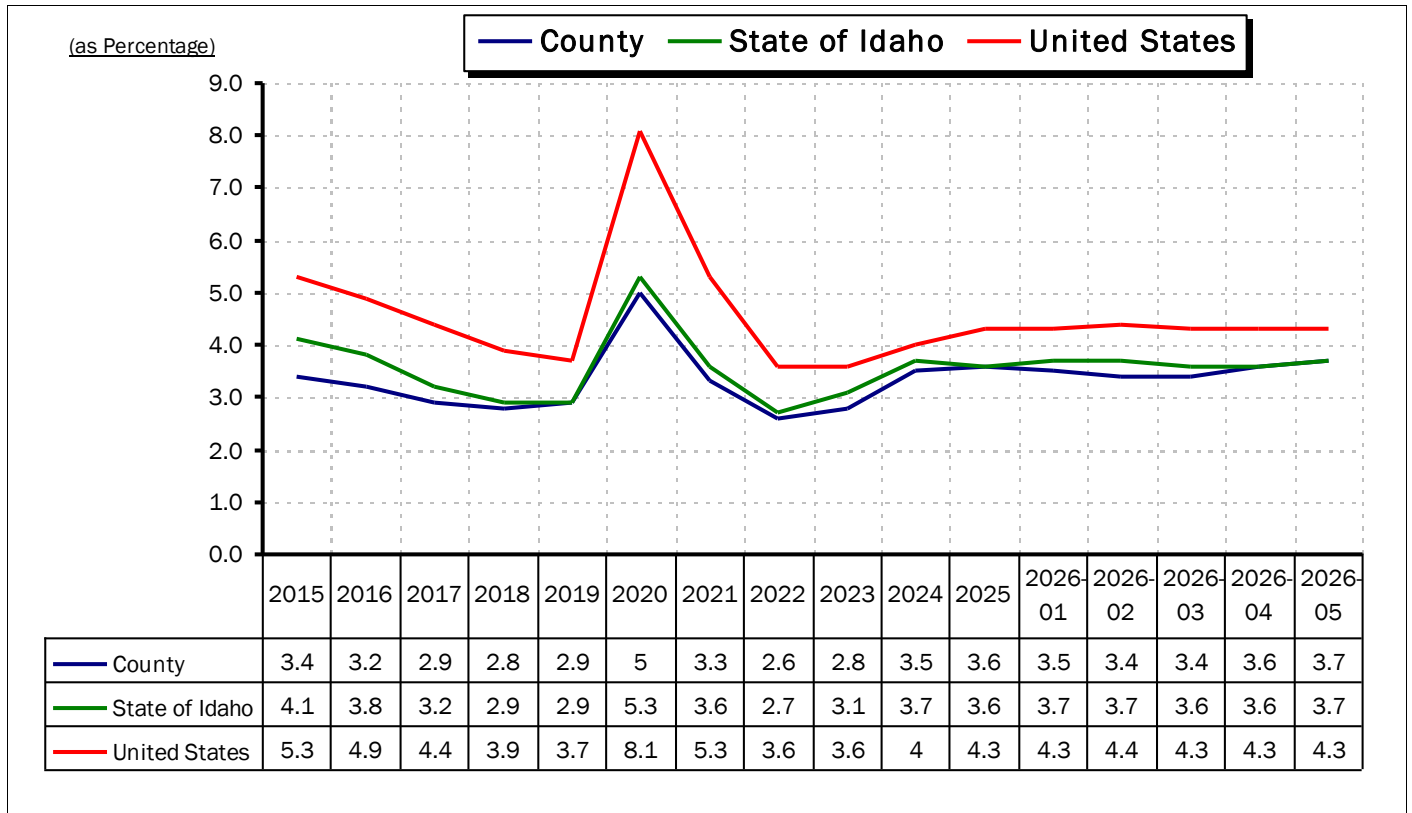
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
<b>May 2026</b>	20,805	20,028	777	3.7%
<b>May 2025</b>	21,085	20,304	781	3.7%
<b>YoY % Change</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

