

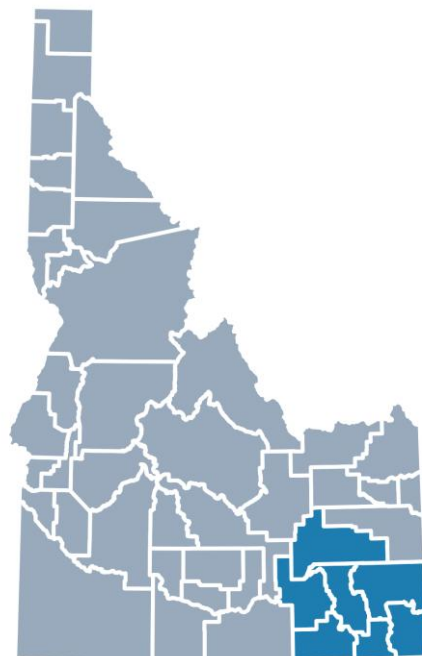


Southeast Idaho Labor Force And Economic Profile

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Southeast Idaho Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	84,741
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)	3.8%
Population (2025)	185,943
Median Household Income (2024)	\$70,924
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	\$51,014
Poverty Rate (2024)	11.3%



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1. Southeast Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

	Southeast	Region (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	180,887	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	148,795	82.3%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	1,043	0.6%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	5,144	2.8%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	1,579	0.9%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	22,476	12.4%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	91,436	50.5%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	