

Idaho economic situation report

September 18, 2026 (August 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

August 2026

Idaho unemployment rate

3.6%

±0.0

U.S. unemployment rate

4.1%

±0.0

OTY Idaho Accommodation and Food Services

+800

↑1.0%

- First over-the-year increase in the sector since September 2025.
- August's estimate of 79,900 jobs was higher than the historic peak of 79,200 in December 2023.

Labor Force Participation Rate

U.S

Idaho

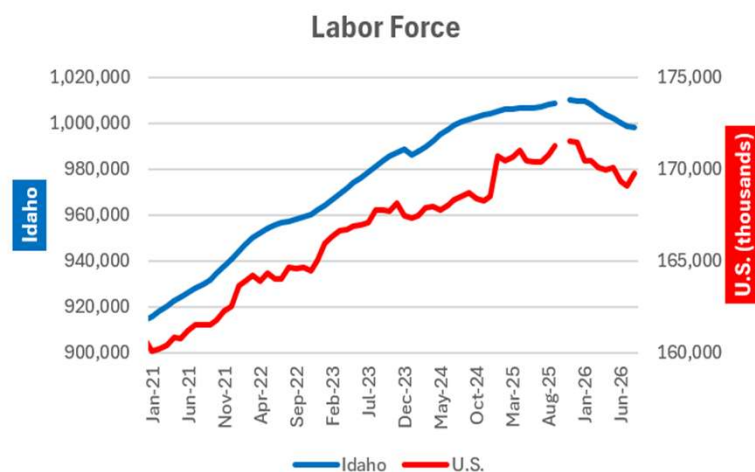
61.6%

61.5%

- First ever instance of Idaho's labor force participation rate being below the national rate.

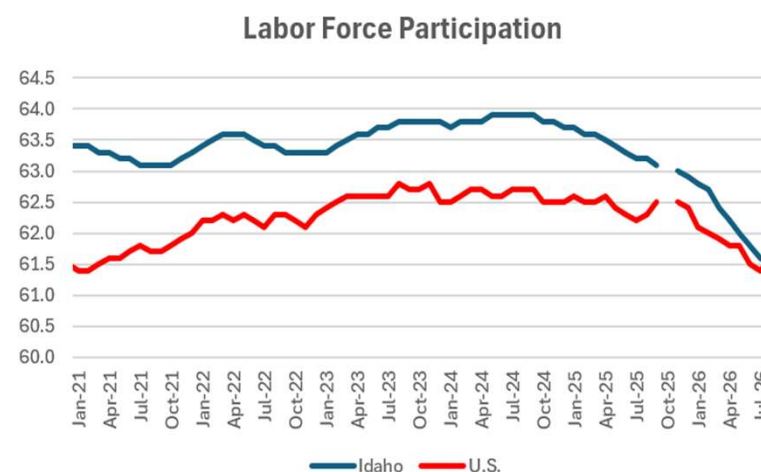
State and national labor force

Current and historical, compared



Labor force, August 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	998,378	±0.0%	-1.0%
U.S.	169,777,000	+0.4%	-0.6%



