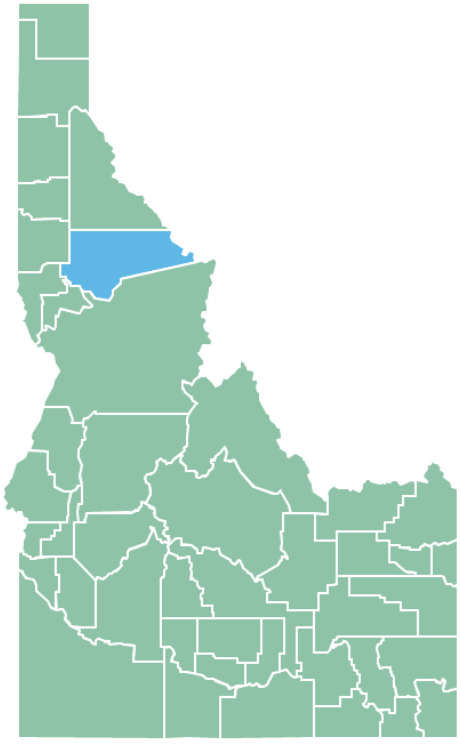


Clearwater County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

Clearwater County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026)	3,358
Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026)	6.3%
Population (2025)	9,118
Median Household Income (2024)	$60,000
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$47,119
Poverty Rate (2024)	13.2%



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

	Clearwater County	Clearwater County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	9,012	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	7,988	88.6%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	20	0.2%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	181	2.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	87	1.0%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	411	4.6%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	4,888	54.2%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	