

Idaho economic situation report

October 16, 2026 (September 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

September 2026

Idaho unemployment rate

3.6%

±0.0

U.S. unemployment rate

4.2%

↑0.1

Idaho Ages 20-24 Labor Force Participation Rate

83.1%

↑4.3 (OTY)

- 12-month moving average
- Largest increase to labor force participation among age brackets.
- The 20-24 population has decreased by 24,900 (-16.3%) over the year.

OTM U.S. Temporary Help Services Jobs

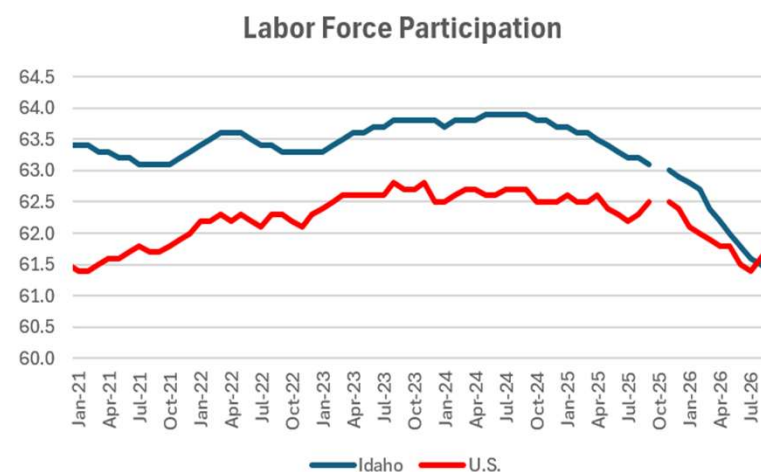
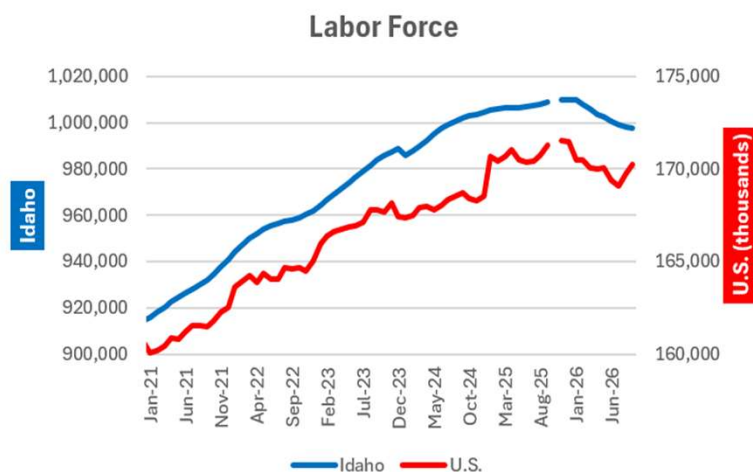
-10,900

↓0.4%

- This sector has lost over 500,000 jobs since peak in March 2022.

State and national labor force

Current and historical, compared



Labor force, September 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	997,822	-0.1%	-1.1%
U.S.	170,262,000	+0.3%	-0.6%

