Shoshone County Labor Force And Economic Profile

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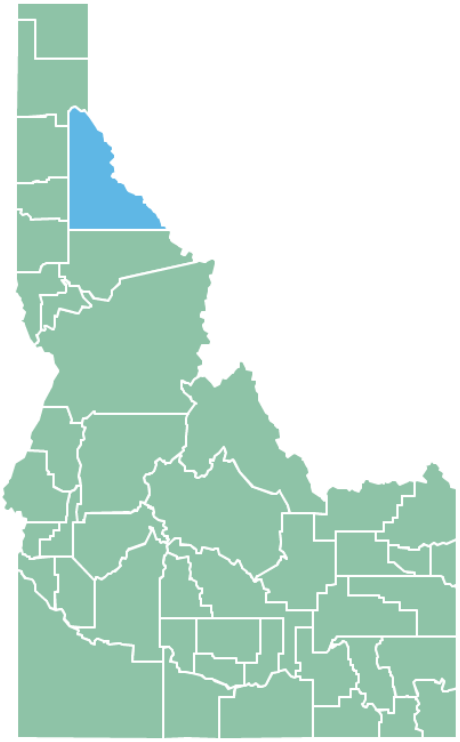
Shoshone County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Sep 2026)	5,807
Unemployment Rate (Sep 2026)	5.3%
Population (2025)	14,130
Median Household Income (2024)	$55,527
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$47,101
Poverty Rate (2024)	13.1%



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

	Shoshone County	Shoshone County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	13,785	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	12,355	89.6%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	142	1.0%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	144	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	47	0.3%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	565	4.1%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	6,894	50.0%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	6,891	50.0%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	44.8	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	2,857	20.7%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	10,928	79.3%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	9,986	72.4%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	3,214	23.3%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	135	1.0%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	3,835	27.8%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	3,032	22.0%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	846	6.1%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	845	6.1%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	421	3.1%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$55,527	-	$77,800	$80,734