4,124	45.8%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	52.2	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	1,341	14.9%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	7,671	85.1%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	7,169	79.5%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	2,614	29.0%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	97	1.1%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	2,673	29.7%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	2,083	23.1%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	581	6.4%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	849	9.4%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	407	4.5%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$60,000	-	$77,800	$80,734

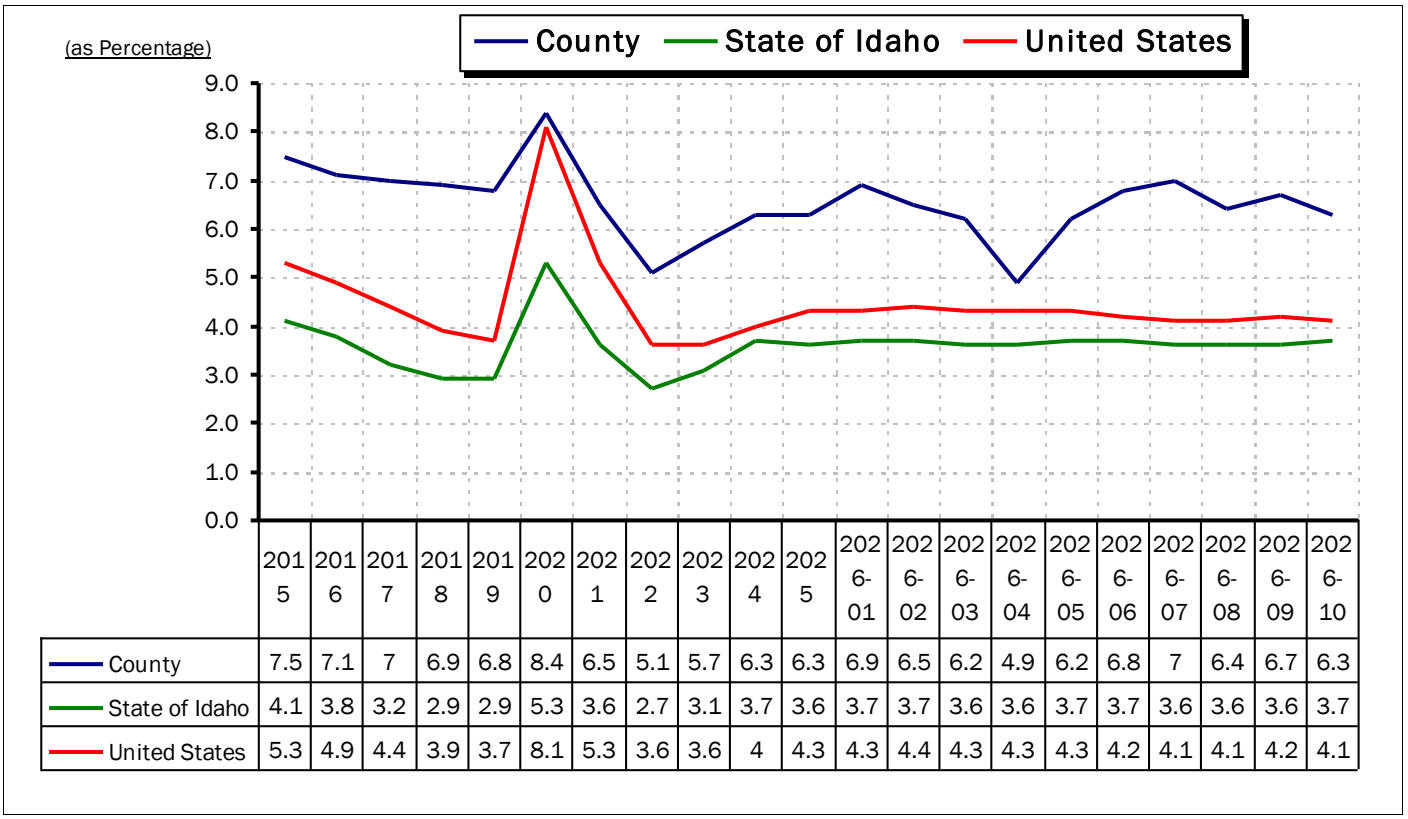
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2026	3,358	3,146	212	6.3%
October 2025	3,331	3,112	219	6.6%
YoY % Change	0.8%	1.1%	-3.2%	-0.3%