89,451	49.5%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	36.8	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	48,941	27.1%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	131,946	72.9%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	114,843	63.5%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	28,533	15.8%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	3,225	1.8%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	34,385	6.2%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	30,463	16.8%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	11,142	6.2%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	19,726	10.9%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	10,174	5.6%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	\$70,924	-	\$77,800	\$80,734

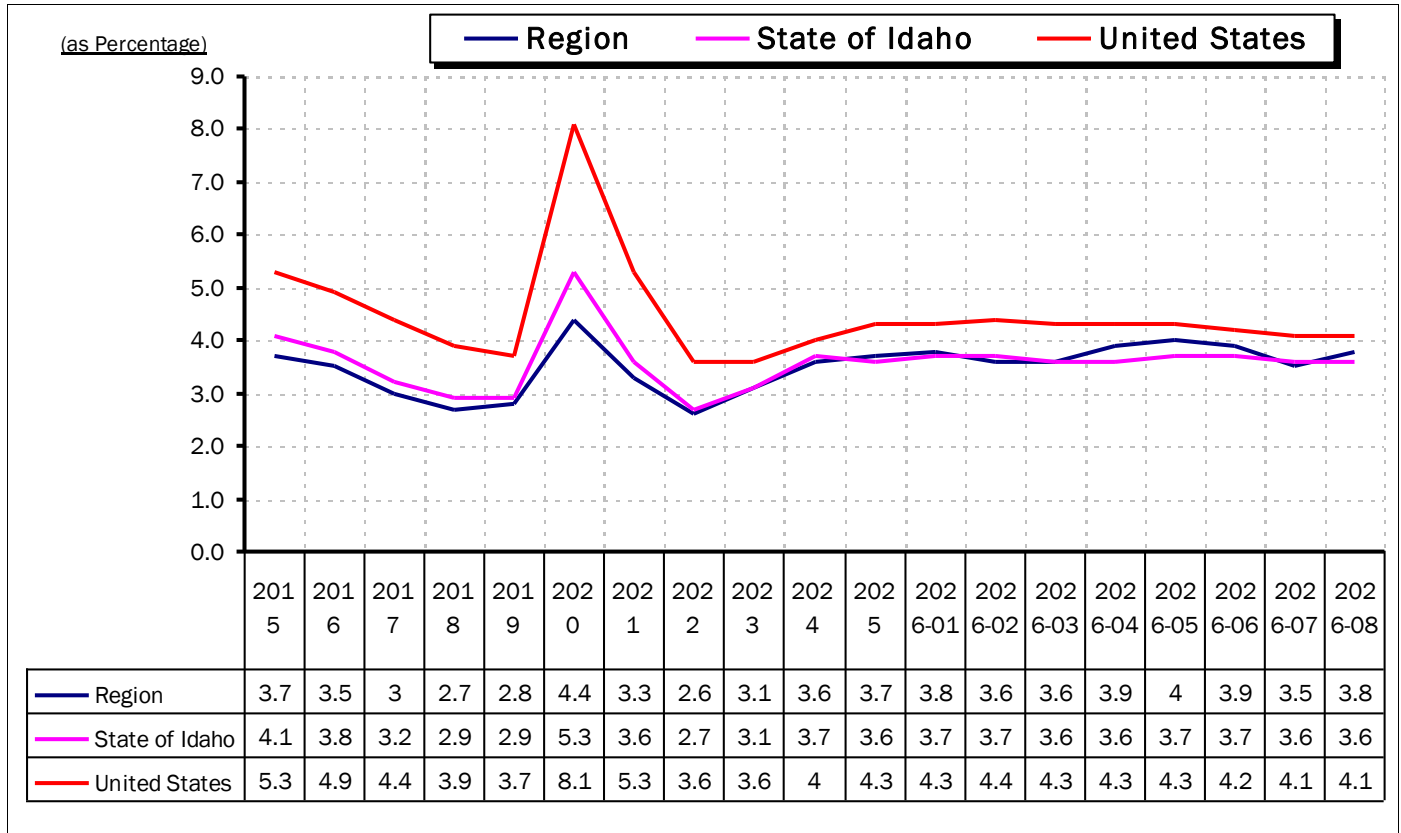
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, August 2025 to August 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2026	84,741	81,507	3,234	3.8%
August 2025	86,433	83,281	3,152	3.6%
YoY % Change	-2.0%	-2.1%	2.6%	0.2%