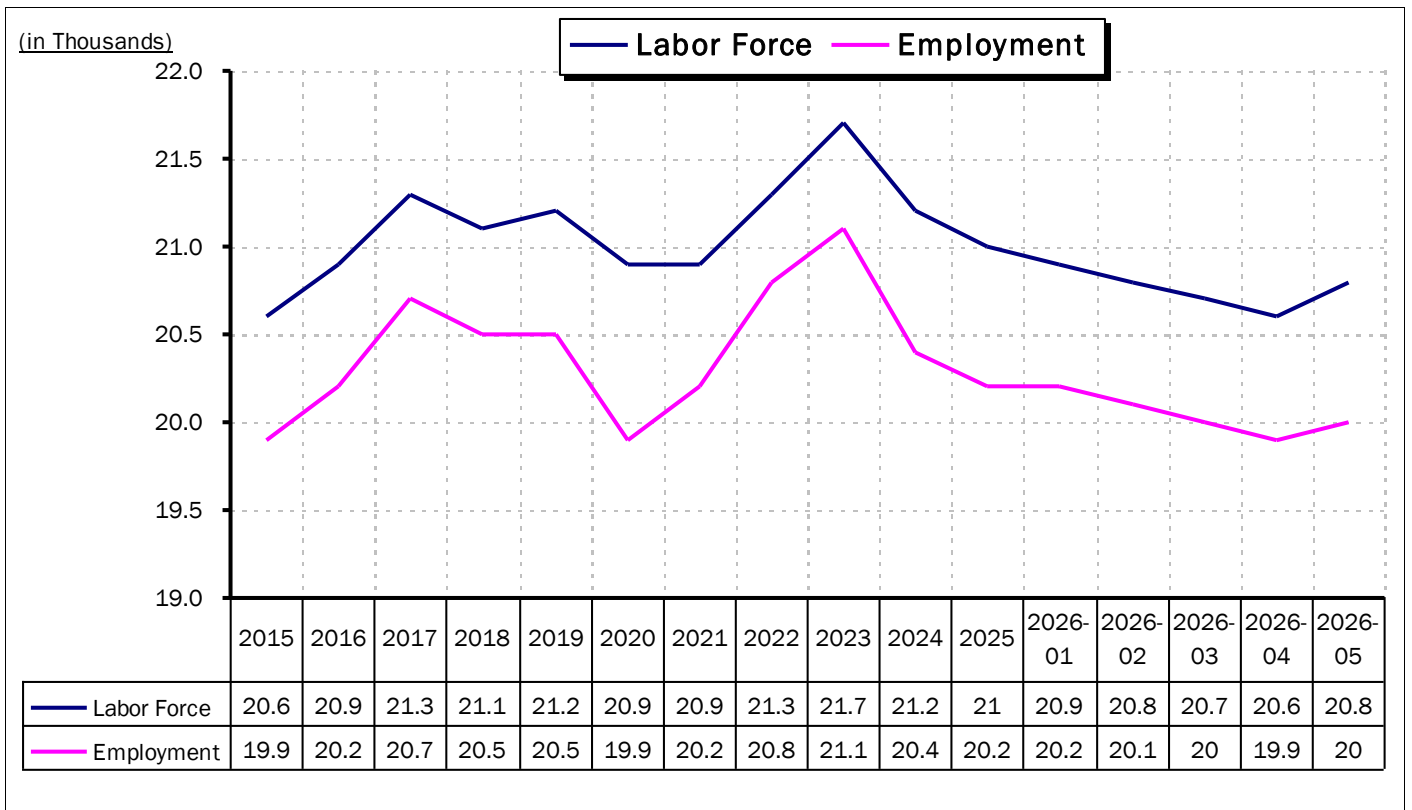
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

### 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	20,608	\$37,957	21,545	\$52,400	21,947	\$54,618
Natural Resources and Mining	291	\$51,312	249	\$71,128	261	\$71,352
Construction	727	\$38,341	1,080	\$58,318	1,132	\$64,129
Manufacturing	3,655	\$53,425	4,198	\$67,838	4,151	\$71,738
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	3,795	\$33,190	3,724	\$46,303	3,840	\$47,004
Information	395	\$31,790	339	\$49,465	324	\$52,707
Financial Activities	1,257	\$52,283	1,300	\$80,289	1,335	\$82,322
Professional and Business Services	920	\$33,552	1,085	\$47,299	1,132	\$53,103
Education and Health Services	5,214	\$36,458	5,012	\$49,312	5,241	\$50,761
Leisure and Hospitality	2,156	\$16,644	2,263	\$23,240	2,200	\$23,888
Other Services	534	\$23,809	662	\$35,172	636	\$36,732
Public Administration	1,664	\$42,272	1,633	\$58,511	1,695	\$59,089

