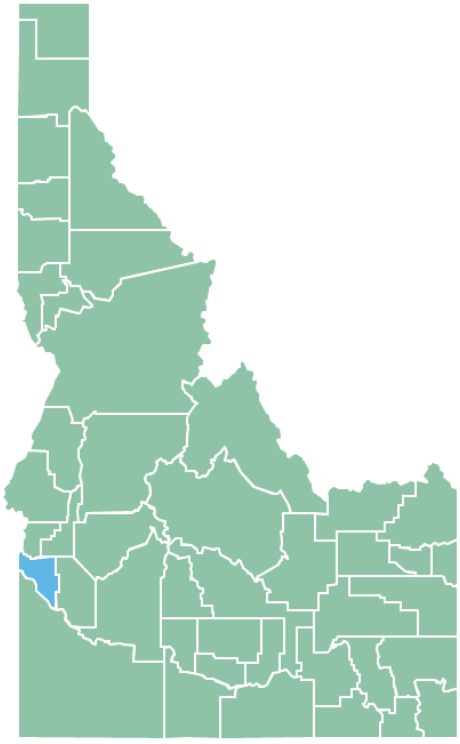


Canyon County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

Canyon County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026)	137,666
Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026)	3.8%
Population (2025)	275,123
Median Household Income (2024)	$76,488
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$50,169
Poverty Rate (2024)	10.5%



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

	Canyon County	Canyon County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	250,790	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	182,916	72.9%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	1,871	0.7%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	2,451	1.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	2,154	0.9%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	65,197	26.0%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	125,135	49.9%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	125,655	50.1%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	34.9	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	67,038	26.7%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	183,752	73.3%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	160,382	64.0%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	36,467	14.5%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	8,524	3.4%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	48,719	19.4%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	39,662	15.8%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	15,028	6.0%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	26,189	10.4%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	11,085	4.4%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$76,488	-	$77,800	$80,734

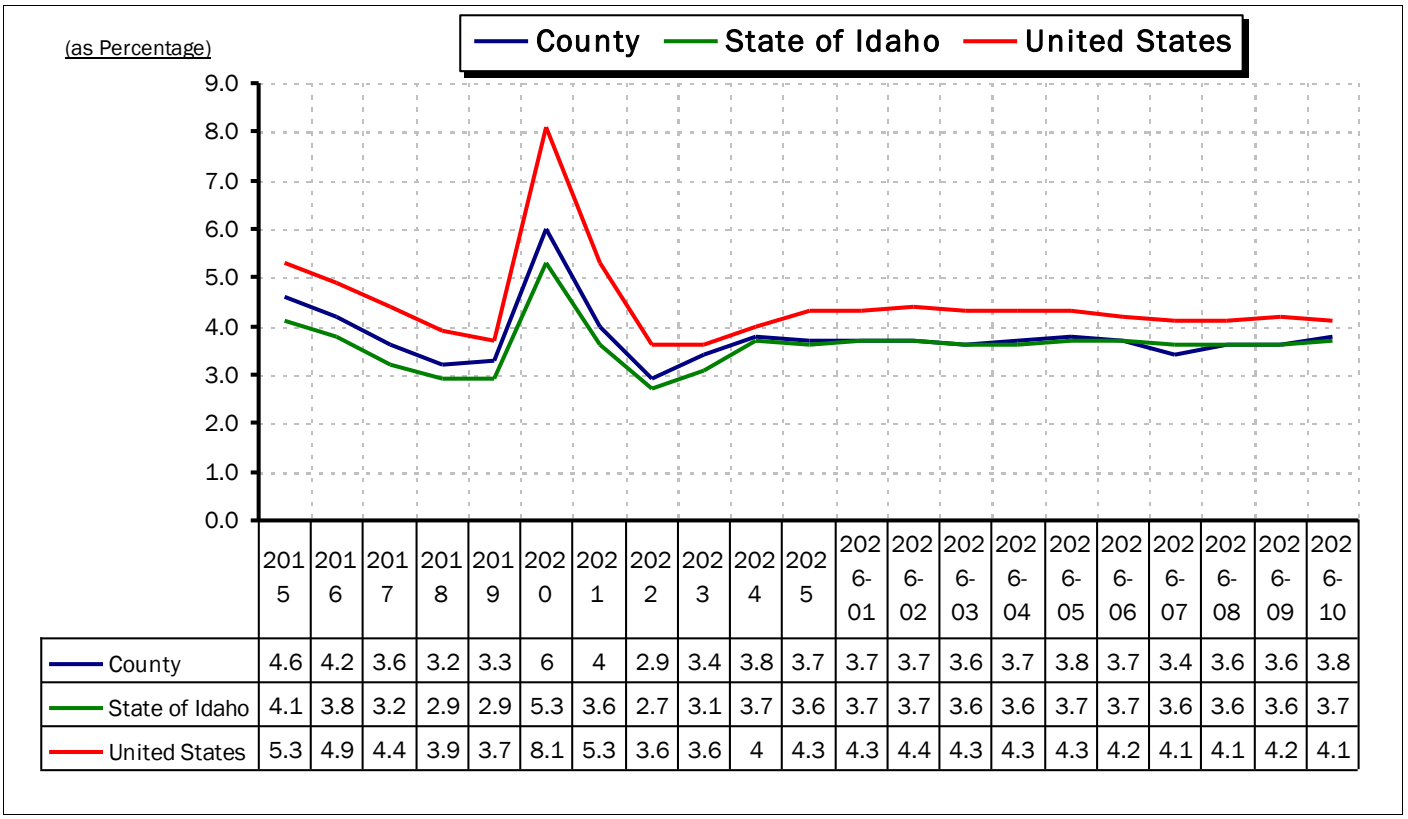
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2026	137,666	132,404	5,262	3.8%
October 2025	138,212	133,123	5,090	3.7%
YoY % Change	-0.4%	-0.5%	3.4%	0.1%

