

Idaho economic situation report

August 21, 2026 (July 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

July 2026

Idaho unemployment rate

3.6%

↓0.1

U.S. unemployment rate

4.1%

↓0.1

Idaho unemployed re-entrants

12,480

↑5.3% (OTY)

- 12-month average (not seasonally adjusted)
- The number of unemployed re-entrants to the labor force has increased by 6,153 (97.2%) since the post pandemic low in April 2023

U.S. Insurance jobs OTY

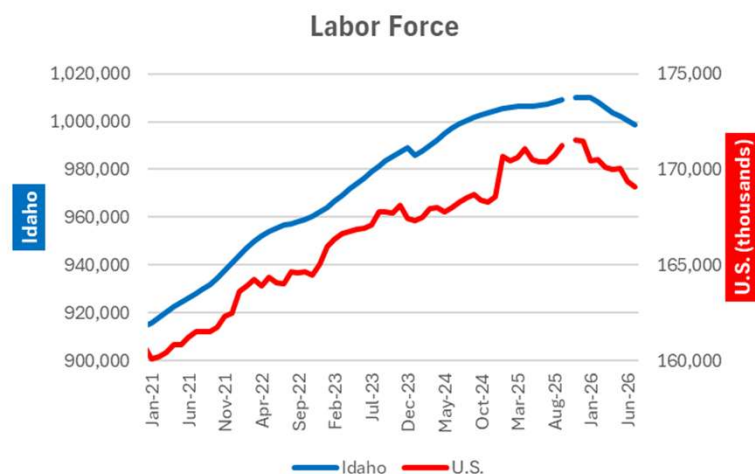
-81,000

↓2.7%

- Lowest number of jobs since September 2022.

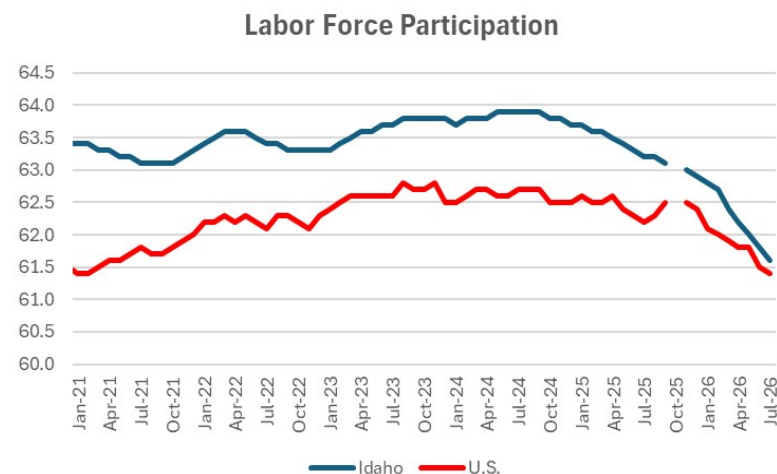
State and national labor force

Current and historical, compared



Labor force, July 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	998,870	-0.2%	-0.8%
U.S.	169,094,000	-0.2%	-0.8%