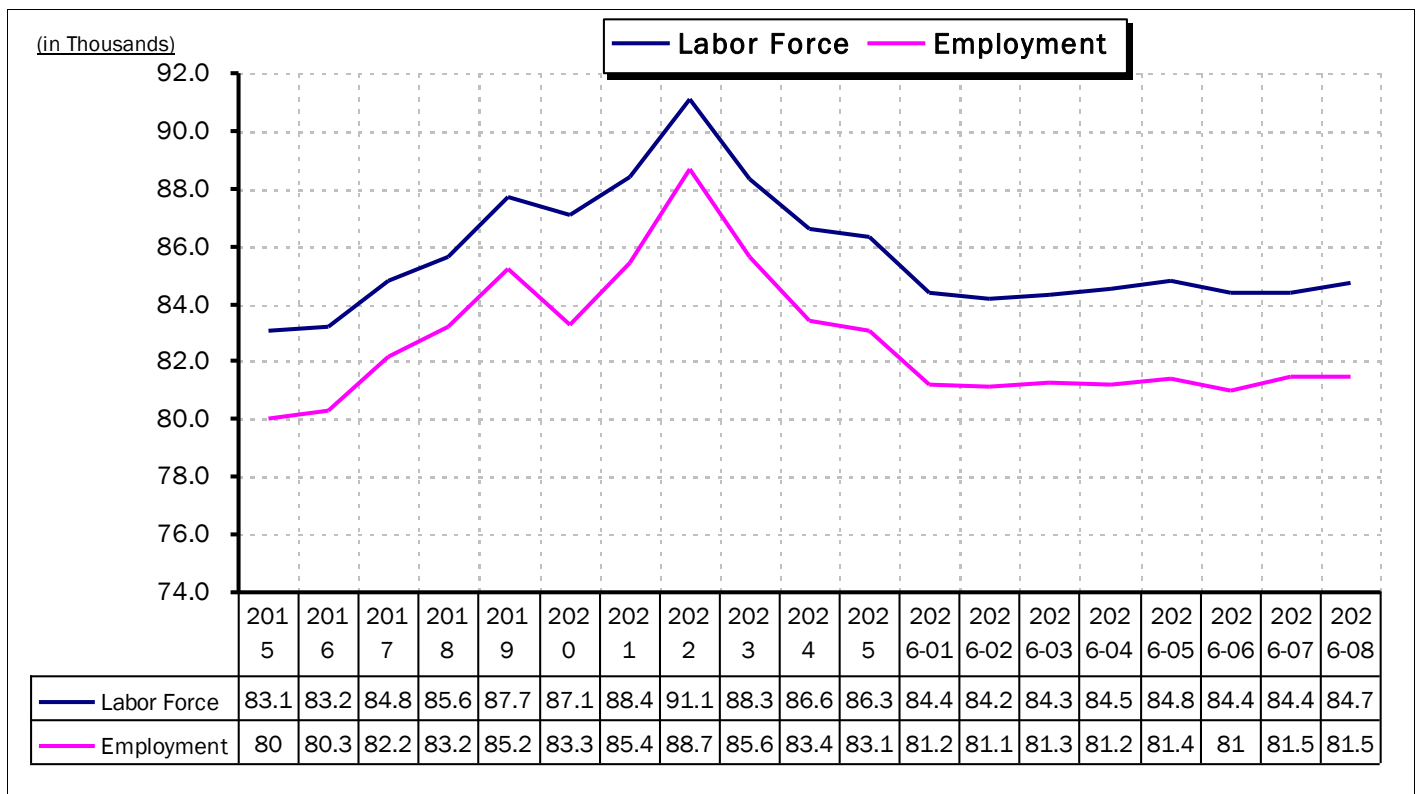
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to August 2026