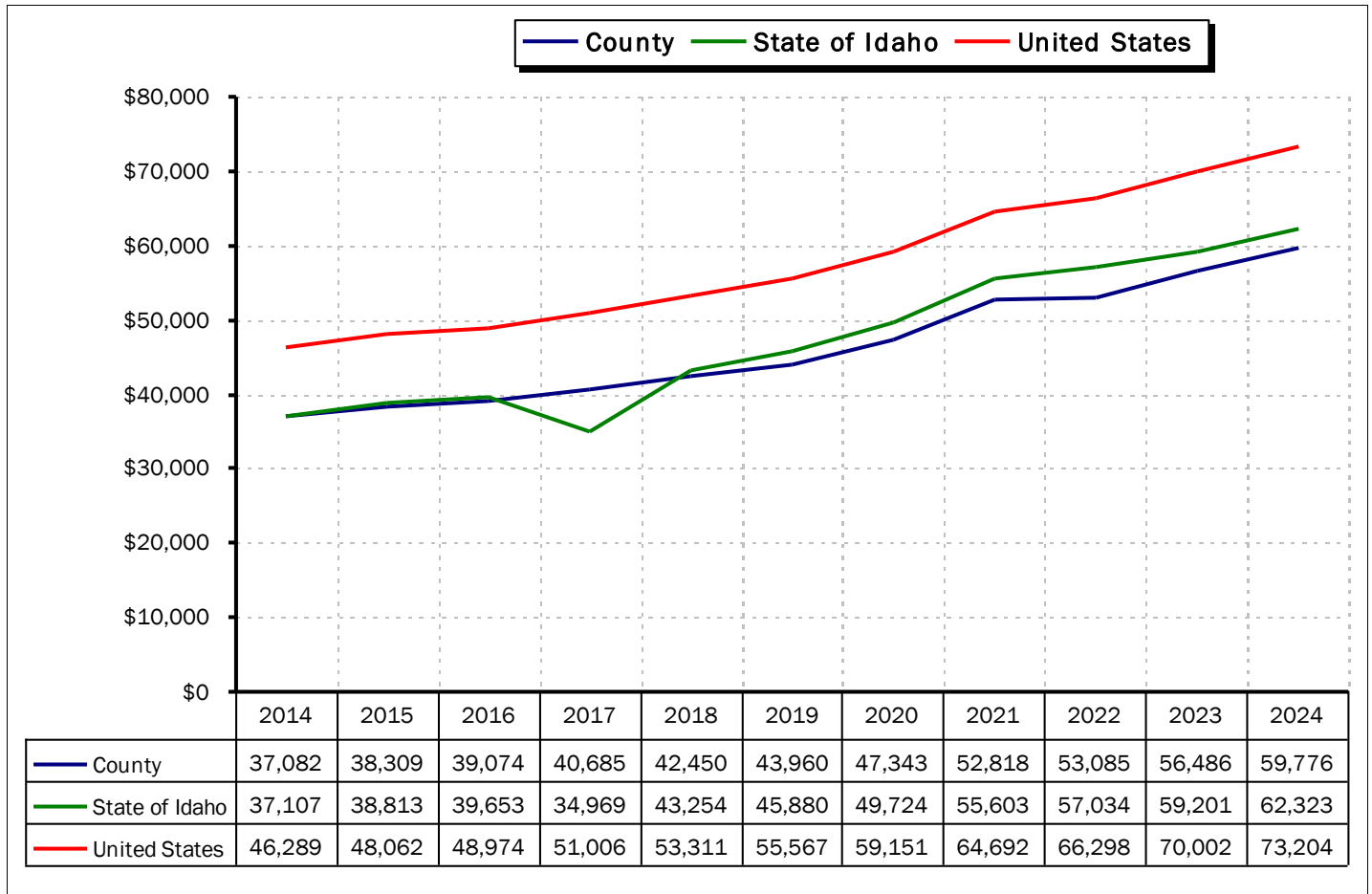
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

## 6. Top Employers, 2024

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Federal Cartridge Company	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Clearwater Paper Corporation	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Nez Perce Tribe	Local government	500 - 999
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories	Private	500 - 999
Lewiston School District	Local government	500 - 999
Lewis-clark State College	State government	500 - 999
St. Joseph Hospital	Private	500 - 999
Happy Day Corporation	Private	250 - 499
City Of Lewiston	Local government	250 - 499
Nez Perce County	Local government	250 - 499

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)