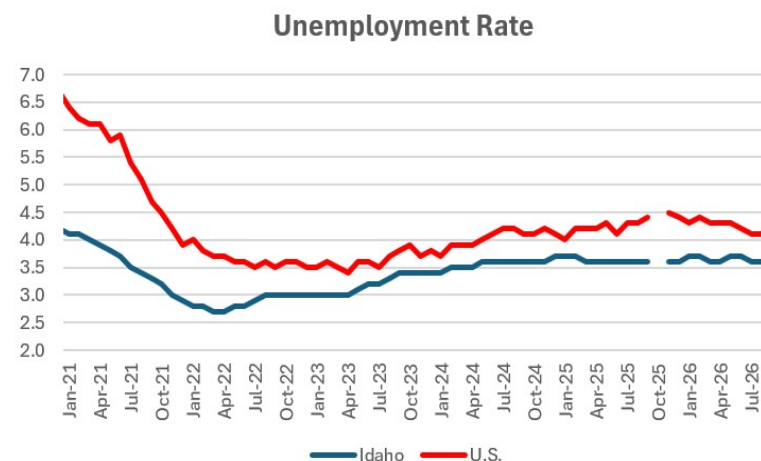
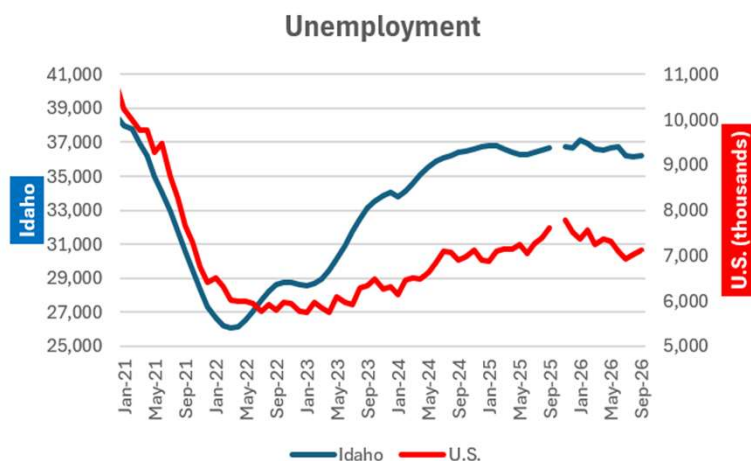
Labor force participation rate, September 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	61.4%	-0.1	-1.7
U.S.	61.8%	+0.2	-0.7

*Data unavailable for October 2025

State and national unemployment

Current and historical, compared



Unemployment, September 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	36,235	+0.2%	-1.2%
U.S.	7,109,000	+1.1%	-6.5%

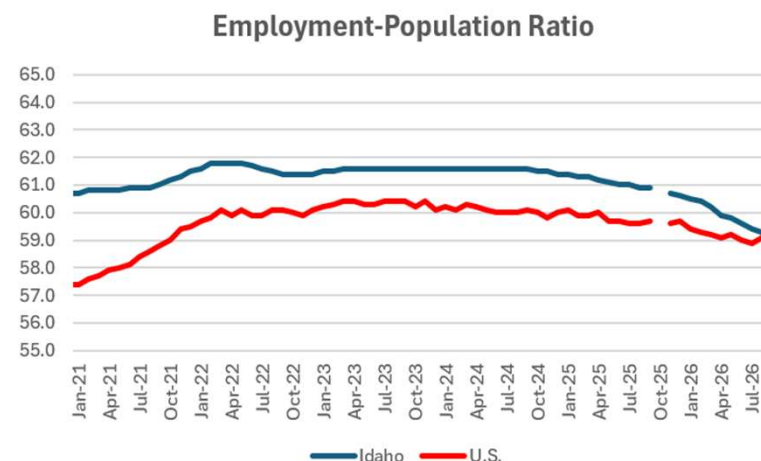
Unemployment rate, September 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	3.6%	±0.0	±0.0
U.S.	4.2%	+0.1	-0.2

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State and national employment

Current and historical, compared



Employment, September 2026

	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	961,587	-0.1%	-1.1%
U.S.	163,152,000	+0.2%	-0.3%

Employment-Population ratio, September 2026

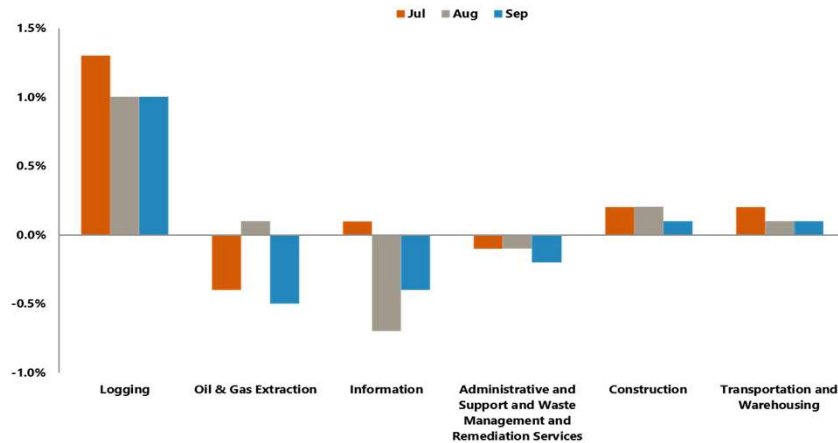
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	59.2%	-0.1	-1.7
U.S.	59.2%	+0.1	-0.5