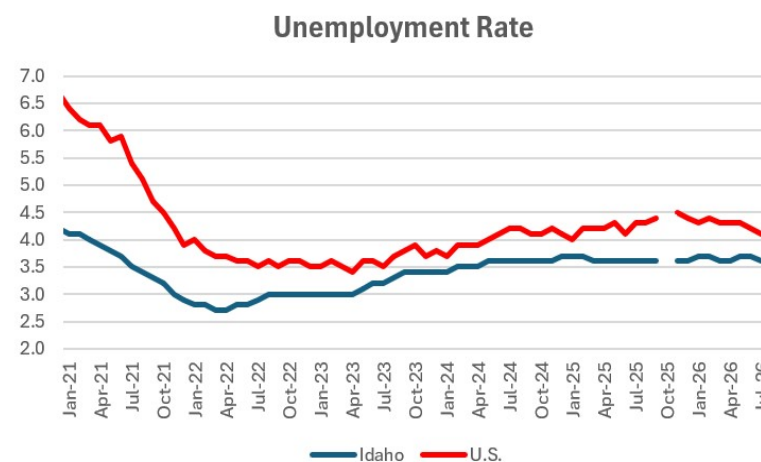
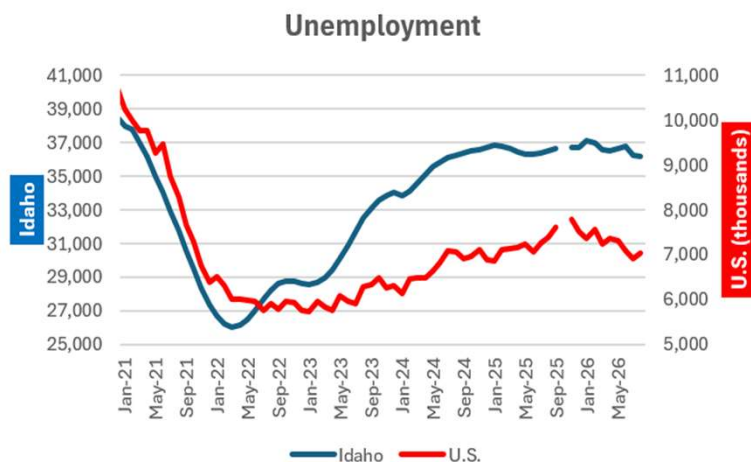
Labor force participation rate, August 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	61.5%	-0.1	-1.7
U.S.	61.6%	+0.2	-0.7

*Data unavailable for October 2025

State and national unemployment

Current and historical, compared



Unemployment, August 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	36,164	-0.2%	-1.0%
U.S.	7,031,000	+1.7%	-4.7%

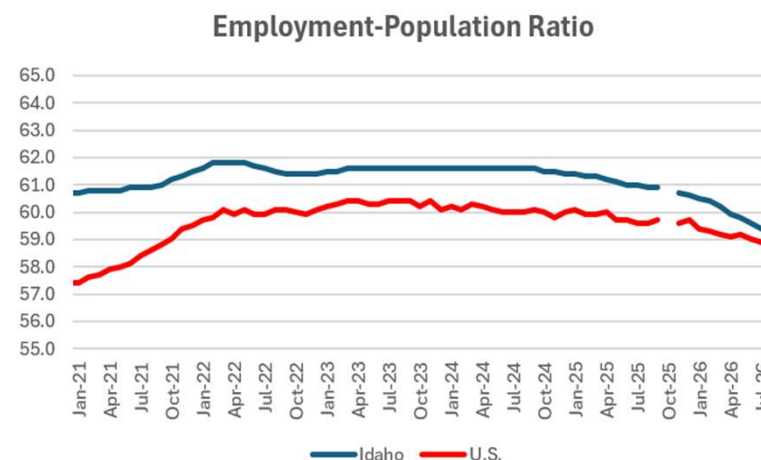
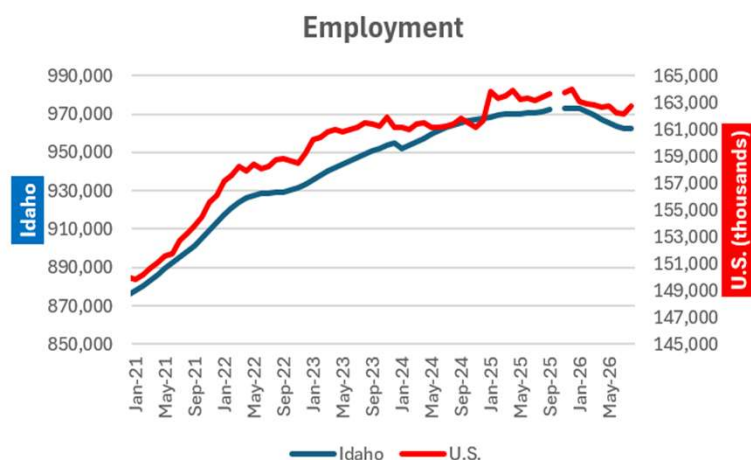
Unemployment rate, August 2026

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

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State and national employment

Current and historical, compared



Employment, August 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	962,214	0.0%	-1.0%
U.S.	162,746,000	+0.4%	-0.4%