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

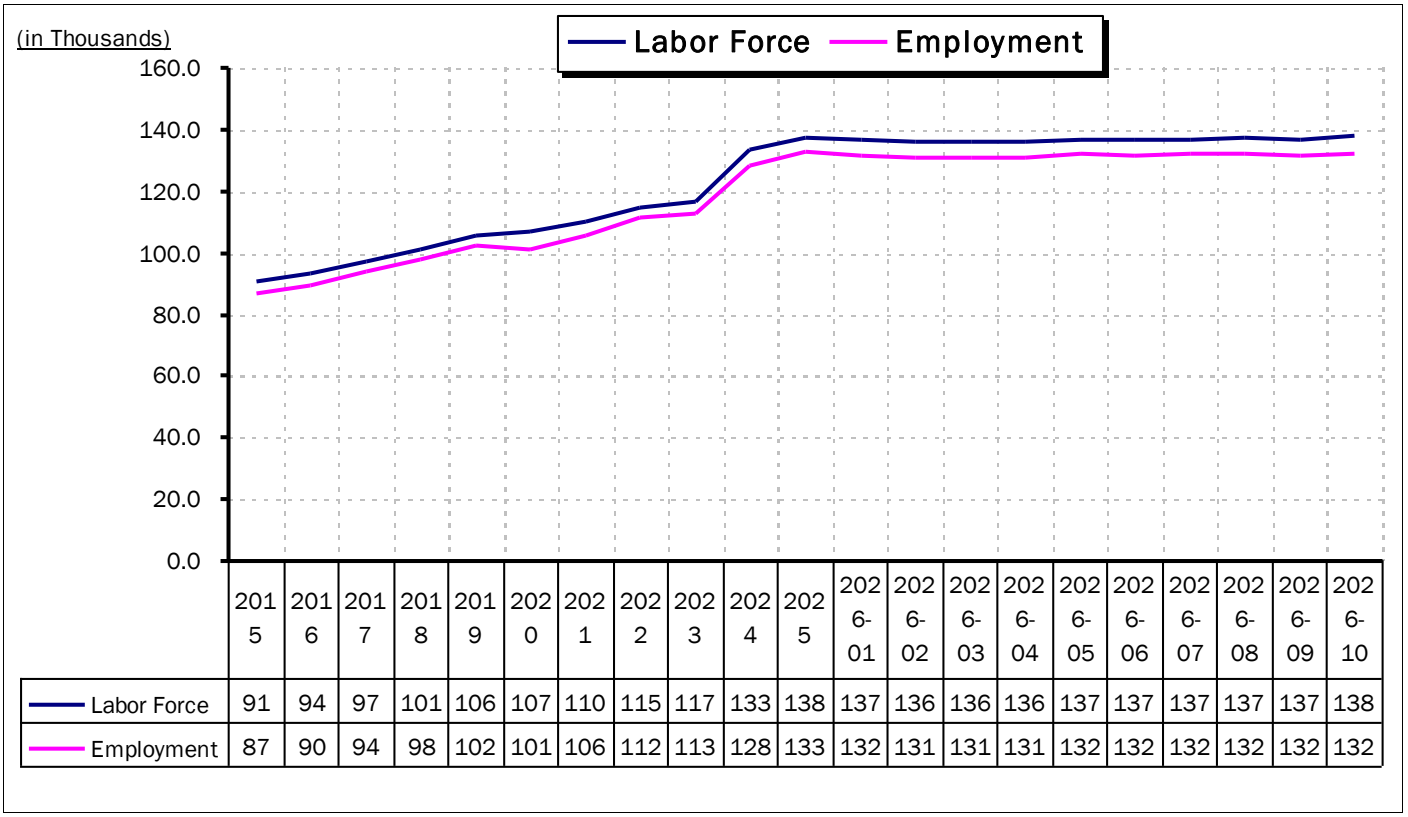
3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026