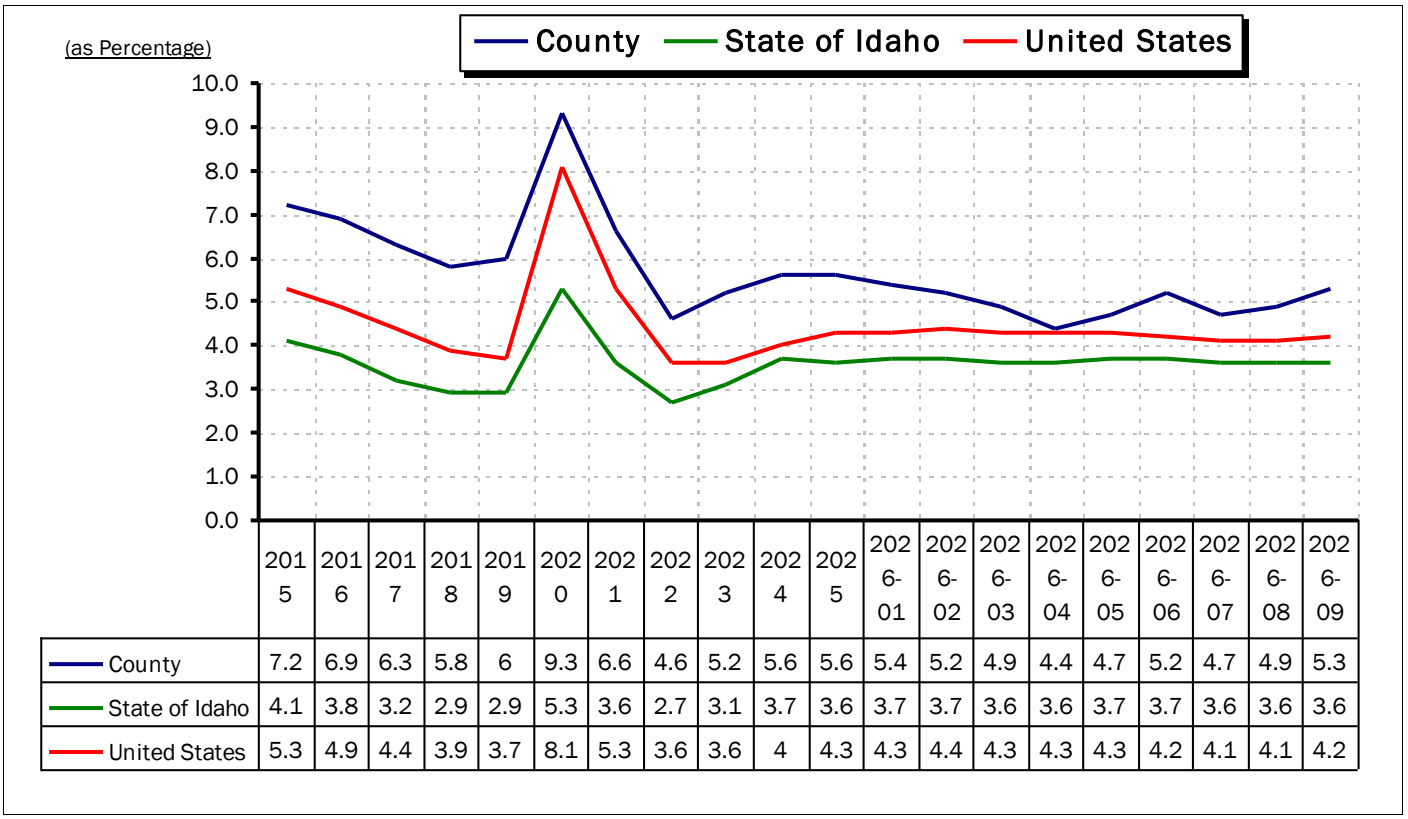
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, September 2025 to September 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
September 2026	5,807	5,501	306	5.3%
September 2025	5,804	5,483	321	5.5%
YoY % Change	0.1%	0.3%	-4.7%	-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	7.2	6.9	6.3	5.8	6	9.3	6.6	4.6	5.2	5.6	5.6	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.4	4.7	5.2	4.7	4.9	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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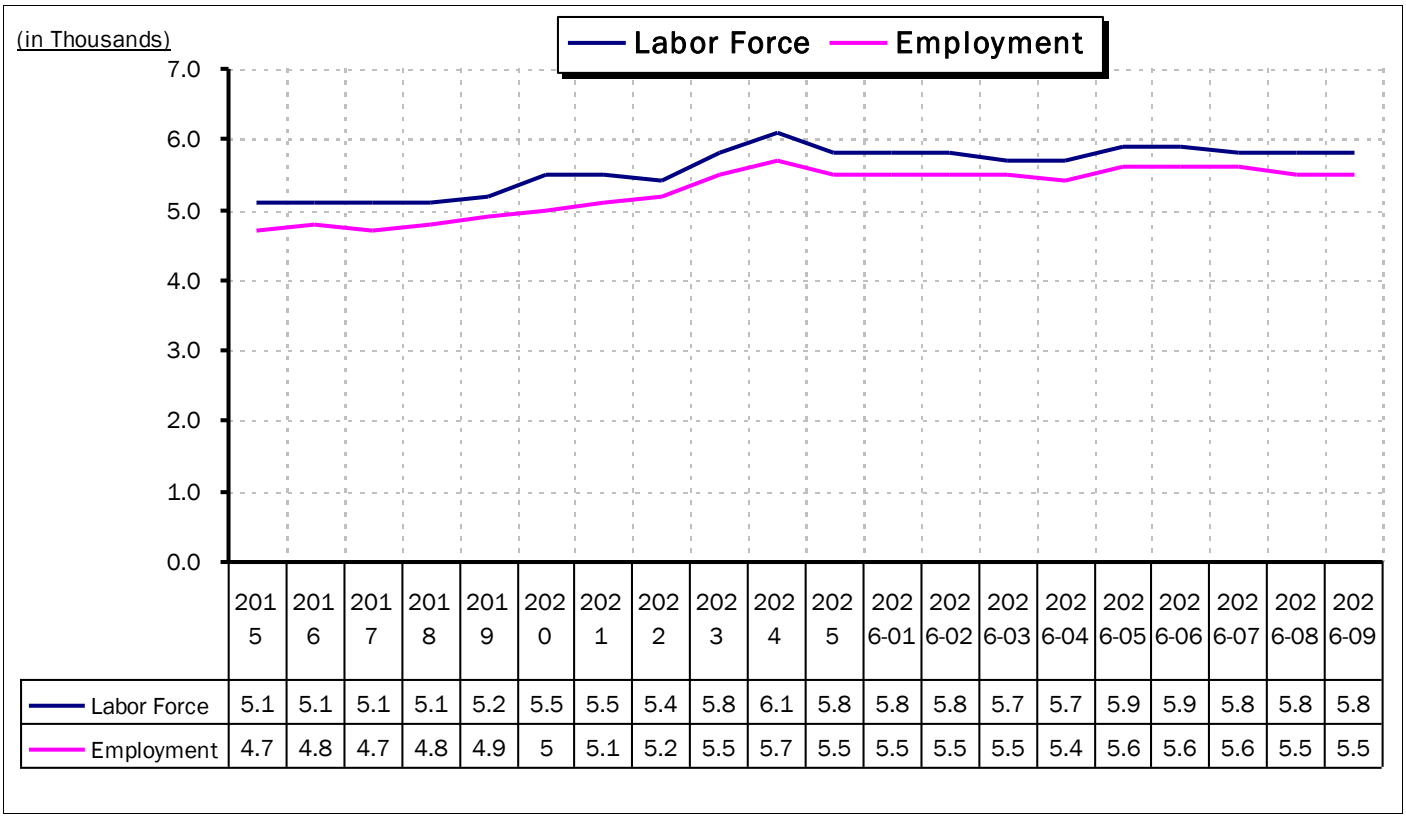

