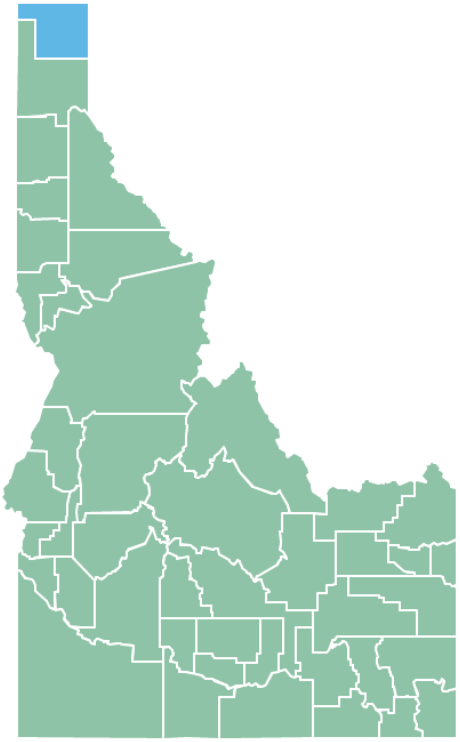
Boundary County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: October 2026

Boundary County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Sep 2026)	5,711
Unemployment Rate (Sep 2026)	5.3%
Population (2025)	13,997
Median Household Income (2024)	$67,237
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$49,219
Poverty Rate (2024)	13.6%



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1. Boundary County Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

	Boundary County	Boundary County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	13,172	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	10,918	82.9%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	43	0.3%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	208	1.6%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	272	2.1%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	753	5.7%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	6,711	50.9%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	6,461	49.1%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	43.7	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	3,072	23.3%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	10,100	76.7%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	9,211	69.9%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	3,093	23.5%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	615	4.7%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	2,812	21.3%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	2,103	16.0%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	804	6.1%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	1,442	10.9%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	773	5.9%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$67,237	-	$77,800	$80,734

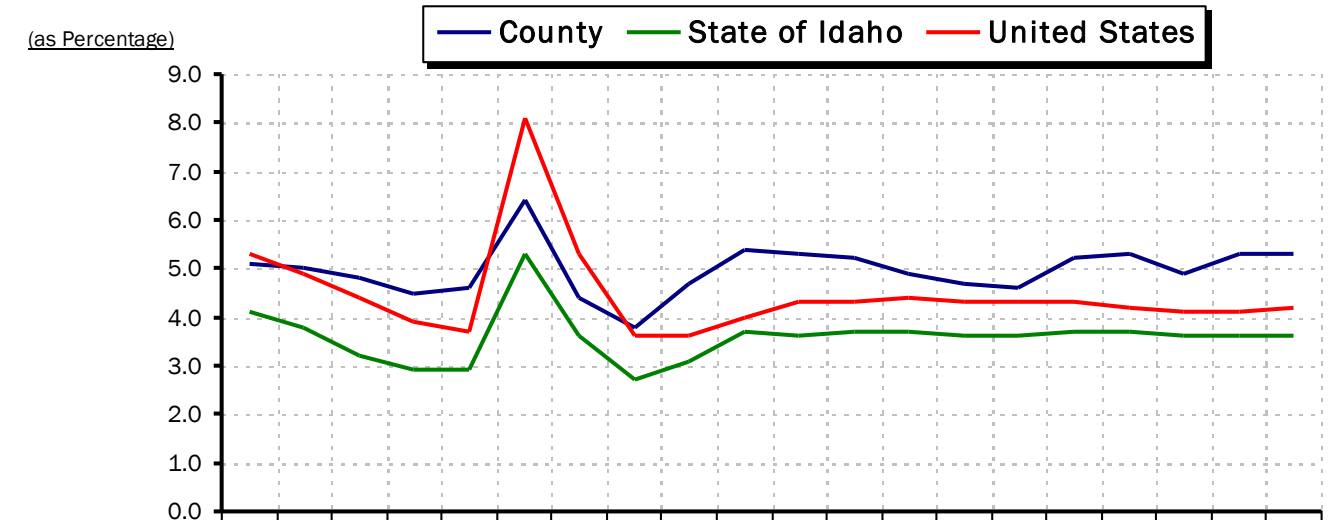
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, September 2025 to September 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
September 2026	5,711	5,409	302	5.3%
September 2025	5,911	5,609	302	5.1%
YoY % Change	-3.4%	-3.6%	0.0%	0.2%

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

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



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026-01	2026-02	2026-03	2026-04	2026-05	2026-06	2026-07	2026-08	2026-09
County	5.1	5	4.8	4.5	4.6	6.4	4.4	3.8	4.7	5.4	5.3	5.2	4.9	4.7	4.6	5.2	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.3
State of Idaho	4.1	3.8	3.2	2.9	2.9	5.3	3.6	2.7	3.1	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6
United States	5.3	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.7	8.1	5.3	3.6	3.6	4	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2