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U.S. nonfarm jobs (CES)

Nationwide seasonally adjusted change by industry

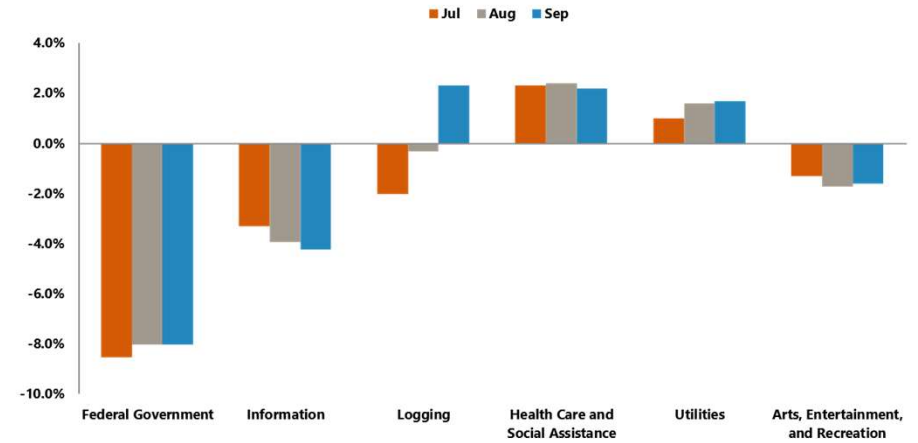
U.S. Industries With Largest Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, September 2026



National month-to-month highlights

Logging	1.0%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-0.5%
Information	-0.4%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-0.2%
Construction	0.1%
Transportation and Warehousing	0.1%

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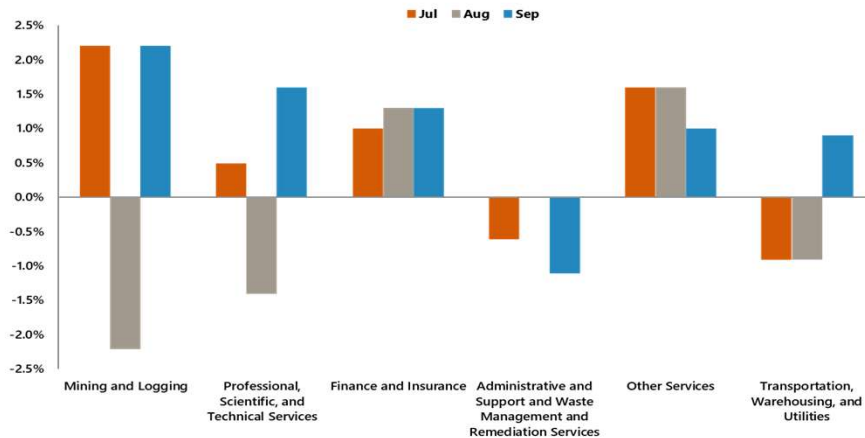
National over-the-year highlights

Federal Government	-8.0%
Information	-4.2%
Logging	2.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2.2%
Utilities	1.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-1.6%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by industry

