Idaho economic situation report

November 20, 2026 (October 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

October 2026

Idaho unemployment rate	
3.7%	↑0.1

U.S. unemployment rate	
4.1%	↓0.1

OTM Idaho Labor Force	
+813	↑0.1%

- **First over-the-month labor force increase since September 2025.**

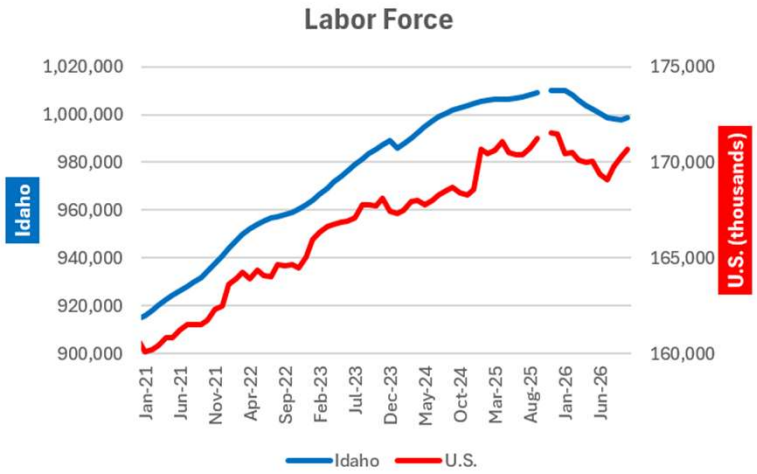
U.S. Employment-Population Ratio	
59.3%	↑0.1 (OTM)

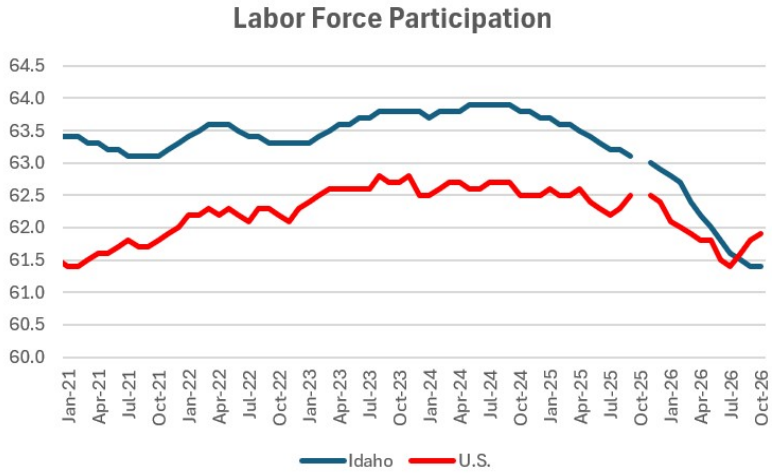
- **Idaho's employment-population ratio was 59.1% in October.**
- **This is the first time since February 1988 that the national employment-population ratio has been above Idaho's ratio.**

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Idaho Department of Labor

State and national labor force

Current and historical, compared





Labor force, October 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**998,626**	**+0.1%**	**#N/A**
U.S.	**170,683,000**	**+0.2%**	**#N/A**

Labor force participation rate, October 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**61.4%**	**±0.0**	**#N/A**
U.S.	**61.9%**	**+0.1**	**#N/A**