Employment-Population ratio, August 2026

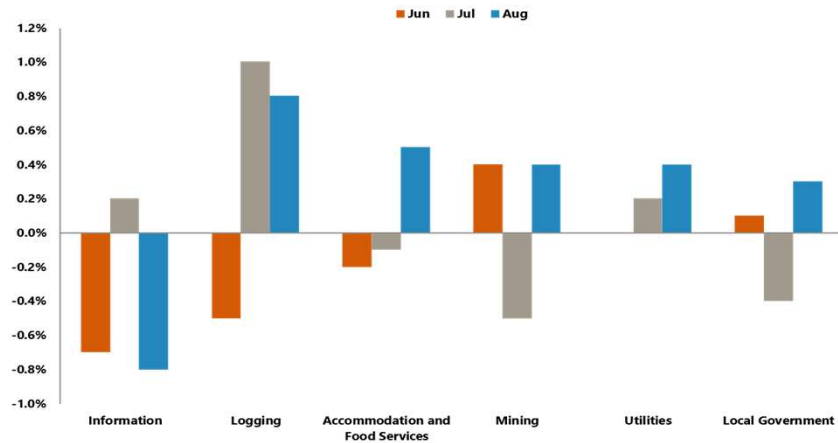
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	59.3%	-0.1	-1.6
U.S.	59.1%	+0.2	-0.5

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U.S. nonfarm jobs (CES)

Nationwide seasonally adjusted change by industry

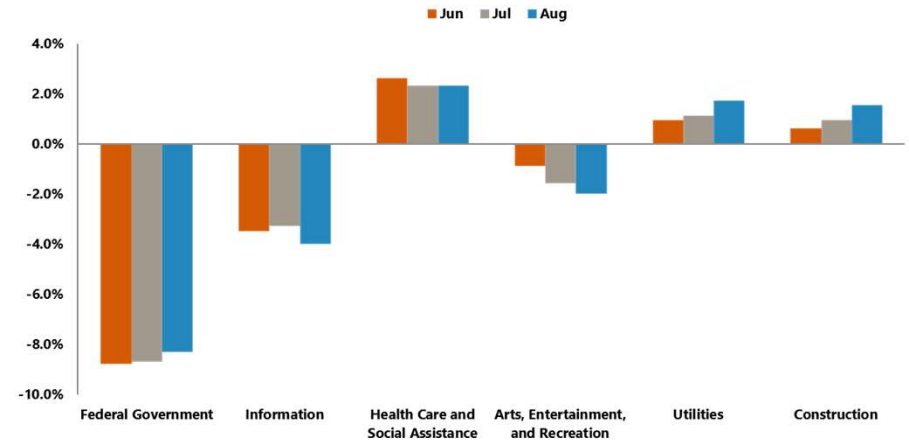
U.S. Industries With Largest Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, August 2026



National month-to-month highlights

Information	-0.8%
Logging	0.8%
Accommodation and Food Services	0.5%
Mining	0.4%
Utilities	0.4%
Local Government	0.3%

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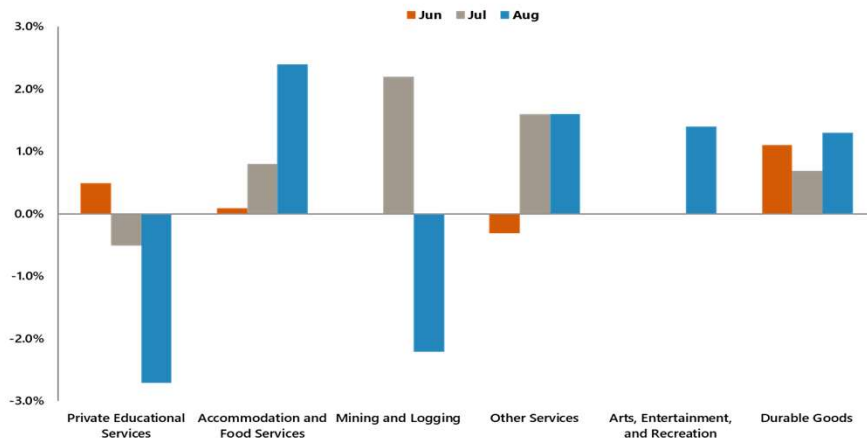
National over-the-year highlights

Federal Government	-8.3%
Information	-4.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-2.0%
Utilities	1.7%
Construction	1.5%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by industry