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

4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment 2015 to August 2026



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

5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2015, 2024, and 2025

Industry Sector	2015	2015	2024	2024	2025	2025
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	59,222	\$34,195	68,786	\$48,566	69,994	\$50,594
Natural Resources and Mining	3,127	\$36,040	3,339	\$55,356	3,453	\$57,560
Construction	2,806	\$36,492	4,655	\$56,891	4,860	\$61,793
Manufacturing	5,910	\$54,863	7,394	\$65,578	7,569	\$67,594
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	11,576	\$31,302	12,408	\$45,022	12,420	\$47,208
Information	656	\$29,893	445	\$40,706	468	\$44,037
Financial Activities	2,893	\$40,989	2,100	\$63,536	2,084	\$66,992
Professional and Business Services	4,703	\$32,602	5,758	\$56,367	5,849	\$60,442
Education and Health Services	16,289	\$33,245	19,635	\$47,044	20,072	\$48,177
Leisure and Hospitality	5,442	\$13,959	6,856	\$19,546	6,884	\$20,319
Other Services	1,237	\$26,335	1,547	\$38,439	1,569	\$38,952
Public Administration	4,583	\$39,675	4,639	\$54,727	4,745	\$55,118

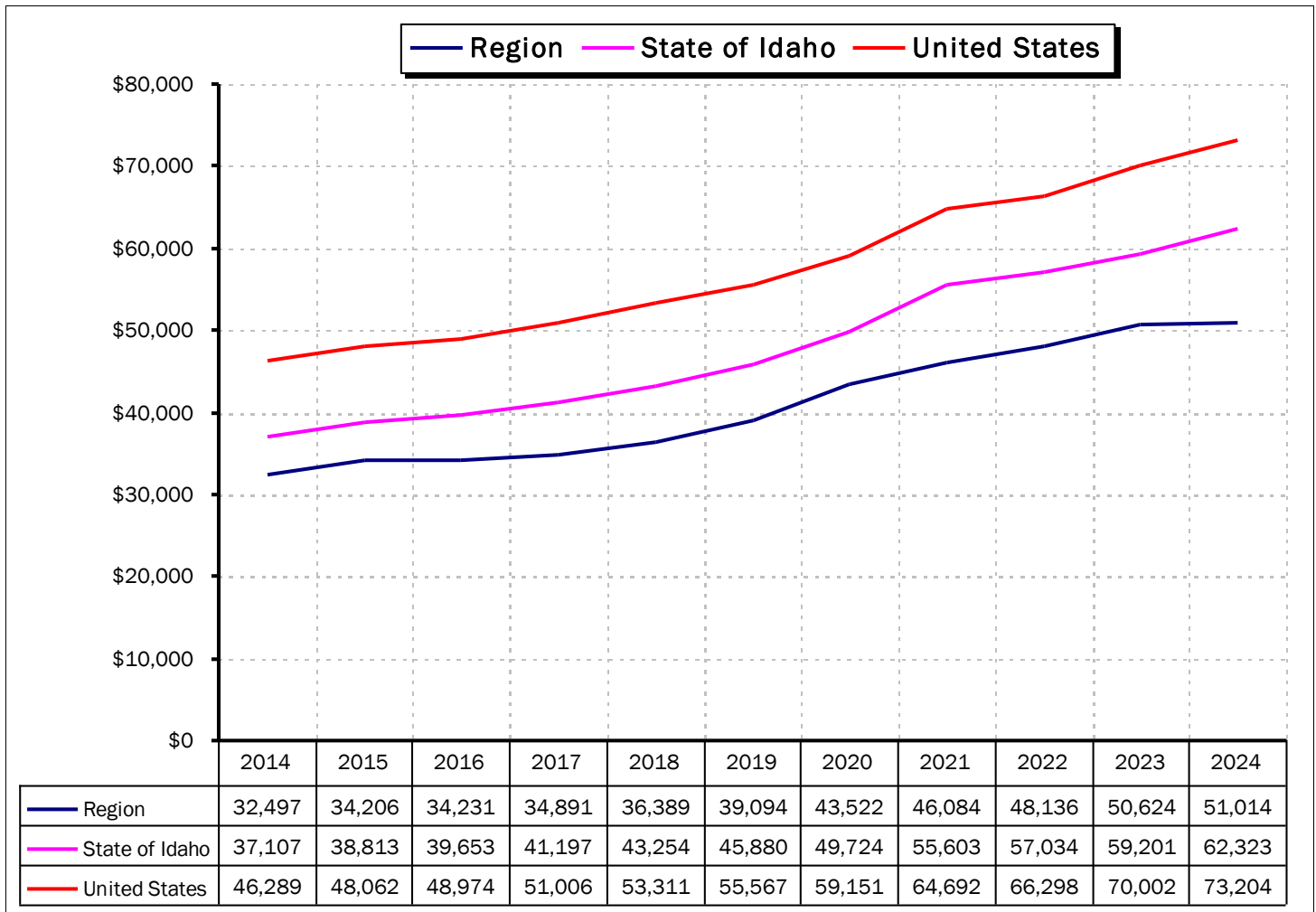
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Idaho State University	State Government	2,500 - 4,999
Pocatello School District	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499
Portneuf Medical Center	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Idaho Central Credit Union	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Bingham Memorial Hospital	Private	500 - 999
Amy's Kitchen Inc	Private	500 - 999
VTCU Co	Private	500 - 999
Lamb Weston Inc	Private	500 - 999
Shoshone Bannock Tribes	Local Government	500 - 999
City of Pocatello	Local Government	500 - 999