	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	2026-10
County	4.6	4.2	3.6	3.2	3.3	6	4	2.9	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.8
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	3.7
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	4.1

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

4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2015 to October 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	2026-10
Labor Force	91	94	97	101	106	107	110	115	117	133	138	137	136	136	136	137	137	137	137	137	138
Employment	87	90	94	98	102	101	106	112	113	128	133	132	131	131	131	132	132	132	132	132	132

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

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	58,470	$33,906	88,422	$51,896	89,966	$54,220
Natural Resources and Mining	3,405	$29,963	3,466	$45,936	3,342	$48,279
Construction	4,620	$36,196	11,390	$59,890	11,968	$64,062
Manufacturing	8,529	$42,818	11,234	$65,113	10,869	$69,845
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	12,870	$35,563	20,843	$48,693	21,409	$50,634
Information	746	$38,762	610	$86,037	564	$86,475
Financial Activities	1,709	$43,744	2,052	$69,537	2,145	$73,035
Professional and Business Services	4,326	$32,474	7,513	$57,079	7,707	$59,809
Education and Health Services	13,142	$30,552	18,425	$48,673	19,006	$49,615
Leisure and Hospitality	4,671	$13,501	7,518	$22,647	7,462	$23,290
Other Services	1,652	$30,157	2,239	$49,158	2,256	$49,738
Public Administration	2,798	$47,079	3,121	$63,891	3,197	$65,613