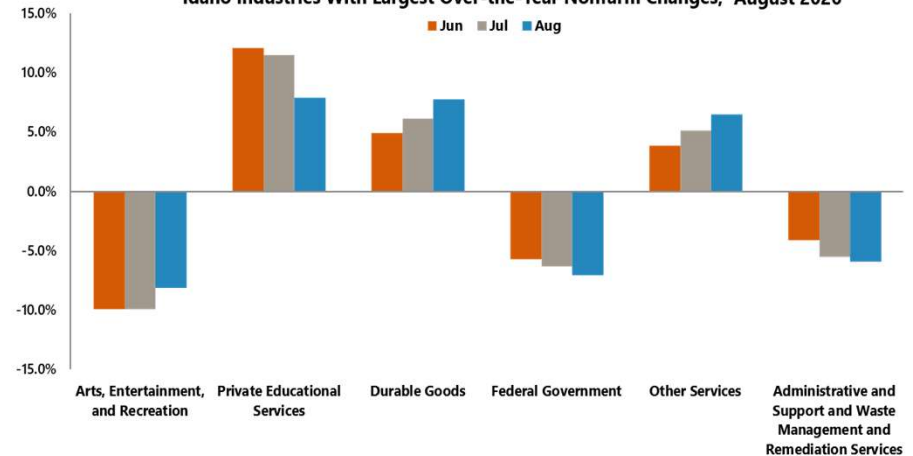
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Statewide month-to-month highlights

Private Educational Services	-2.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	2.4%
Mining and Logging	-2.2%
Other Services	1.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1.4%
Durable Goods	1.3%

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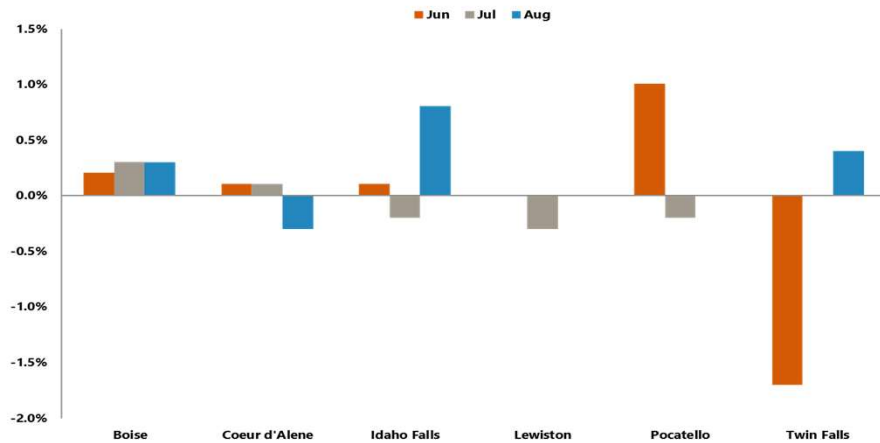
Statewide over-the-year highlights

Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-8.1%
Private Educational Services	7.8%
Durable Goods	7.7%
Federal Government	-7.0%
Other Services	6.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-5.9%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by MSAs

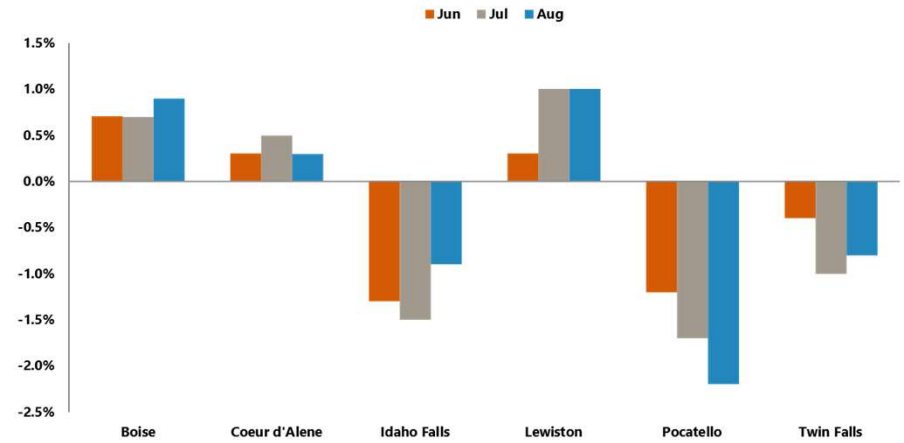
MSA Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, August 2026