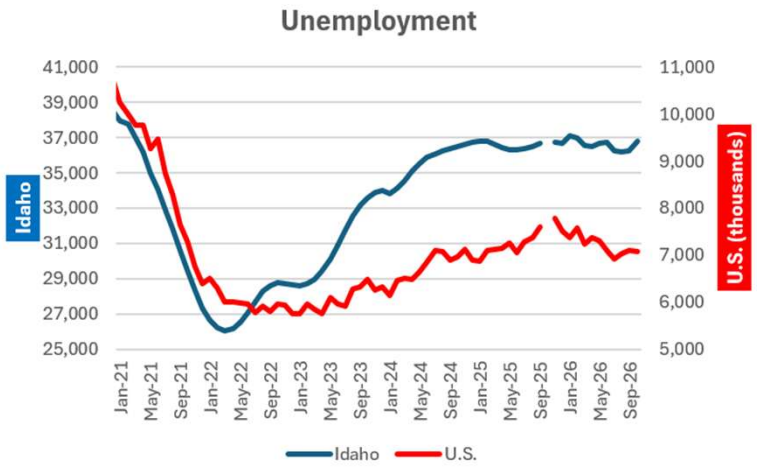
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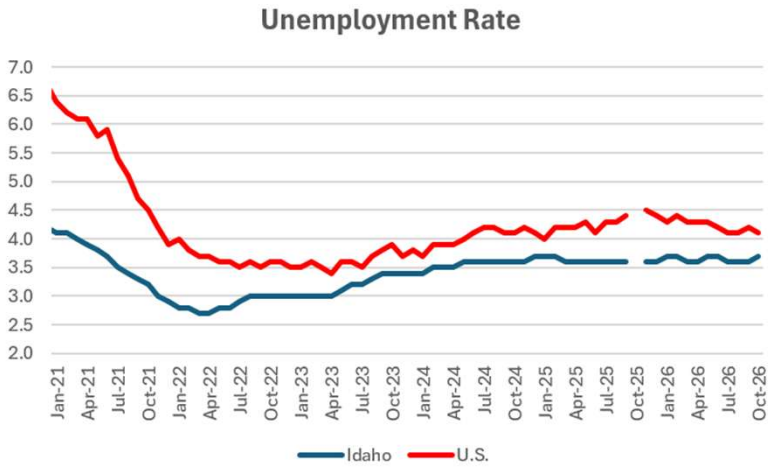
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State and national unemployment

Current and historical, compared





Unemployment, October 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	36,782	+1.5%	#N/A
U.S.	7,068,000	-0.6%	#N/A

Unemployment rate, October 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	3.7%	+0.1	#N/A
U.S.	4.1%	-0.1	#N/A

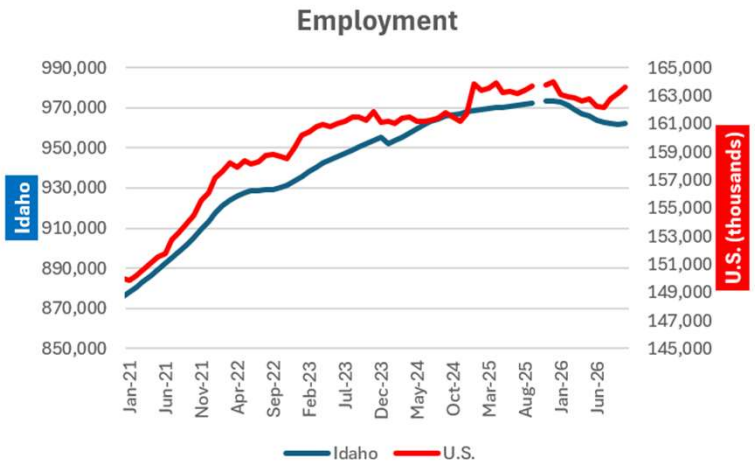
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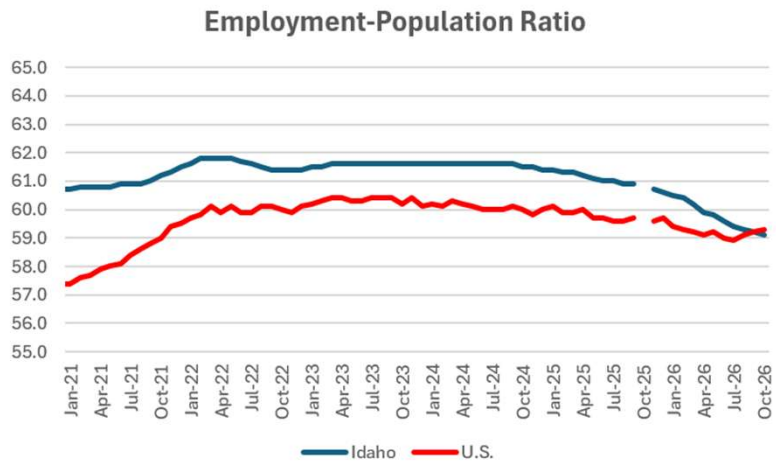
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State and national employment

Current and historical, compared





Employment, October 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**961,844**	**±0.0%**	**#N/A**
U.S.	**163,615,000**	**+0.3%**	**#N/A**