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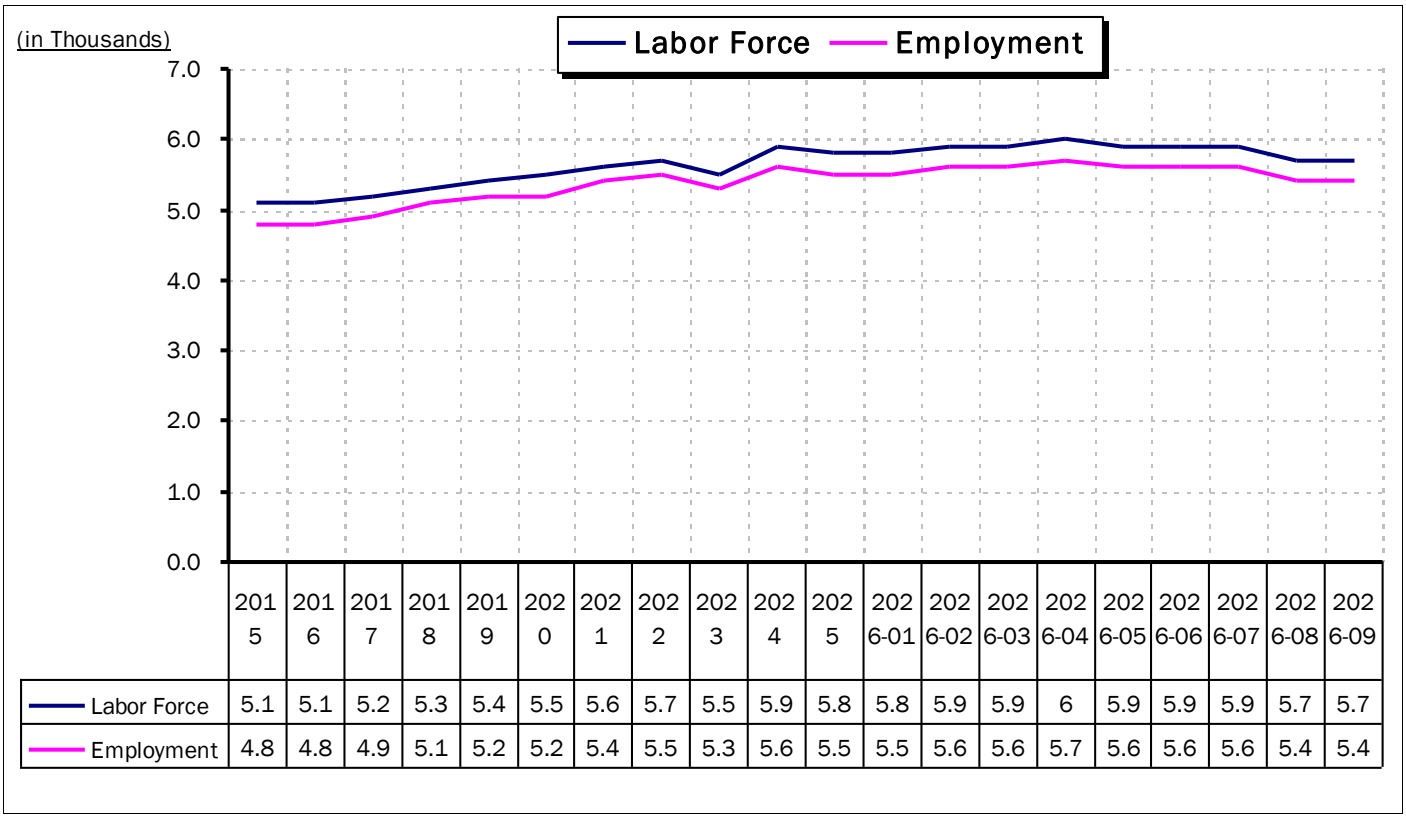

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Labor Force	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7
Employment	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.3	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.4

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

Supersector	2015 Average Employment	2015 Average Wages	2024 Average Employment	2024 Average Wages	2025 Average Employment	2025 Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	3,426	$33,027	4,033	$51,053	4,149	$53,657
Natural Resources and Mining	332	$35,663	297	$51,448	272	$53,658
Construction	168	$32,003	392	$58,612	486	$64,201
Manufacturing	386	$41,231	588	$58,371	596	$60,703
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	621	$29,147	664	$49,647	701	$49,656
Information	22	$20,482	26	$50,159	40	$45,372
Financial Activities	75	$44,100	76	$41,793	78	$49,272
Professional and Business Services	273	$29,529	265	$57,954	265	$60,991
Education and Health Services	734	$30,679	712	$48,028	721	$50,023
Leisure and Hospitality	288	$16,962	400	$26,358	376	$27,832
Other Services	67	$21,369	70	$36,568	69	$35,917
Public Administration	460	$46,191	543	$61,190	545	$64,252