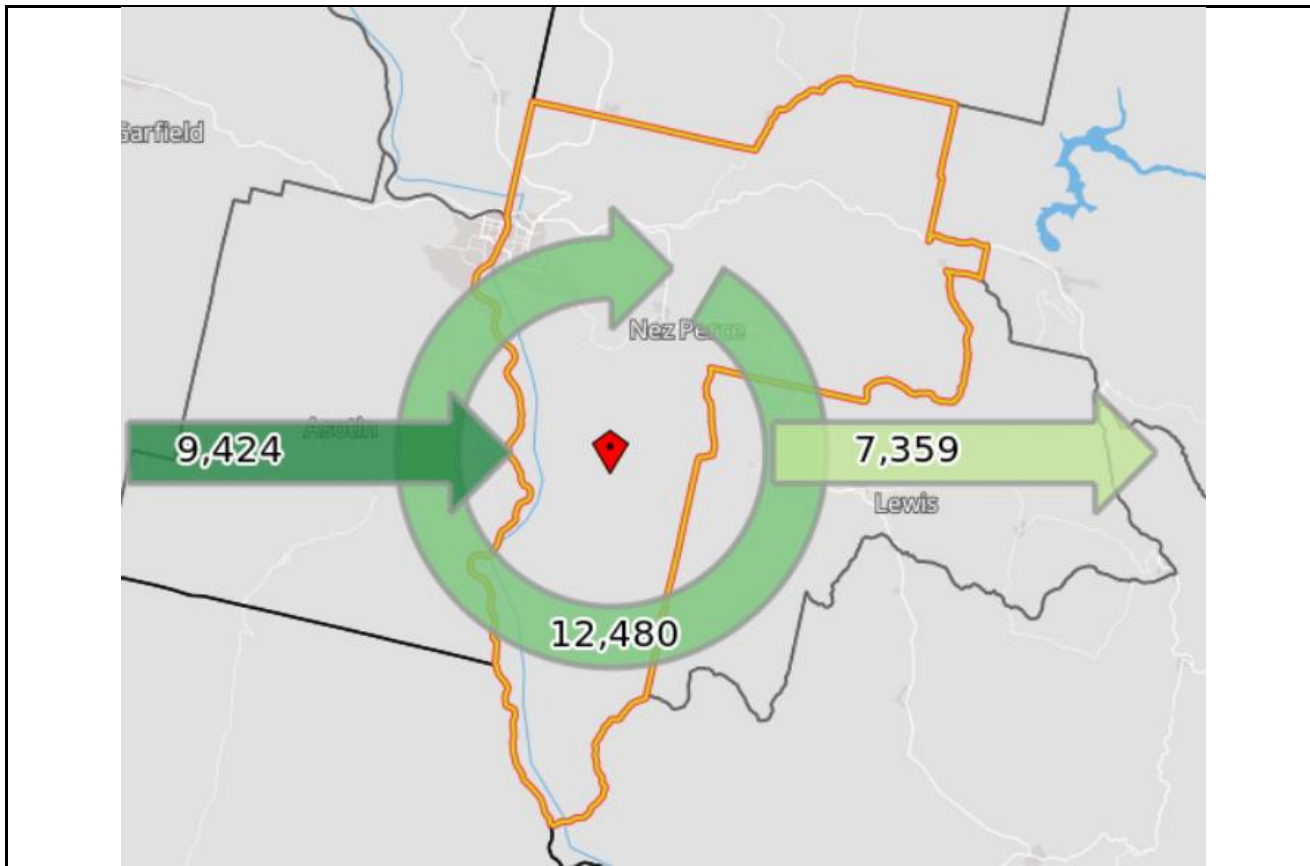
## 7. Per Capita Income, 2014 to 2024



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

### 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 12,480 workers lived and worked in Nez Perce County in 2023. Another 9,424 workers were employed in Nez Perce County but lived outside, while 7,359 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

### 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Nez Perce County Live, 2023

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston	10,617	48.5%
Clarkston	1,315	6.0%
Clarkston Heights-Vineland CDP, WA	1,144	5.2%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	964	4.4%
Moscow	542	2.5%
Lapwai	256	1.2%
Pullman	196	0.9%
Boise	193	0.9%
Coeur d'Alene	184	0.8%
Post Falls	156	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 Nez Perce County Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston	10,398	52.4%
Clarkston	1,405	7.1%
Moscow	630	3.2%
Boise	485	2.4%
Lapwai	425	2.1%
Coeur d'Alene	412	2.1%
Pullman	389	2.0%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	292	1.5%
Orofino city, ID	180	0.9%
Clarkston Heights-Vineland CDP, WA	164	0.8%

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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