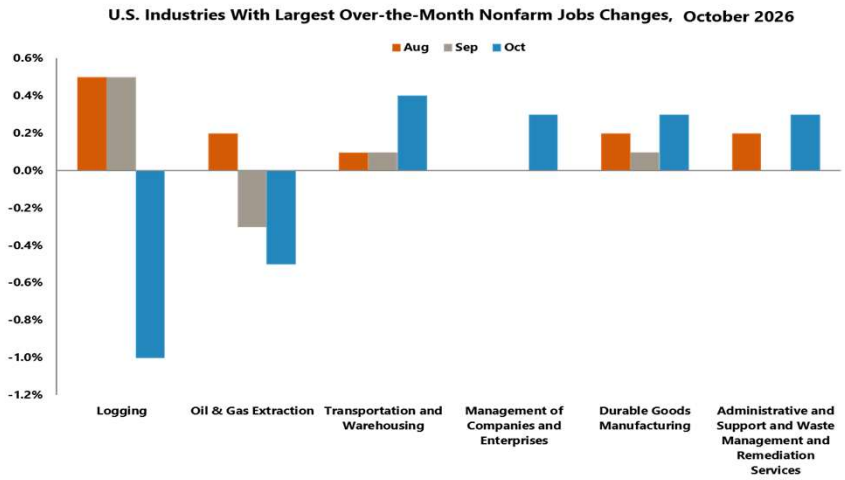
Employment-Population ratio, October 2026			
	Current	Over-the month change	Over-the year change
Idaho	**59.1%**	**-0.1**	**#N/A**
U.S.	**59.3%**	**+0.1**	**#N/A**

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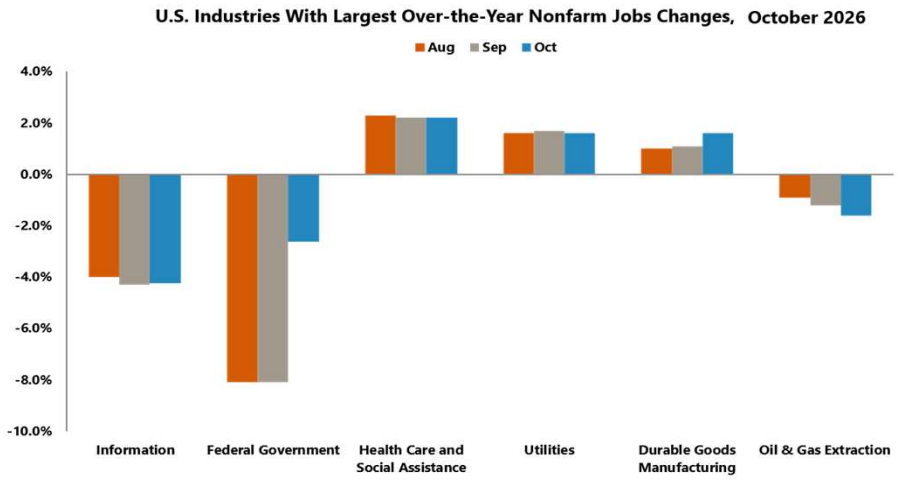
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U.S. nonfarm jobs (CES)

Nationwide seasonally adjusted change by industry



National month-to-month highlights	
Logging	-1.0%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-0.5%
Transportation and Warehousing	0.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0.3%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	0.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	0.3%

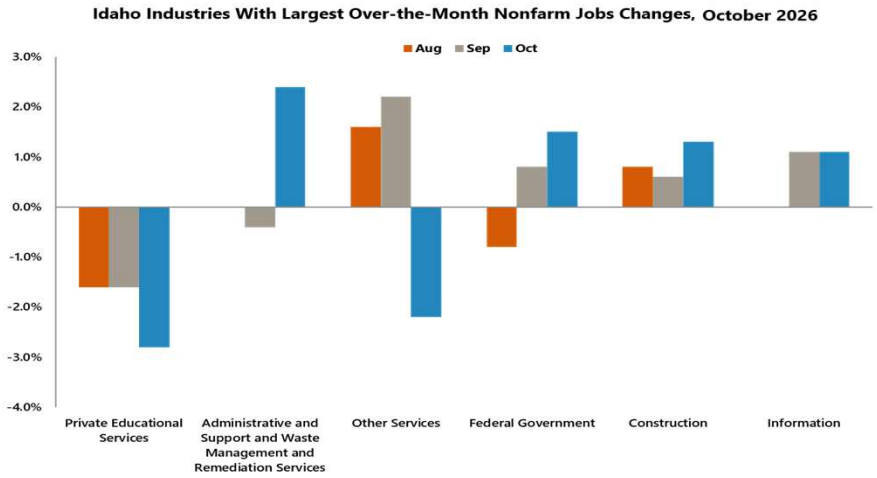


National over-the-year highlights	
Information	-4.2%
Federal Government	-2.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2.2%
Utilities	1.6%
Durable Goods Manufacturing	1.6%
Oil & Gas Extraction	-1.6%