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Labor Force	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.8	6.1	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.8
Employment	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.9	5	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5

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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	4,562	$43,375	477	$53,802	4,910	$57,056
Natural Resources and Mining	798	$80,114	24	$101,023	937	$108,072
Construction	182	$46,002	60	$68,293	189	$68,725
Manufacturing	137	$32,658	16	$43,413	170	$45,845
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	1,308	$42,541	96	$49,721	1,012	$51,286
Information	47	$41,217	9	$49,173	30	$55,373
Financial Activities	129	$26,931	34	$41,851	138	$39,732
Professional and Business Services	254	$37,236	60	$56,979	284	$59,674
Education and Health Services	906	$31,901	50	$41,573	962	$42,545
Leisure and Hospitality	376	$13,418	81	$21,693	789	$22,453
Other Services	69	$32,055	24	$41,929	72	$47,422
Public Administration	356	$40,449	24	$59,603	325	$61,342

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

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Hecla Limited	Private	250 - 499
Us Silver Corporation	Private	250 - 499
Dave Smith Motors	Private	100 - 249
Walmart	Private	100 - 249
Kellogg Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
West Shoshone General Hospital	Local Government	100 - 249
Shoshone County	Local Government	100 - 249
Access Care At Home Llc	Private	100 - 249
Wallace School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Lookout Pass Associates Llc	Private	050 - 099