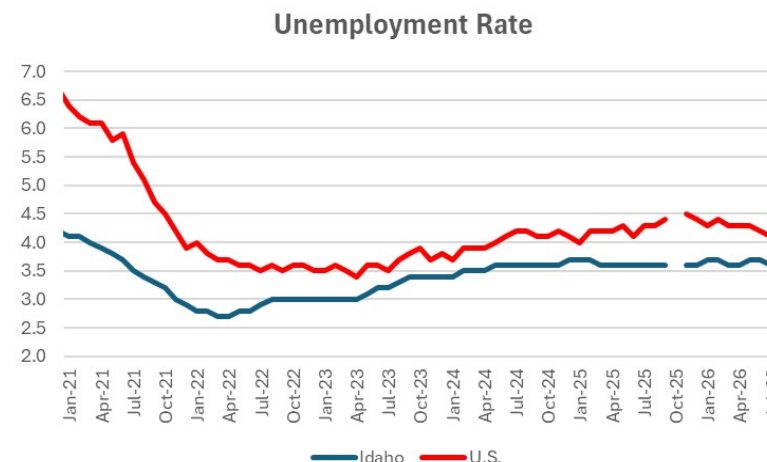
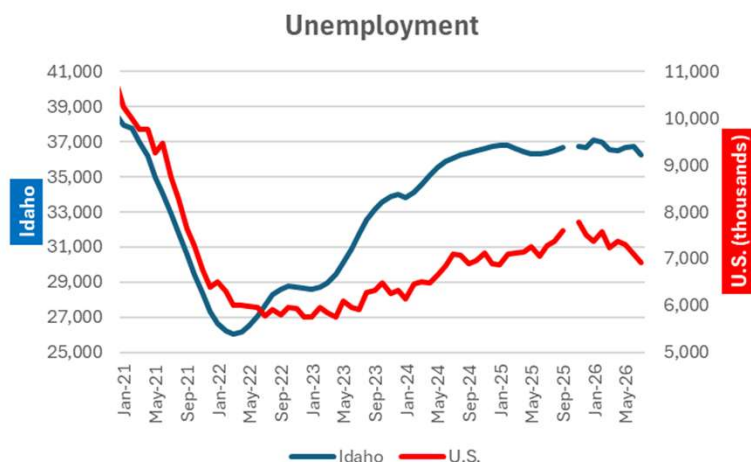
Labor force participation rate, July 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	61.6%	-0.2	-1.6
U.S.	61.4%	-0.1	-0.8

*Data unavailable for October 2025

State and national unemployment

Current and historical, compared



Unemployment, July 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	36,244	-1.4%	-0.4%
U.S.	6,916,000	-2.5%	-4.9%

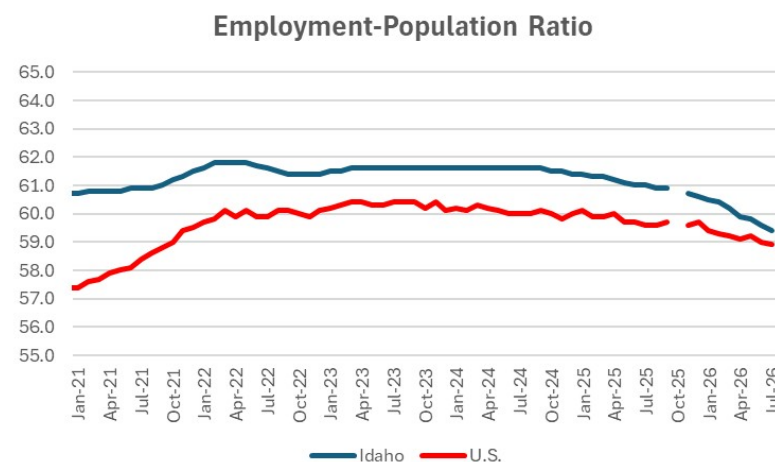
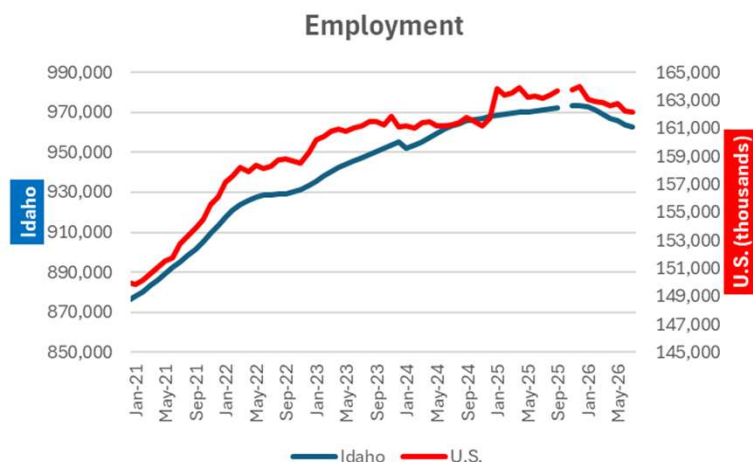
Unemployment rate, July 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	3.6%	-0.1	0.0
U.S.	4.1%	-0.1	-0.2

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State and national employment

Current and historical, compared



Employment, July 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	962,626	-0.1%	-0.9%
U.S.	162,177,000	-0.1%	-0.6%