Metropolitan statistical area month-to-month changes

Boise	0.3%
Coeur d'Alene	-0.3%
Idaho Falls	0.8%
Lewiston	0.0%
Pocatello	0.0%
Twin Falls	0.4%

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



Metropolitan statistical area over-the-year changes

Boise	0.9%
Coeur d'Alene	0.3%
Idaho Falls	-0.9%
Lewiston	1.0%
Pocatello	-2.2%
Twin Falls	-0.8%

Idaho labor force and unemployment: Counties

Highest Unemployment Rates

Adams	6.7%
Clearwater	6.5%
Benewah	5.7%
Bonner	5.2%
Boundary	5.1%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Teton	2.5%
Blaine	3.0%
Oneida	3.1%
Bear Lake	3.2%
Ada	3.2%

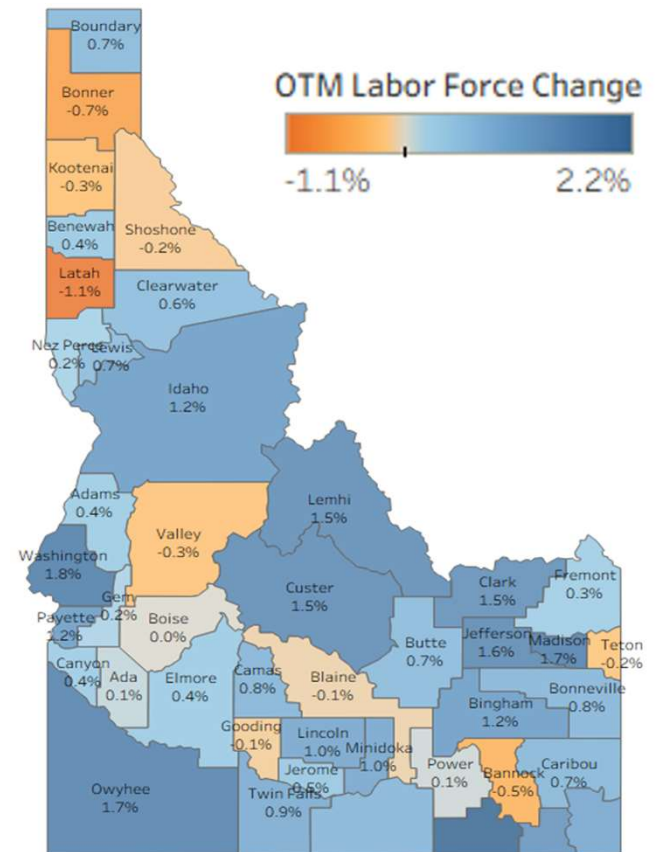
Largest Labor Force Changes

Oneida	+2.2%
Washington	+1.8%
Madison	+1.7%
Owyhee	+1.7%
Jefferson	+1.6%

34 counties experienced labor force increases.

9 experienced labor force decreases.

1 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	5.0%
Rexburg MicSA	4.5%
Coeur d'Alene MSA	4.3%
Mountain Home MicA	4.2%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