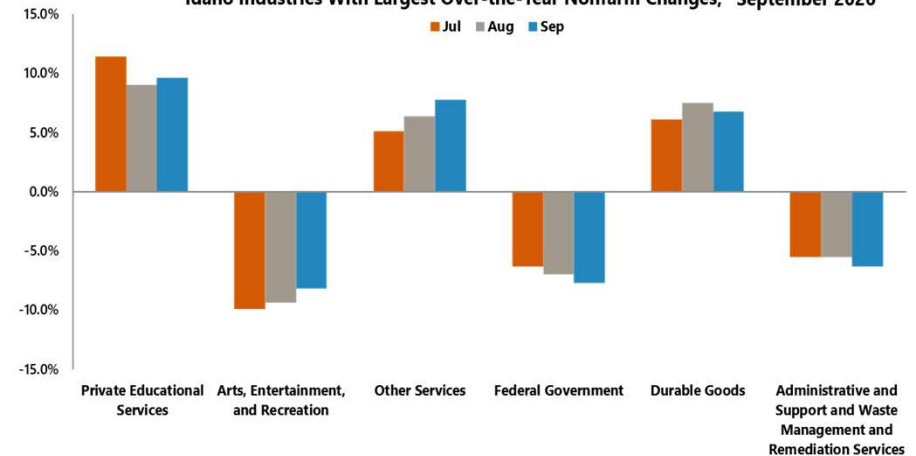
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Statewide month-to-month highlights

Mining and Logging	2.2%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1.6%
Finance and Insurance	1.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-1.1%
Other Services	1.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	0.9%

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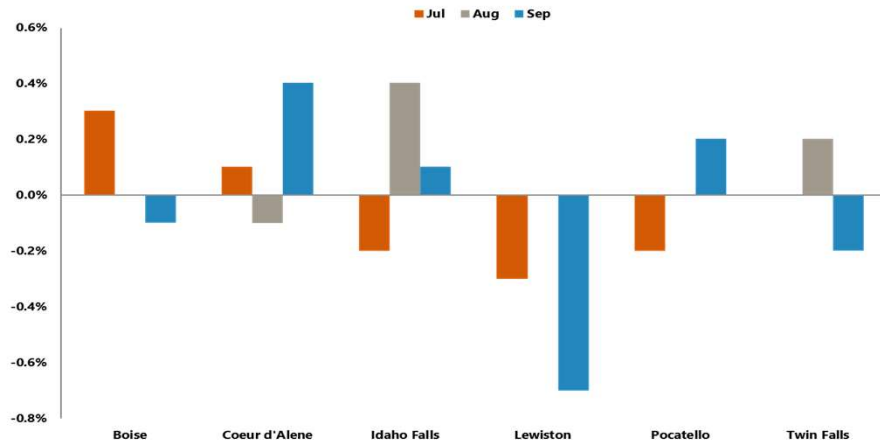
Statewide over-the-year highlights

Private Educational Services	9.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-8.2%
Other Services	7.8%
Federal Government	-7.7%
Durable Goods	6.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	-6.3%

Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by MSAs

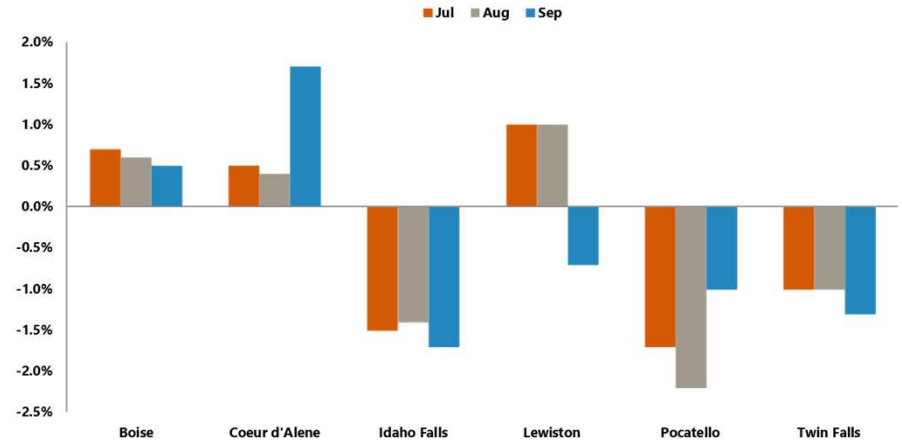
MSA Over-the-Month Nonfarm Jobs Changes, September 2026



Metropolitan statistical area month-to-month changes

Boise	-0.1%
Coeur d'Alene	0.4%
Idaho Falls	0.1%
Lewiston	-0.7%
Pocatello	0.2%
Twin Falls	-0.2%