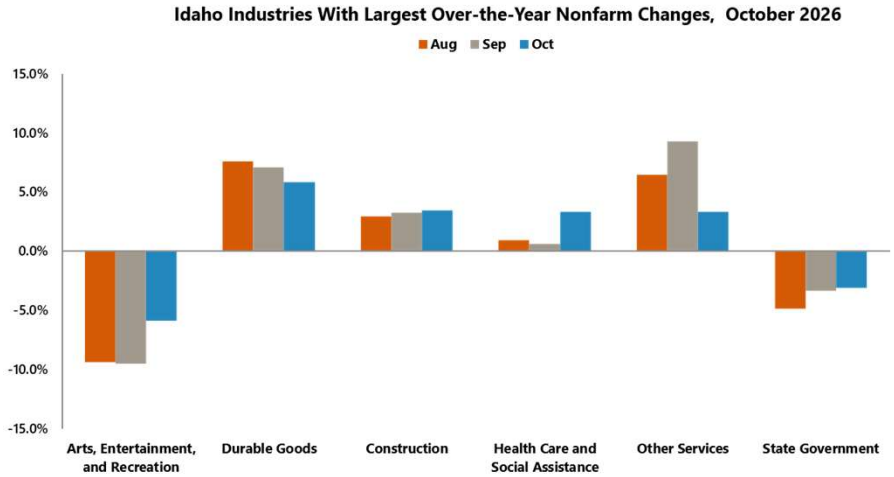
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Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by industry



Statewide month-to-month highlights	
Private Educational Services	-2.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2.4%
Other Services	-2.2%
Federal Government	1.5%
Construction	1.3%
Information	1.1%

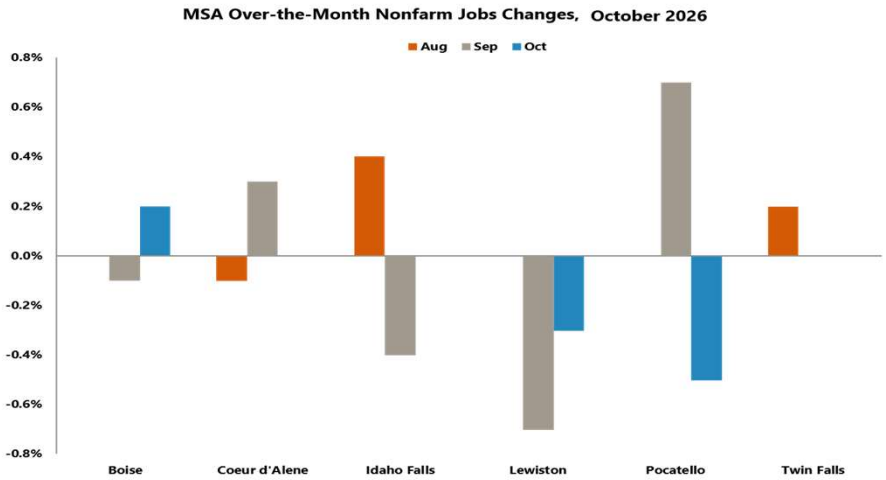


Statewide over-the-year highlights	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	-5.9%
Durable Goods	5.8%
Construction	3.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	3.3%
Other Services	3.3%
State Government	-3.1%