Employment-Population ratio, July 2026

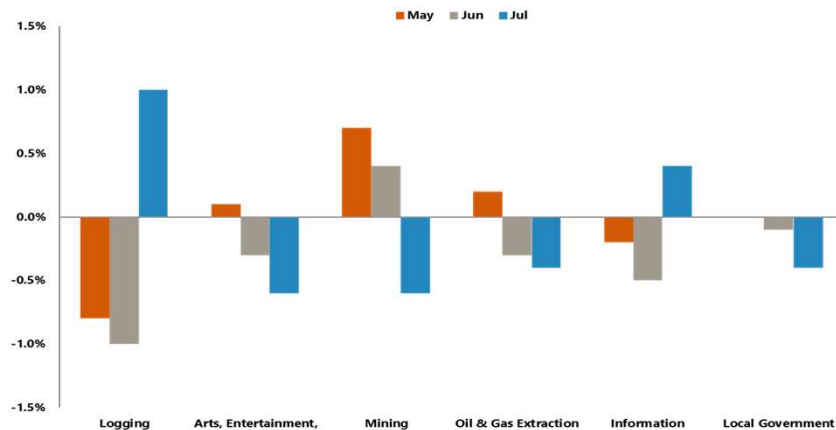
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	59.4%	-0.2	-1.6
U.S.	58.9%	-0.1	-0.7

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U.S. nonfarm jobs (CES)

Nationwide seasonally adjusted change by industry

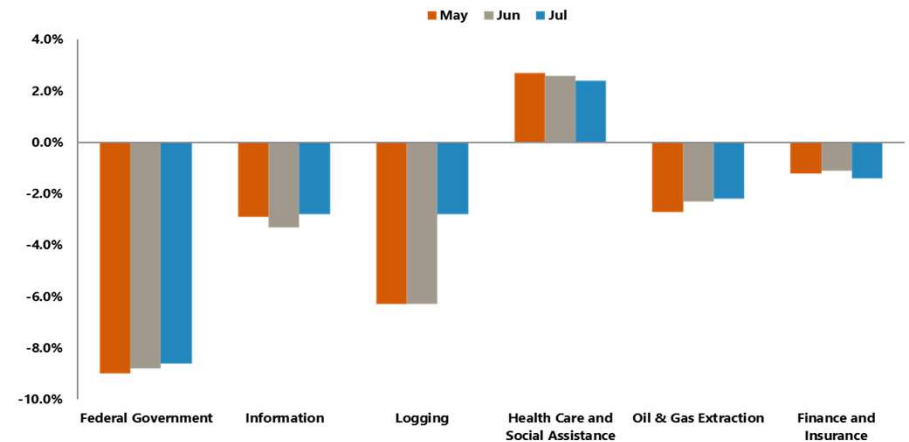
U.S. Industries With Largest Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, July 2026



National month-to-month highlights

Logging	1.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-0.6%
Mining	-0.6%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-0.4%
Information	0.4%
Local Government	-0.4%

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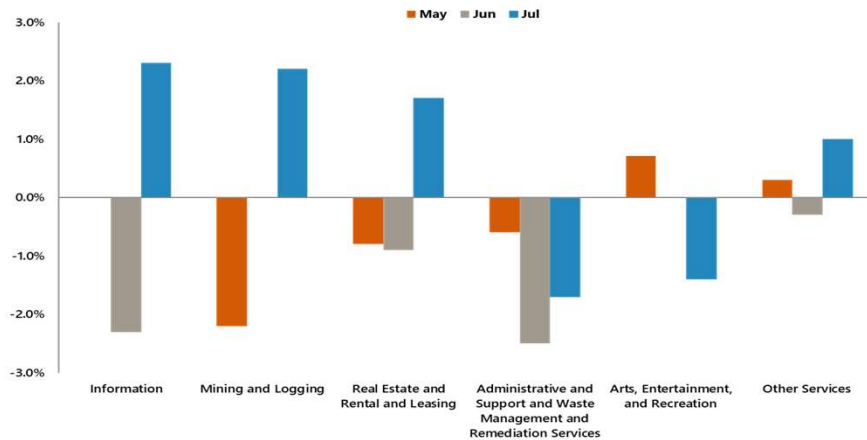
National over-the-year highlights

Federal Government	-8.6%
Information	-2.8%
Logging	-2.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2.4%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-2.2%
Finance and Insurance	-1.4%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by industry