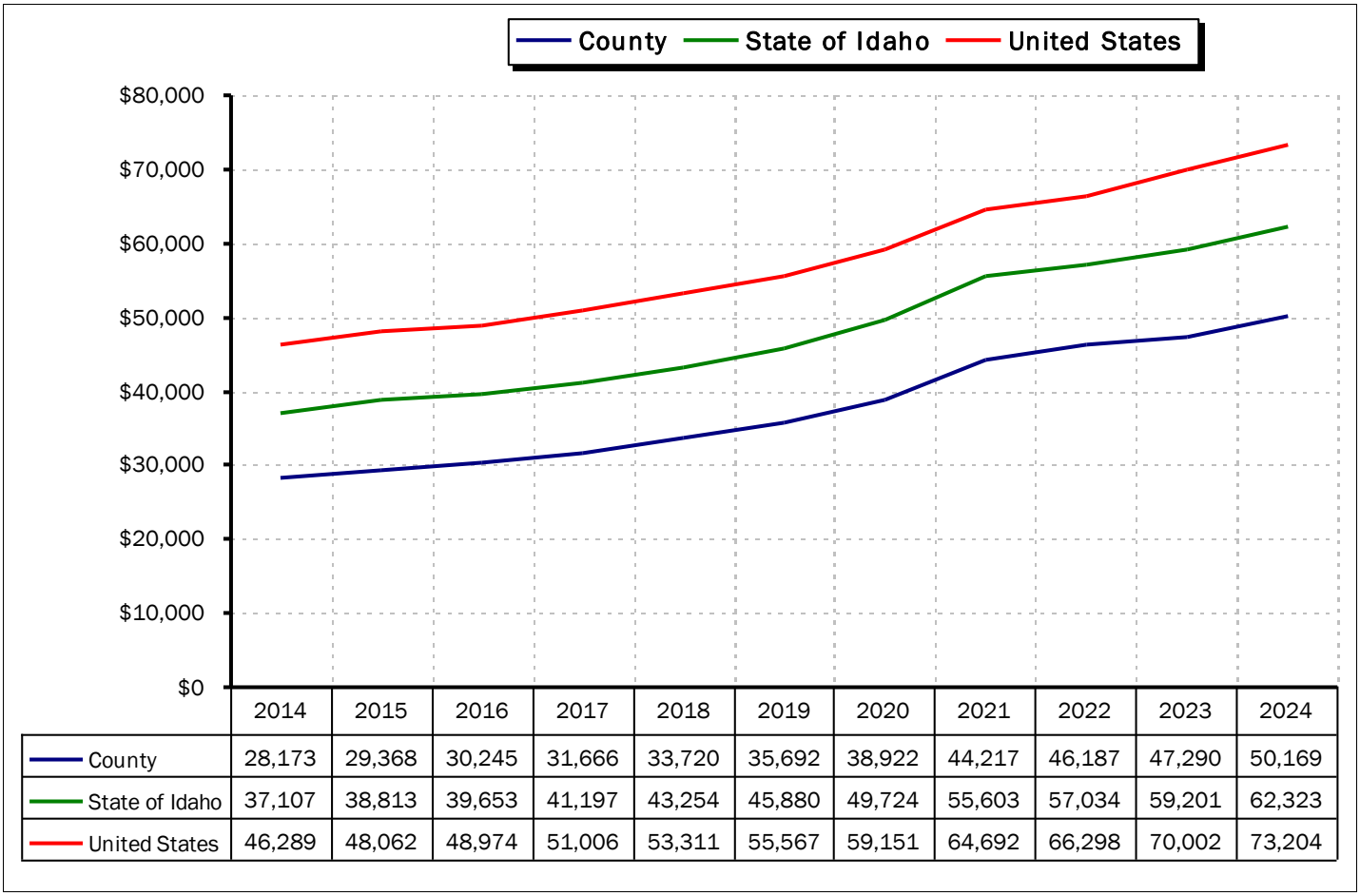
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Walmart	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Nampa School District	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499
Saint Alphonsus Health System Inc	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Vallivue School District	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499
College Of Western Idaho	Local Government	1,000 - 2,499
Canyon County Fair Board	Local Government	500 - 999
Jr Simplot	Private	500 - 999
Ridgecrest Golf Course	Local Government	500 - 999
Amalgamated Sugar Co	Private	500 - 999
Caldwell School District	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