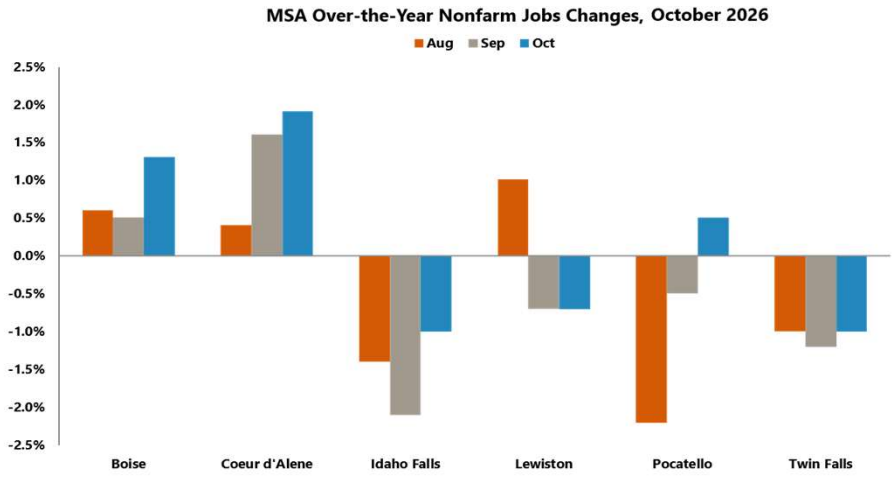
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Idaho nonfarm jobs (CES)

Statewide seasonally adjusted change by MSAs



Metropolitan statistical area month-to-month changes	
Boise	0.2%
Coeur d'Alene	0.0%
Idaho Falls	0.0%
Lewiston	-0.3%
Pocatello	-0.5%
Twin Falls	0.0%



Metropolitan statistical area over-the-year changes	
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Coeur d'Alene	1.9%
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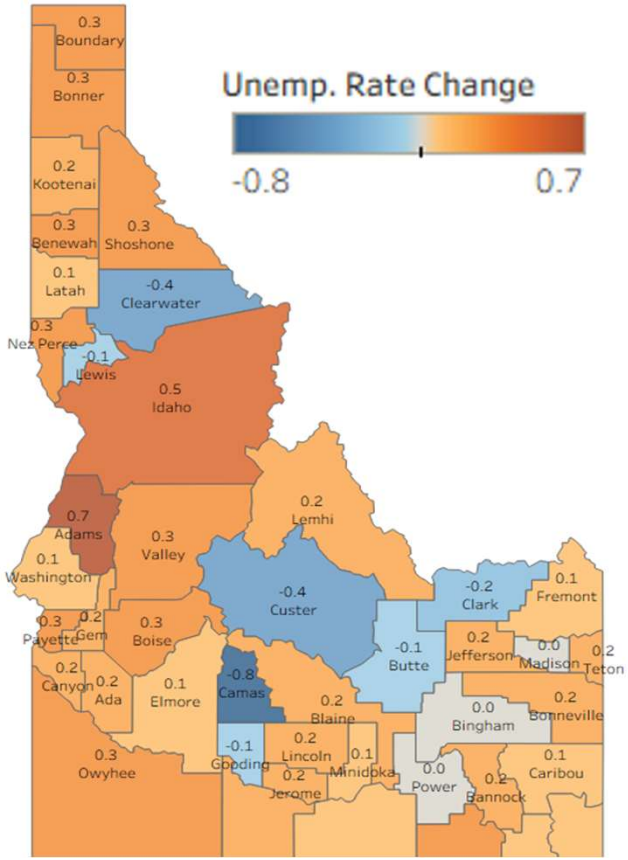
Idaho labor force and unemployment: Counties

Highest Unemployment Rates	
Adams	7.0%
Clearwater	6.3%
Benewah	5.9%
Shoshone	5.6%
Boundary	5.6%

Lowest Unemployment Rates	
Teton	2.8%
Power	3.2%
Franklin	3.2%
Jefferson	3.3%
Bear Lake	3.3%

Largest Labor Force Changes	
Power	+5.8%
Clark	+4.7%
Gooding	+4.5%
Jerome	+3.9%
Latah	+3.7%

Every county except for one (Butte County) experienced an increase to its labor force in October.