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



Metropolitan statistical area over-the-year changes

Boise	0.5%
Coeur d'Alene	1.7%
Idaho Falls	-1.7%
Lewiston	-0.7%
Pocatello	-1.0%
Twin Falls	-1.3%

Idaho labor force and unemployment: Counties

Highest Unemployment Rates

Clearwater	6.7%
Adams	6.2%
Benewah	5.7%
Boundary	5.3%
Camas	5.3%

Largest Labor Force Changes

Butte	+5.1%
Clark	+4.0%
Lewis	+2.0%
Power	+2.0%
Latah	-1.7%

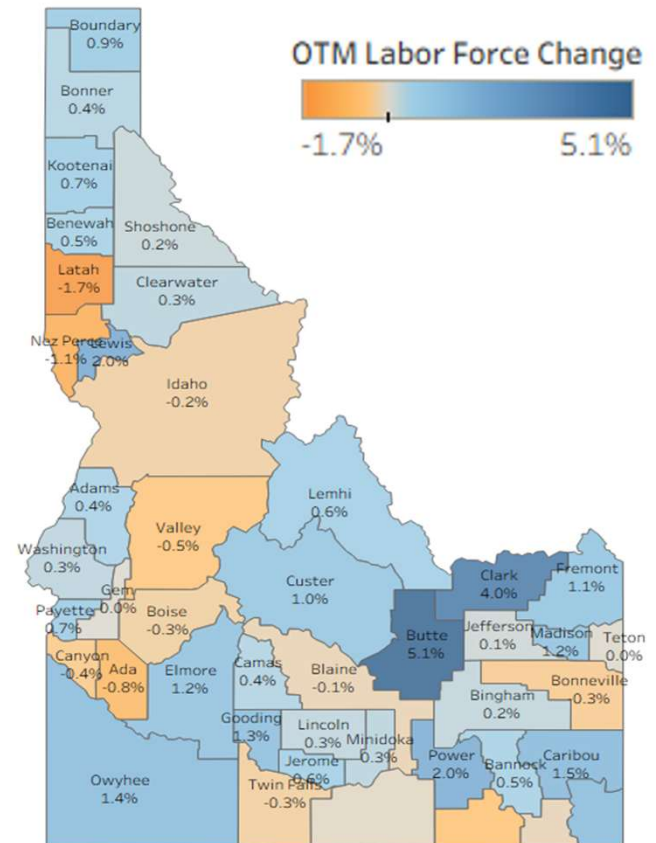
Lowest Unemployment Rates

Teton	2.6%
Jefferson	3.1%
Power	3.2%
Blaine	3.2%
Oneida	3.2%

29 counties experienced labor force increases.

13 experienced labor force decreases.

2 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%
Idaho-Lewis LMA	4.5%
Coeur d'Alene MSA	4.4%
Mountain Home MicA	4.3%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

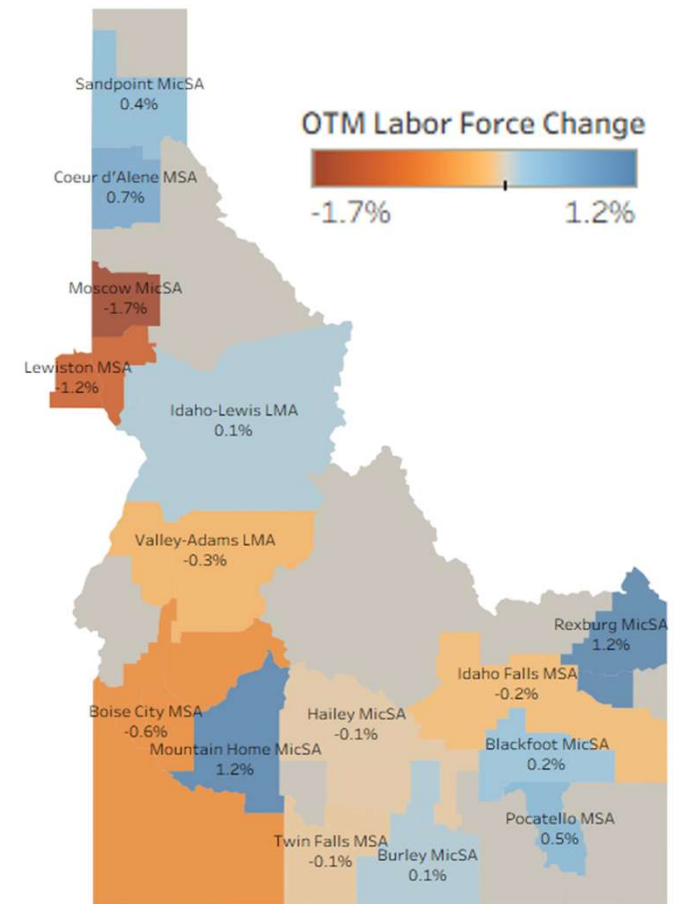
Idaho Falls MSA	3.3%
Lewiston MSA	3.3%
Moscow MicSA	3.4%
Boise City MSA	3.4%
Hailey MicSA	3.4%