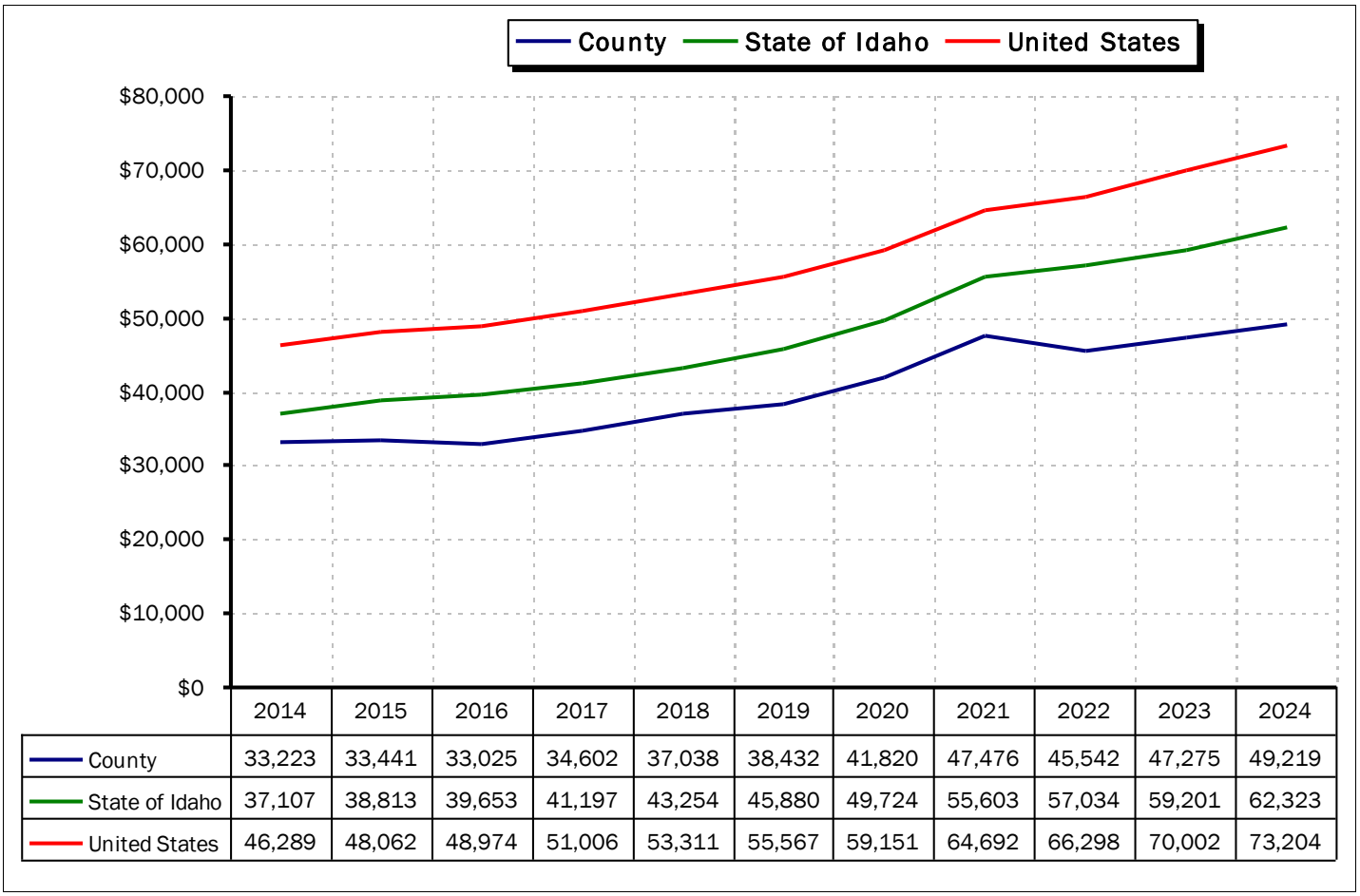
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Boundary County School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Kootenai River Inn	Local Government	100 - 249
Boundry County Community Hospital	Local Government	100 - 249
Idaho Forest Group	Private	100 - 249
Boundary County	Local Government	100 - 249
Alta Forest Products Llc	Private	100 - 249
Department Of Homeland Security	Federal Government	050 - 099
Consolidated Farms Inc	Private	050 - 099
Safeway Inc	Private	050 - 099
Panhandle Doors Inc	Private	050 - 099