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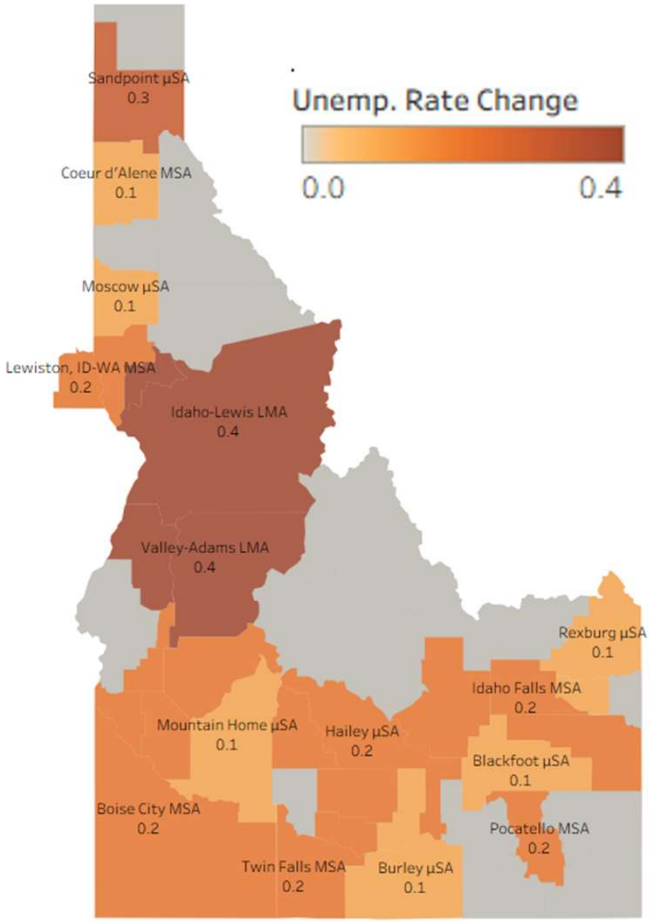
Idaho labor force and unemployment: Statistical Areas

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	
Moscow MicSA	3.4%
Idaho Falls MSA	3.5%
Burley MicSA	3.5%
Lewiston MSA	3.5%
Hailey MicSA	3.6%

Largest Labor Force Changes	
Moscow MicSA	+3.7%
Burley MicSA	+3.5%
Idah-Lewis LMA	+2.2%
Twin Falls MSA	+1.7%
Rexburg MicSA	+1.3%

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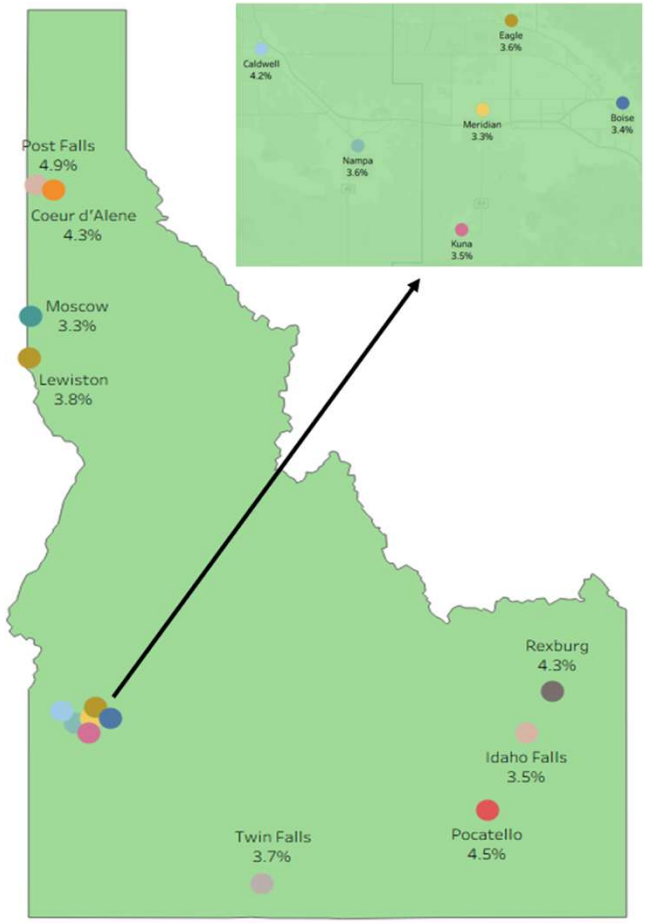
Idaho labor force and unemployment: Cities

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

Lowest Unemployment Rates	
Moscow	3.3%
Meridian	3.3%
Boise	3.4%
Idaho Falls	3.5%
Kuna	3.5%

Largest Labor Force Changes	
Moscow	+4.1%
Twin Falls	+1.1%
Lewiston	+0.8%
Rexburg	+0.8%
Caldwell	+0.7%

Every city experienced a labor force increase in October.



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Upcoming release dates

Upcoming release schedule

- **December 18, 2026**
  - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for November 2026.
- **January 22, 2027**
  - Statewide labor force and nonfarm employment data for December 2026.

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