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

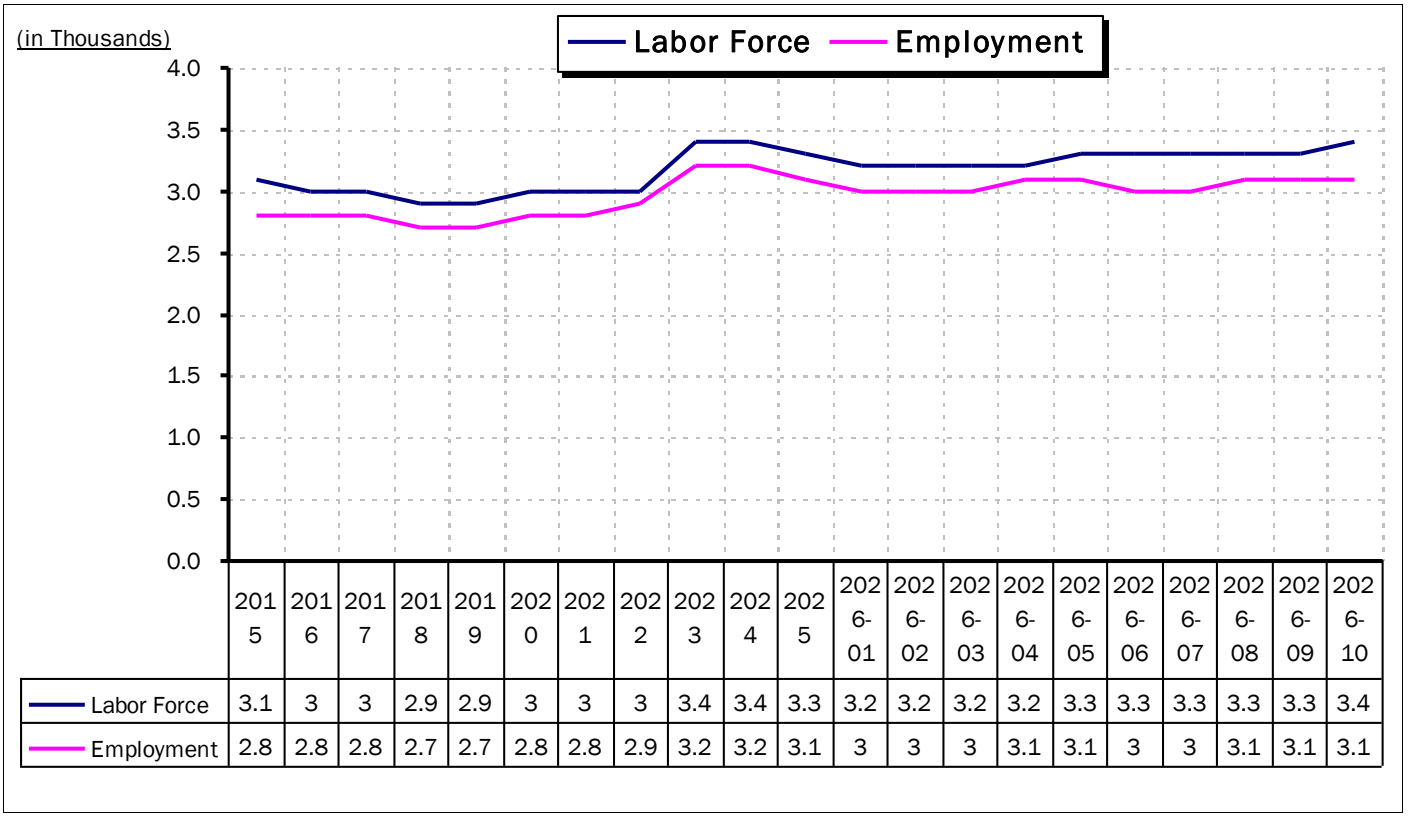
3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026