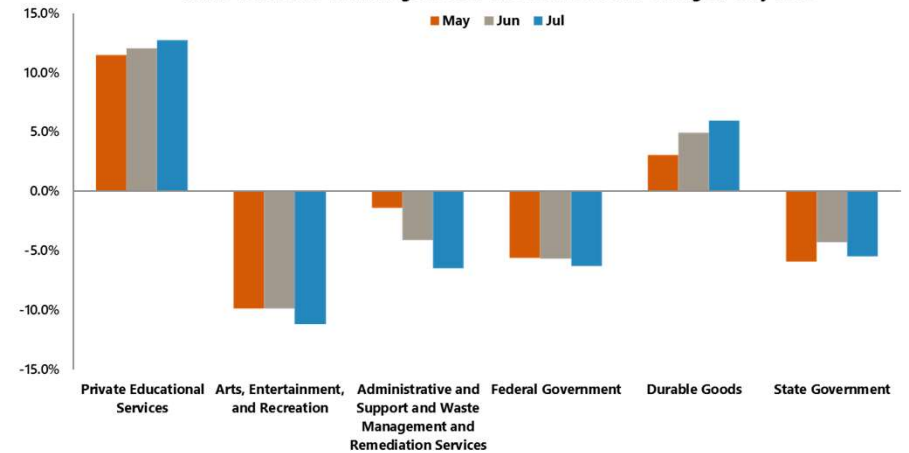
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Statewide month-to-month highlights

Information	2.3%
Mining and Logging	2.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1.7%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-1.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-1.4%
Other Services	1.0%

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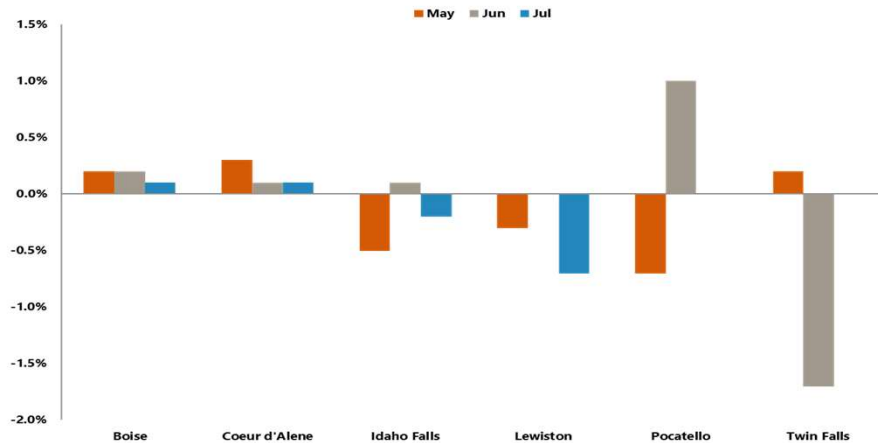
Statewide over-the-year highlights

Private Educational Services	12.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-11.2%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-6.5%
Federal Government	-6.3%
Durable Goods	5.9%
State Government	-5.5%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by MSAs

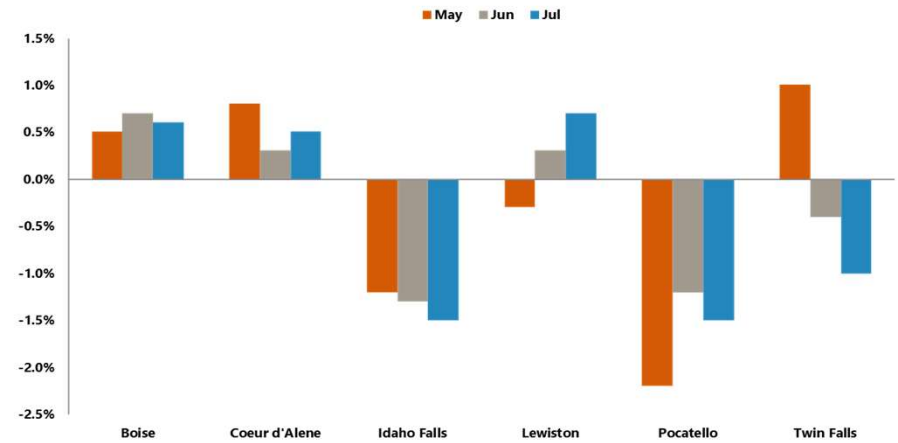
MSA Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, July 2026