Largest Labor Force Changes

Moscow MicSA	-1.7%
Lewiston MSA	-1.2%
Mountain Home MicSA	+1.2%
Rexburg MicSA	+1.2%
Coeur d'Alene MSA	+0.7%

8 areas experienced labor force increases.

7 experienced labor force decreases.



Idaho labor force and unemployment: Cities

Highest Unemployment Rates

Post Falls	4.7%
Rexburg	4.4%
Pocatello	4.3%
Coeur d'Alene	4.2%
Caldwell	4.1%

Largest Labor Force Changes

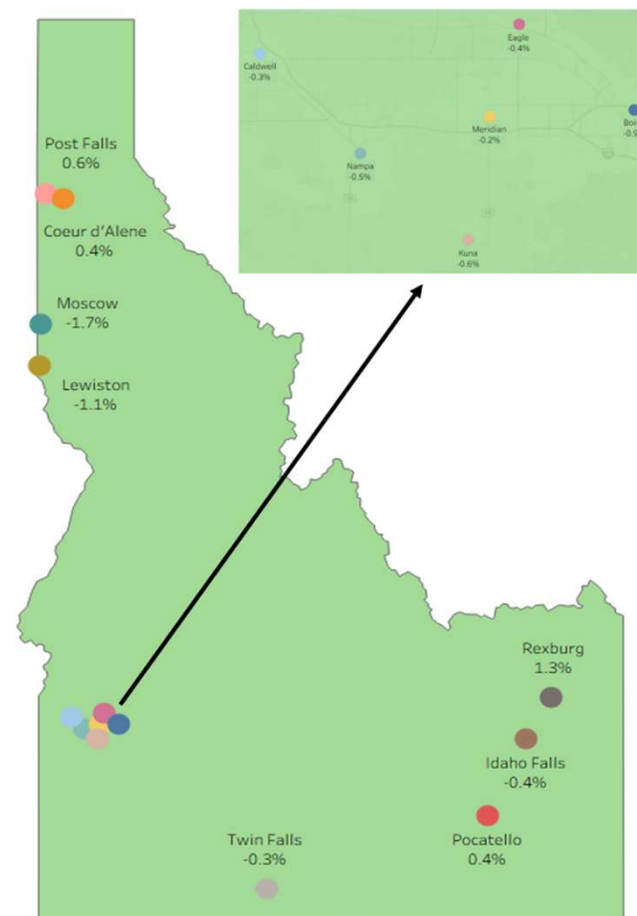
Moscow	-1.7%
Rexburg	+1.3%
Lewiston	-1.1%
Boise	-0.9%
Post Falls	+0.6%

Lowest Unemployment Rates

Meridian	3.2%
Boise	3.2%
Moscow	3.3%
Kuna	3.3%
Nampa	3.4%

4 cities experienced labor force increases.

10 experienced a decrease to their labor force.



Upcoming release dates

Upcoming release schedule

- **November 20, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for October 2026.
- **December 18, 2026**
 - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for November 2026.

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