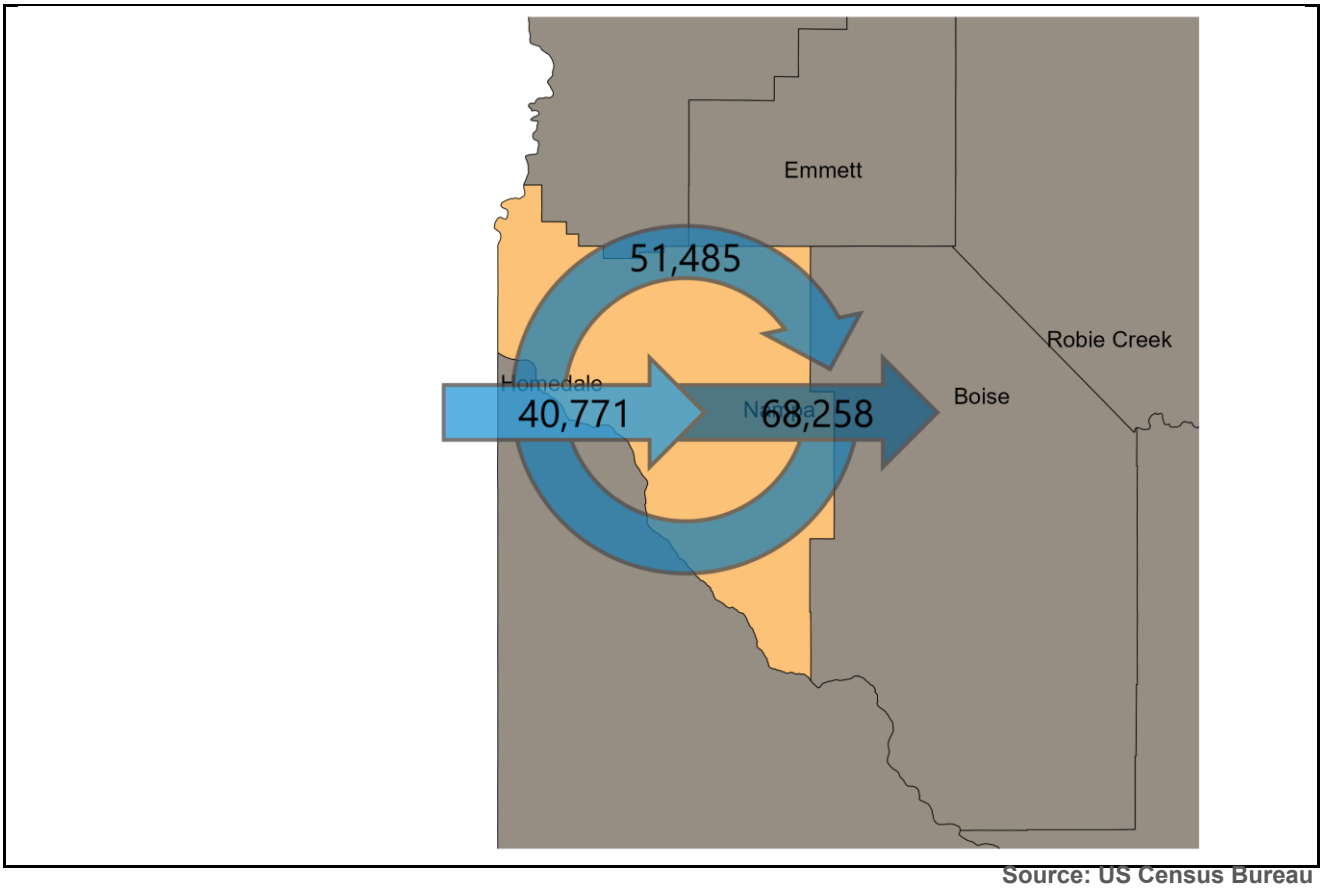


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	28,173	29,368	30,245	31,666	33,720	35,692	38,922	44,217	46,187	47,290	50,169
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 51,485 workers lived and worked in Canyon County in 2024. Another 40,771 workers were employed in Canyon County but lived outside, while 68,258 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Canyon County Live, 2024

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Boise City city, ID	30,888	33.5%
Nampa city, ID	28,622	31.0%
Meridian city, ID	15,173	16.4%
Caldwell city, ID	12,903	14.0%
Eagle city, ID	2,424	2.6%
Garden City city, ID	1,904	2.1%
Middleton city, ID	1,404	1.5%
Kuna city, ID	1,206	1.3%
Star city, ID	730	0.8%
Twin Falls city, ID	667	0.7%

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 Canyon County Work, 2024

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Nampa city, ID	21,709	18.1%
Caldwell city, ID	14,897	12.4%
Boise City city, ID	9,243	7.7%
Meridian city, ID	8,383	7.0%
Kuna city, ID	2,127	1.8%
Middleton city, ID	1,845	1.5%
Eagle city, ID	1,409	1.2%
Star city, ID	1,132	0.9%
Mountain Home city, ID	641	0.5%
Emmett city, ID	583	0.5%

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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