Metropolitan statistical area month-to-month changes

Boise	0.1%
Coeur d'Alene	0.1%
Idaho Falls	-0.2%
Lewiston	-0.7%
Pocatello	0.0%
Twin Falls	0.0%

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



Metropolitan statistical area over-the-year changes

Boise	0.6%
Coeur d'Alene	0.5%
Idaho Falls	-1.5%
Lewiston	0.7%
Pocatello	-1.5%
Twin Falls	-1.0%

Idaho labor force and unemployment: Counties

Highest Unemployment Rates

Adams	7.3%
Clearwater	7.0%
Benewah	5.4%
Bonner	5.2%
Boundary	4.9%

Largest Labor Force Changes

Madison	-1.9%
Bannock	+1.4%
Oneida	-1.3%
Franklin	-1.1%
Fremont	-1.1%

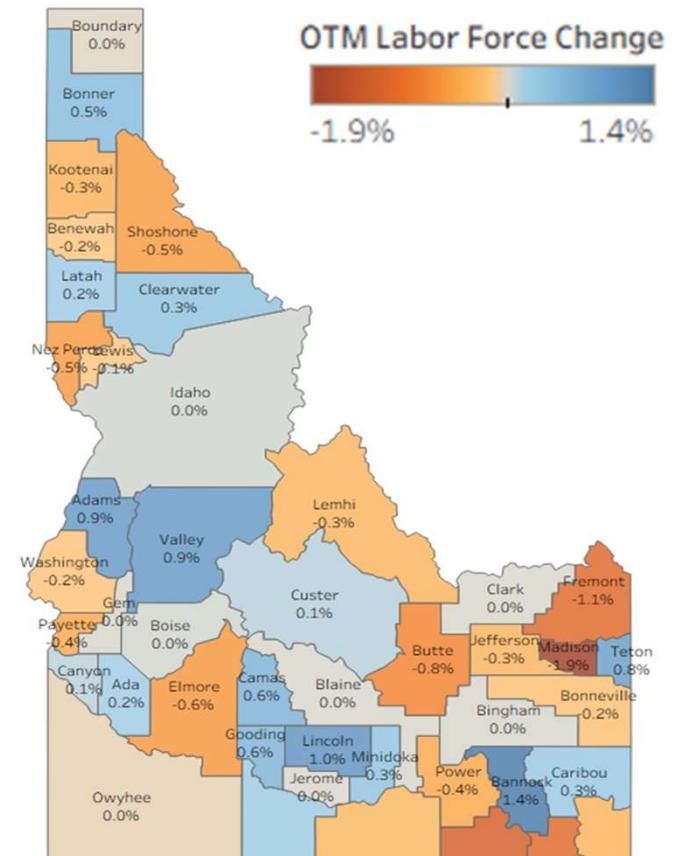
Lowest Unemployment Rates

Teton	2.4%
Madison	2.5%
Jefferson	2.8%
Latah	2.9%
Blaine	2.9%

16 counties experienced labor force increases.

19 experienced labor force decreases.

9 saw no statistical change to their labor force.



Idaho labor force and unemployment: Statistical Areas

Highest Unemployment Rates

Sandpoint MicSA	5.2%
Valley-Adams LMA	4.9%
Coeur d'Alene MSA	4.3%
Mountain Home MicSA	4.0%
Idaho-Lewis LMA	4.0%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Rexburg MicSA	2.7%
Moscow MicSA	2.9%
Lewiston MSA	3.0%
Idaho Falls MSA	3.1%
Hailey MicSA	3.2%