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

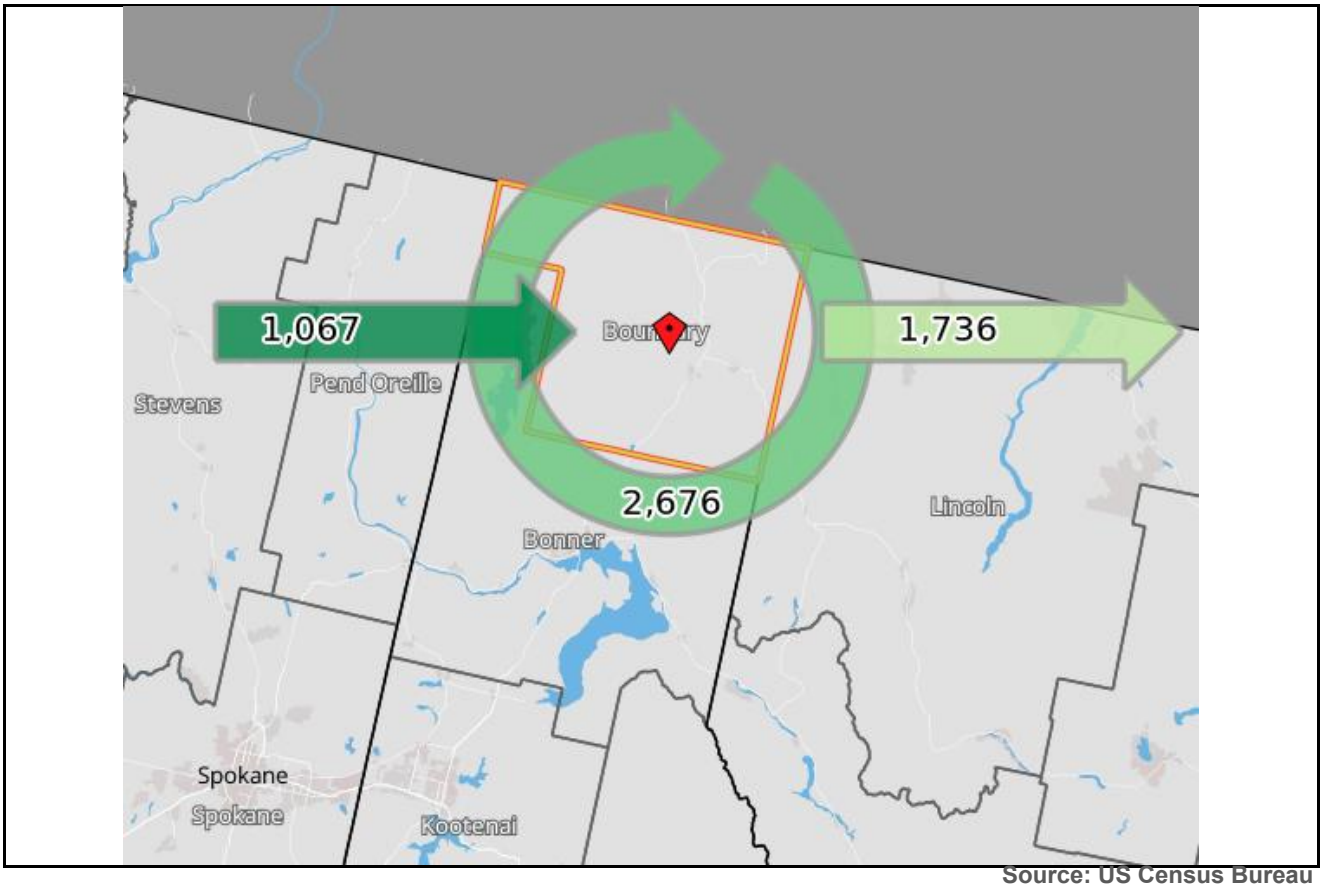


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	33,223	33,441	33,025	34,602	37,038	38,432	41,820	47,476	45,542	47,275	49,219
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 2,676 workers lived and worked in Boundary County in 2023. Another 1,067 workers were employed in Boundary County but lived outside, while 1,736 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Boundary County Live, 2023

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Bonners Ferry	554	14.8%
Moyie Springs	196	5.2%
Coeur d'Alene	83	2.2%
Sandpoint	67	1.8%
Post Falls	37	1.0%
Boise	25	0.7%
Meridian	19	0.5%
Nampa	16	0.4%
Kootenai	15	0.4%
Hayden	14	0.4%

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 Boundary County Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Bonners Ferry	1,317	29.9%
Sandpoint	313	7.1%
Coeur d'Alene	181	4.1%
Boise	126	2.9%
Moyie Springs	109	2.5%
Ponderay	100	2.3%
Post Falls	67	1.5%
Spokane, WA	41	0.9%
Hayden	34	0.8%
Lewiston	34	0.8%

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