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed.
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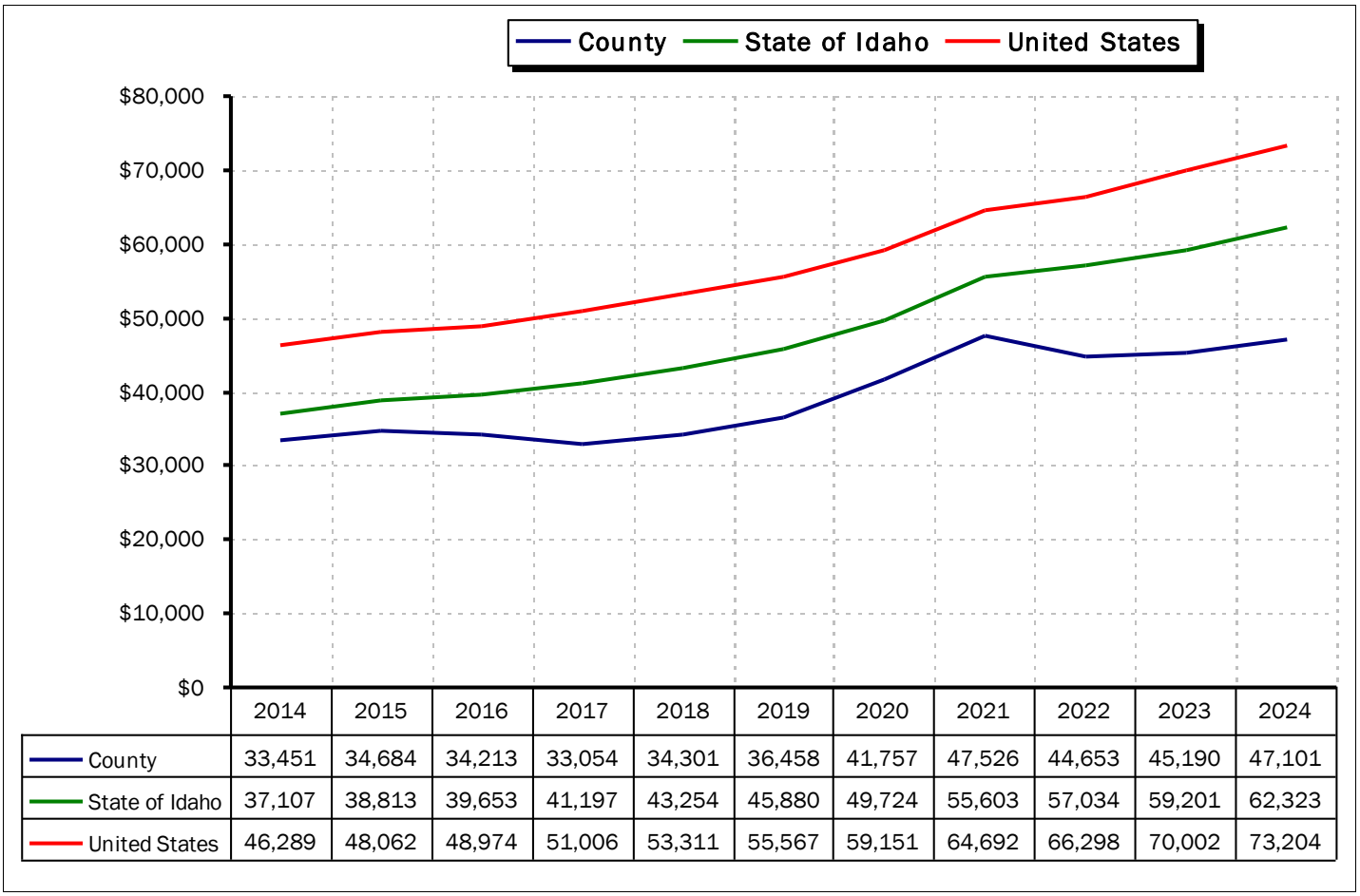
7. Per Capita Income, 2014 to 2024