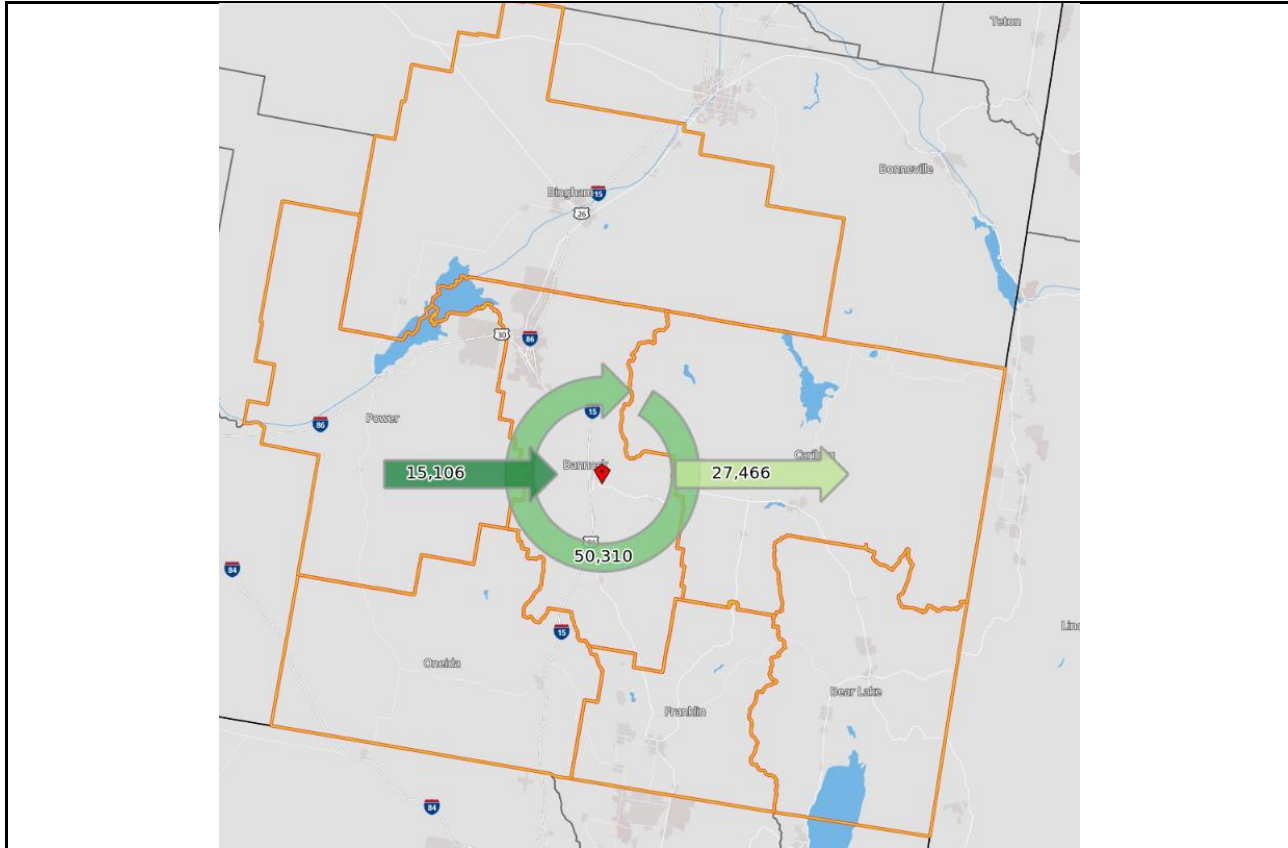
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed.
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

7. Per Capita Income, 2014 to 2024



8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 50,310 workers lived and worked in Southeast Idaho in . Another 15,106 workers were employed in Southeast Idaho but lived outside, while 27,466 workers lived in the area but commuted outside for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Southeast Idaho Live, 2023

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Pocatello	18,305	28.0%
Chubbuck	5,166	7.9%
Blackfoot	3,520	5.4%
Idaho Falls	2,604	4.0%
American Falls	1,409	2.2%
Preston	1,181	1.8%
Soda Springs	919	1.4%
Montpelier	711	1.1%
Rexburg	579	0.9%
Fort Hall CDP	535	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)

10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Southeast Idaho Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Pocatello	21,416	27.5%
Idaho Falls	8,368	10.8%
Blackfoot	4,532	5.8%
Chubbuck	4,088	5.3%
Boise	2,141	2.8%
Preston	1,910	2.5%
Soda Springs	1,450	1.9%
Rexburg	834	1.1%
Montpelier	820	1.1%
Shelley	763	1.0%

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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