	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	7.5	7.1	7	6.9	6.8	8.4	6.5	5.1	5.7	6.3	6.3	6.9	6.5	6.2	4.9	6.2	6.8	7	6.4	6.7	6.3
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	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	3.1	3	3	2.9	2.9	3	3	3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4
Employment	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.2	3.1	3	3	3	3.1	3.1	3	3	3.1	3.1	3.1

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	2,784	$35,344	340	$50,580	2,751	$51,759
Natural Resources and Mining	274	$41,855	29	$67,266	159	$75,900
Construction	93	$36,921	48	$53,089	160	$53,196
Manufacturing	193	$30,858	22	$52,522	379	$58,867
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	459	$35,662	55	$41,067	322	$41,659
Information	42	$30,894	10	$55,123	37	$52,525
Financial Activities	64	$30,290	22	$43,827	62	$47,323
Professional and Business Services	118	$47,754	35	$84,714	106	$79,756
Education and Health Services	817	$32,476	40	$52,058	799	$51,996
Leisure and Hospitality	192	$12,188	41	$18,338	235	$17,956
Other Services	42	$28,780	21	$46,971	32	$50,695
Public Administration	489	$45,388	17	$55,278	458	$55,126

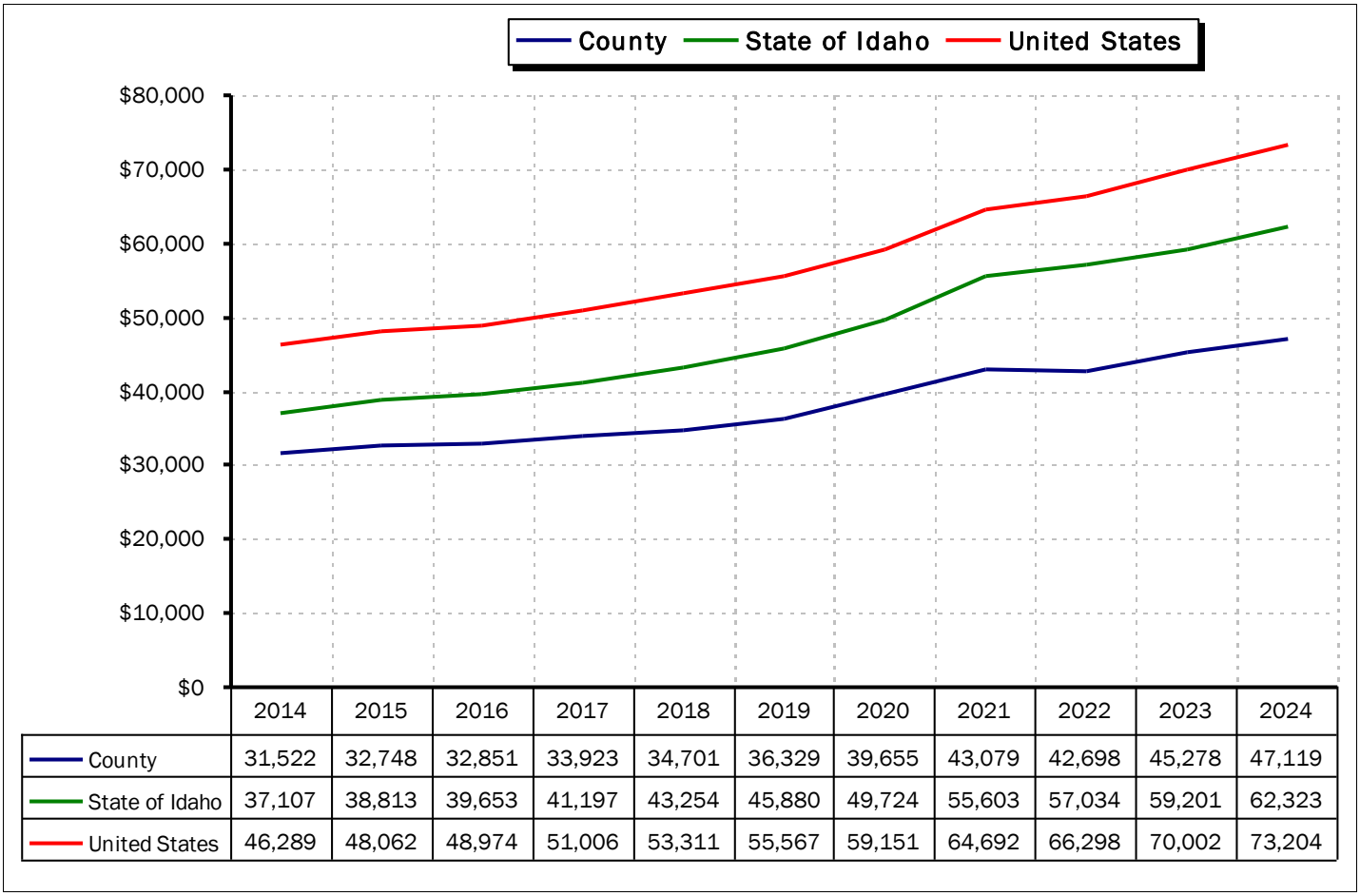
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Orofino Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Clearwater Valley Hospital And Clinic	Private	100 - 249
Lightforce Usa Inc	Private	100 - 249
Idaho Department Of Correction	State Government	100 - 249
Idaho Department Of Health And Welfare	State Government	100 - 249
Clearwater County	Local Government	100 - 249
A Compassionate Care Co	Private	050 - 099
Civilian Department Of Defense	Federal Government	050 - 099
Clearwater Health And Rehabilition	Private	
City Of Orofino	Local Government	010 - 049