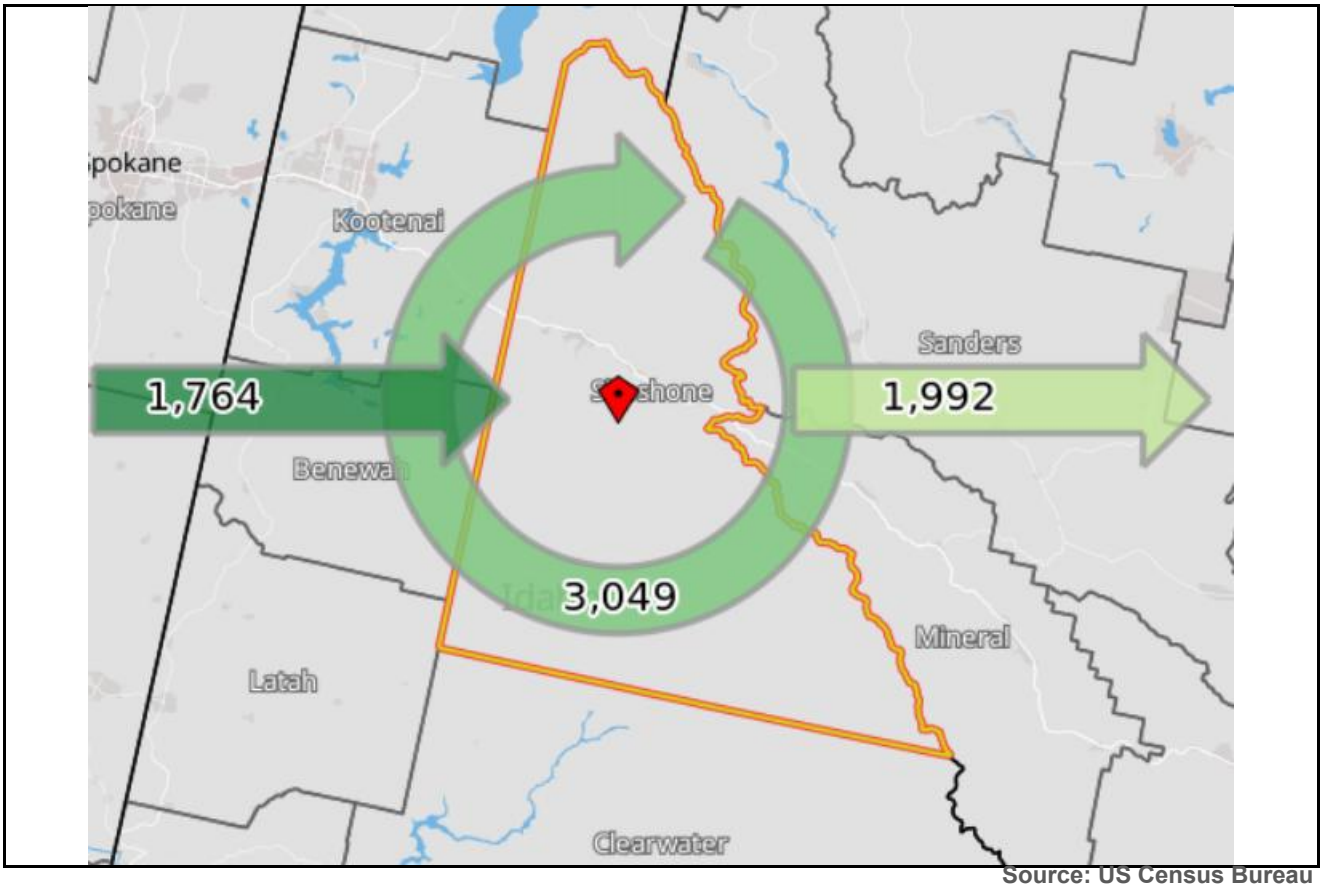


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	33,451	34,684	34,213	33,054	34,301	36,458	41,757	47,526	44,653	45,190	47,101
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2023

It is estimated that 3,049 workers lived and worked in Shoshone County in 2023. Another 1,763 workers were employed in Shoshone County but lived outside, while 1,992 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Kellogg	646	13.4%
Pinehurst	365	7.6%
Osburn	330	6.9%
Coeur d'Alene	260	5.4%
Smelterville	189	3.9%
Post Falls	165	3.4%
Wallace	164	3.4%
Mullan	147	3.1%
Silverton CDP	138	2.9%
Hayden	92	1.9%

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 Shoshone County Work, 2023

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Kellogg	960	19.0%
Wallace	490	9.7%
Osburn	462	9.2%
Coeur d'Alene	394	7.8%
Pinehurst	247	4.9%
Boise	170	3.4%
Post Falls	140	2.8%
Hayden	134	2.7%
Silverton CDP	113	2.2%
Spokane city, WA	96	1.9%

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