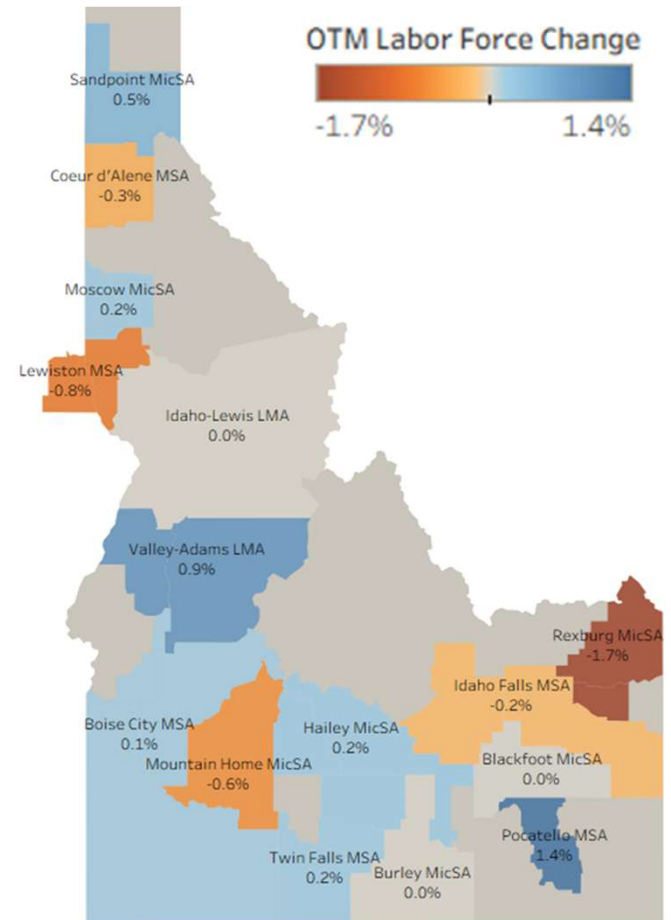
Largest Labor Force Changes

Rexburg MicSA	-1.7%
Pocatello MSA	+1.4%
Valley-Adams LMA	+0.9%
Mountain Home MicSA	-0.6%
Lewiston MSA	-0.8%

7 areas experienced labor force increases.

5 experienced labor force decreases.

3 saw no statistical change to their labor force.



Idaho labor force and unemployment: Cities

Highest Unemployment Rates

Post Falls	4.5%
Coeur d'Alene	4.0%
Pocatello	4.0%
Caldwell	3.6%
Kuna	3.4%

Largest Labor Force Changes

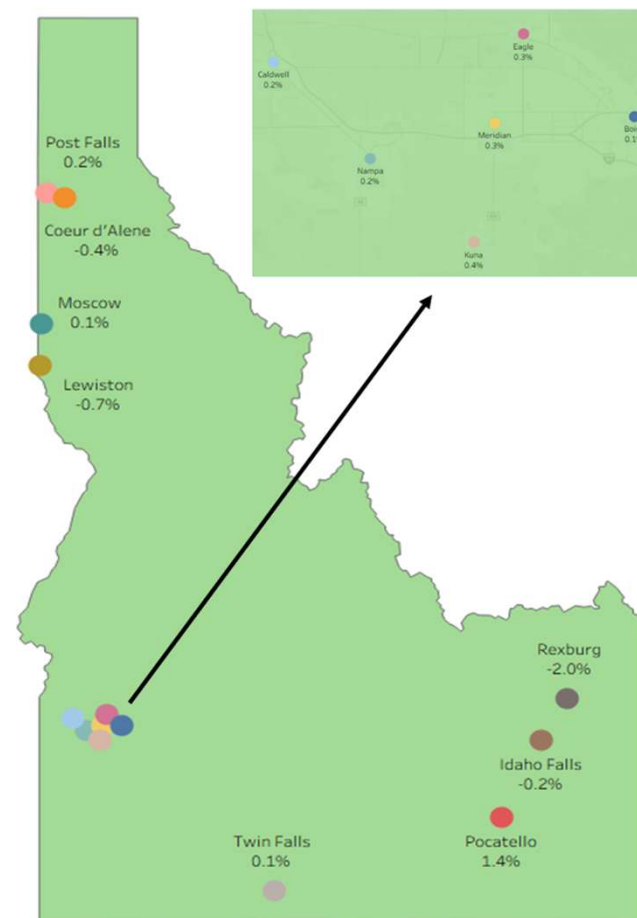
Rexburg	-2.0%
Pocatello	+1.4%
Lewiston	-0.7%
Coeur d'Alene	-0.4%
Kuna	+0.4%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Rexburg	2.4%
Moscow	2.5%
Meridian	2.9%
Boise	3.1%
Lewiston	3.2%

10 cities experienced labor force increases.

4 experienced a decrease to their labor force.



Upcoming release dates

Upcoming release schedule

- **September 18, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for August 2026.
- **October 16, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for September 2026.

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