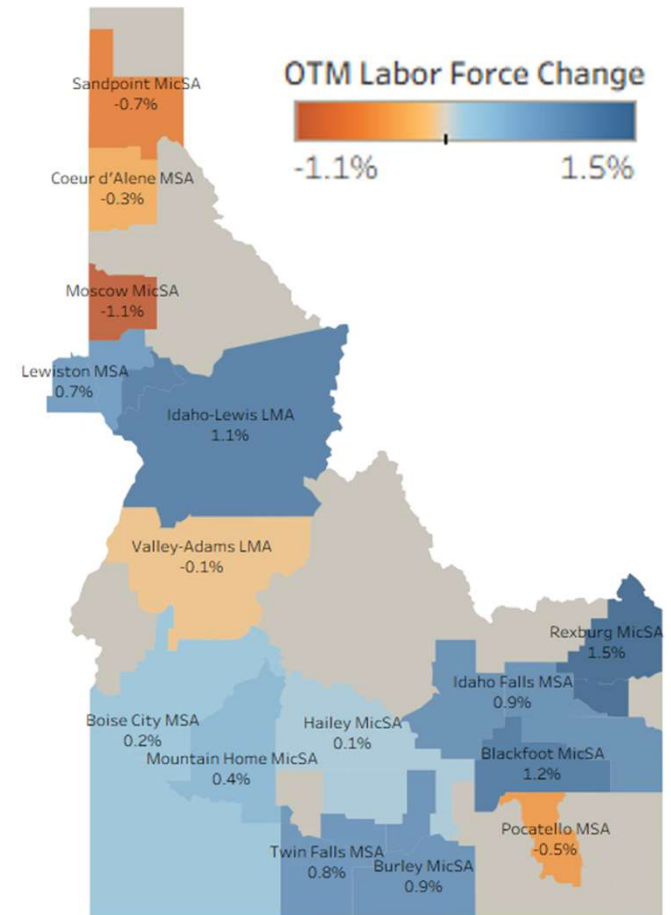
Lewiston MSA	3.2%
Hailey MicSA	3.3%
Idaho Falls MSA	3.4%
Boise City MSA	3.4%
Burley MicSA	3.4%

Largest Labor Force Changes

Rexburg MicSA	+1.5%
Blackfoot MicSA	+1.2%
Moscow MicSA	-1.1%
Idaho-Lewis LMA	+1.1%
Burley MicSA	+0.9%

10 areas experienced labor force increases.

5 experienced labor force decreases.



Idaho labor force and unemployment: Cities

Highest Unemployment Rates

Rexburg	4.9%
Post Falls	4.5%
Coeur d'Alene	4.3%
Pocatello	4.2%
Caldwell	4.0%

Largest Labor Force Changes

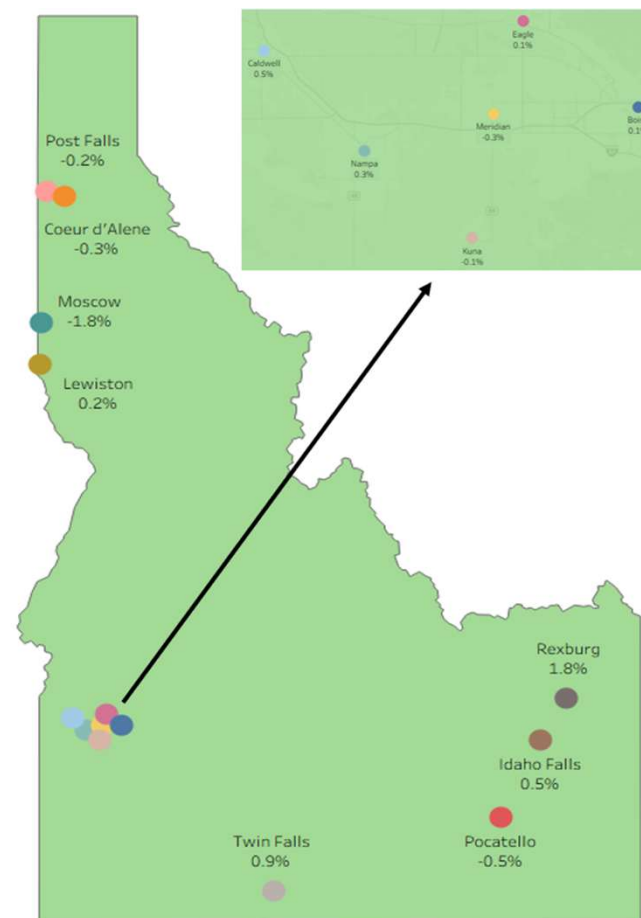
Moscow	-1.8%
Rexburg	+1.8%
Twin Falls	+0.9%
Caldwell	+0.5%
Idaho Falls	+0.5%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Meridian	3.1%
Boise	3.3%
Lewiston	3.3%
Eagle	3.4%
Idaho Falls	3.4%

8 cities experienced labor force increases.

6 experienced a decrease to their labor force.



Upcoming release dates

Upcoming release schedule

- **October 16, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for September 2026.
- **November 20, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for October 2026.

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