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

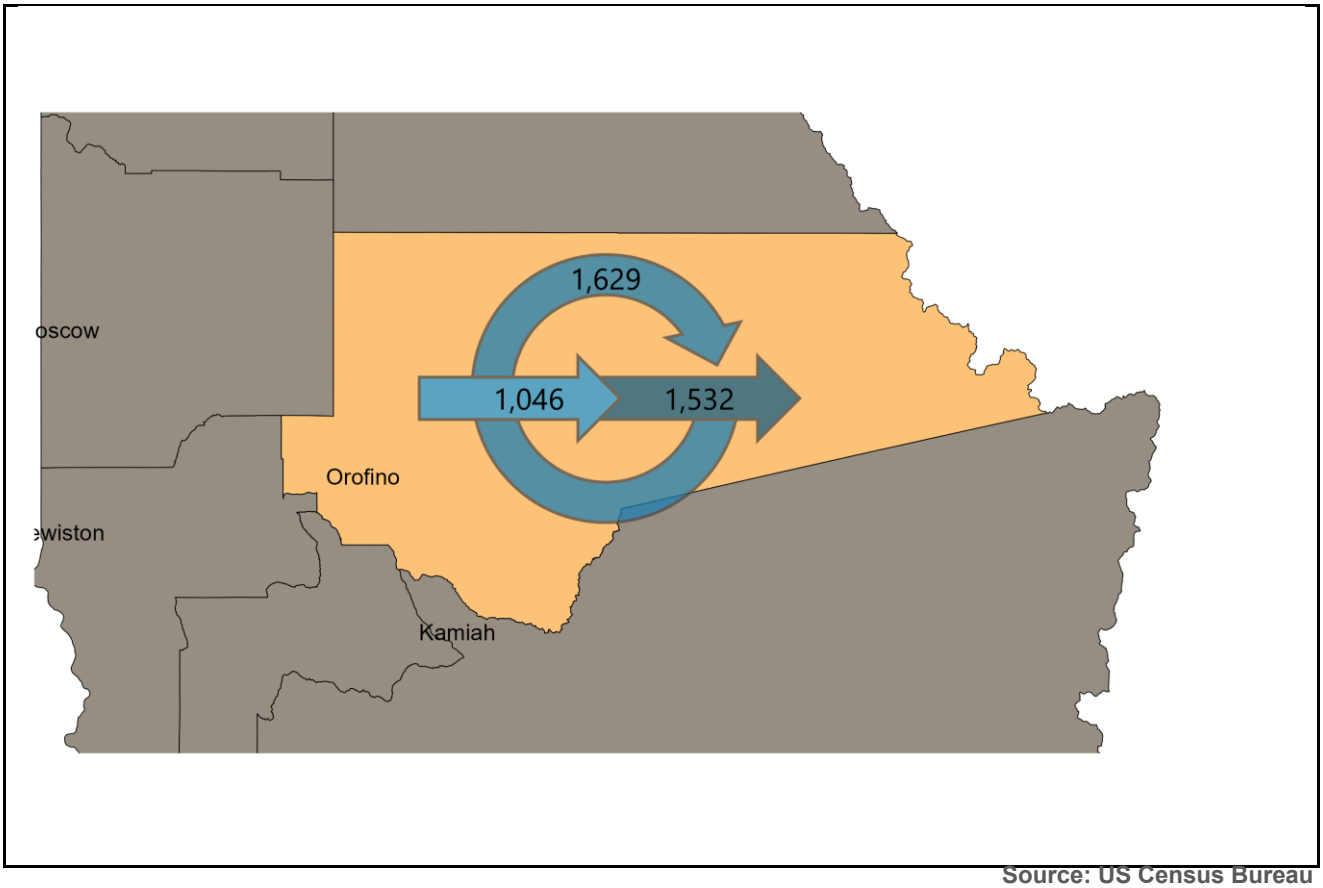


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	31,522	32,748	32,851	33,923	34,701	36,329	39,655	43,079	42,698	45,278	47,119
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 1,629 workers lived and worked in Clearwater County in 2024. Another 1,046 workers were employed in Clearwater County but lived outside, while 1,532 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Orofino city, ID	1,081	40.4%
Lewiston city, ID	289	10.8%
Boise City city, ID	109	4.1%
Weippe city, ID	87	3.3%
Kamiah city, ID	63	2.4%
Coeur d'Alene city, ID	56	2.1%
Moscow city, ID	56	2.1%
Pierce city, ID	47	1.8%
Grangeville city, ID	29	1.1%
Lapwai city, ID	29	1.1%

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 Clearwater County Work, 2024

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Orofino city, ID	545	17.2%
Lewiston city, ID	139	4.4%
Weippe city, ID	77	2.4%
Pierce city, ID	76	2.4%
Post Falls city, ID	39	1.2%
Moscow city, ID	38	1.2%
Kamiah city, ID	36	1.1%
Coeur d'Alene city, ID	30	0.9%
Elk River city, ID	27	0.9%
Boise City city, ID	26	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)

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