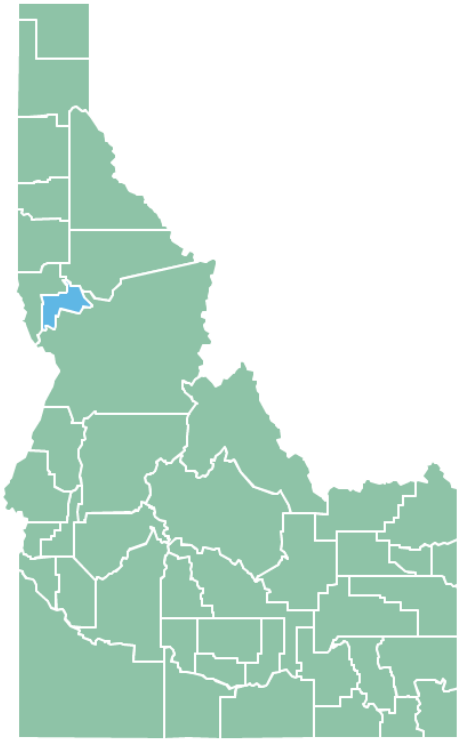


Lewis County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

Lewis County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026)	1,426
Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026)	4.8%
Population (2025)	3,704
Median Household Income (2024)	$51,615
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$57,419
Poverty Rate (2024)	15.3%



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

	Lewis County	Lewis County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	3,682	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	3,049	82.8%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	42	1.1%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	48	1.3%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	37	1.0%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	158	4.3%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	1,850	50.2%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	1,832	49.8%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	49.0	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	808	21.9%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	2,874	78.1%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	2,689	73.0%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	1,043	28.3%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	64	1.7%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	834	22.7%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	750	20.4%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	302	8.2%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	377	10.2%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	195	5.3%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$51,615	-	$77,800	$80,734

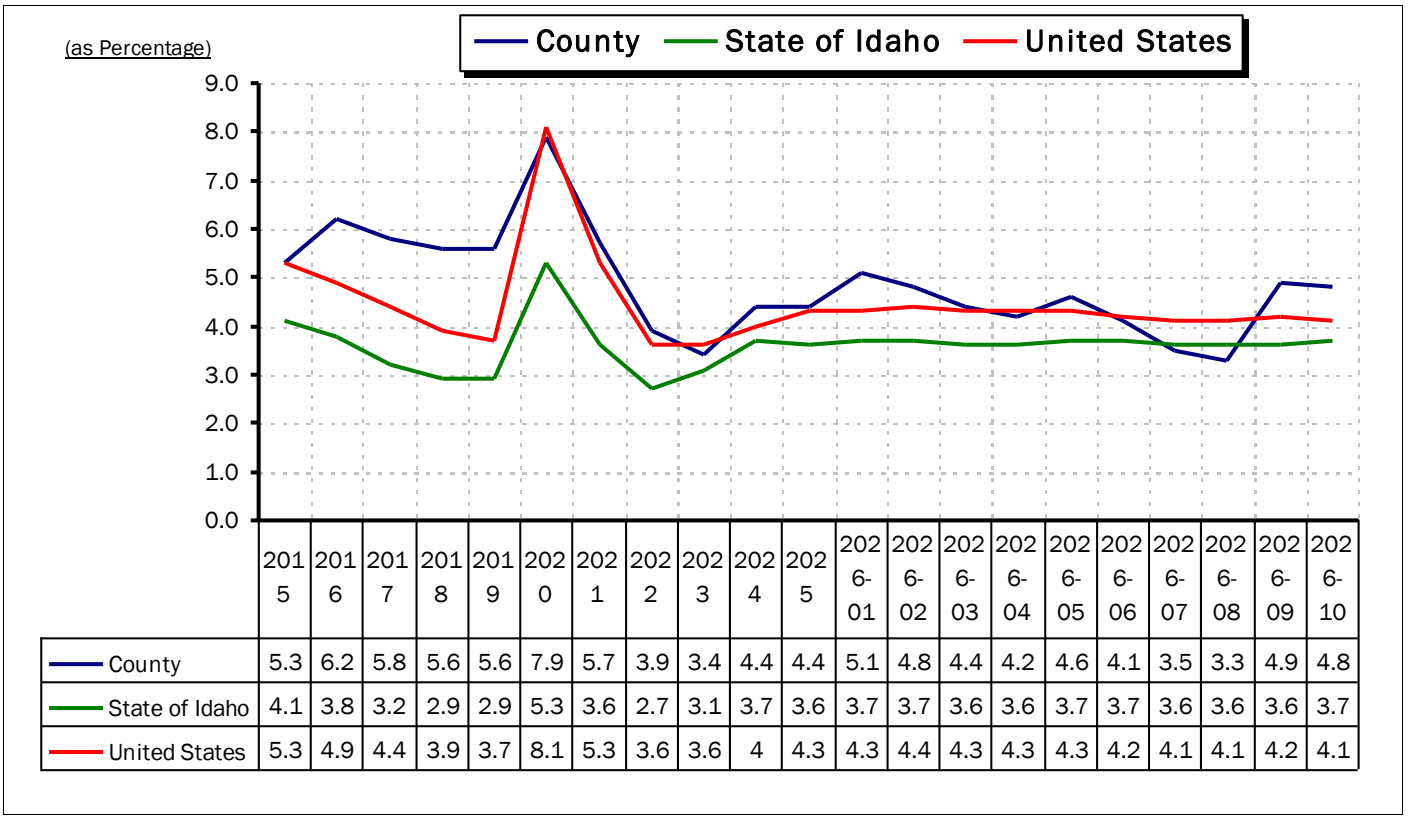
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2026	1,426	1,358	68	4.8%
October 2025	1,408	1,343	65	4.6%
YoY % Change	1.3%	1.1%	4.6%	0.2%

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

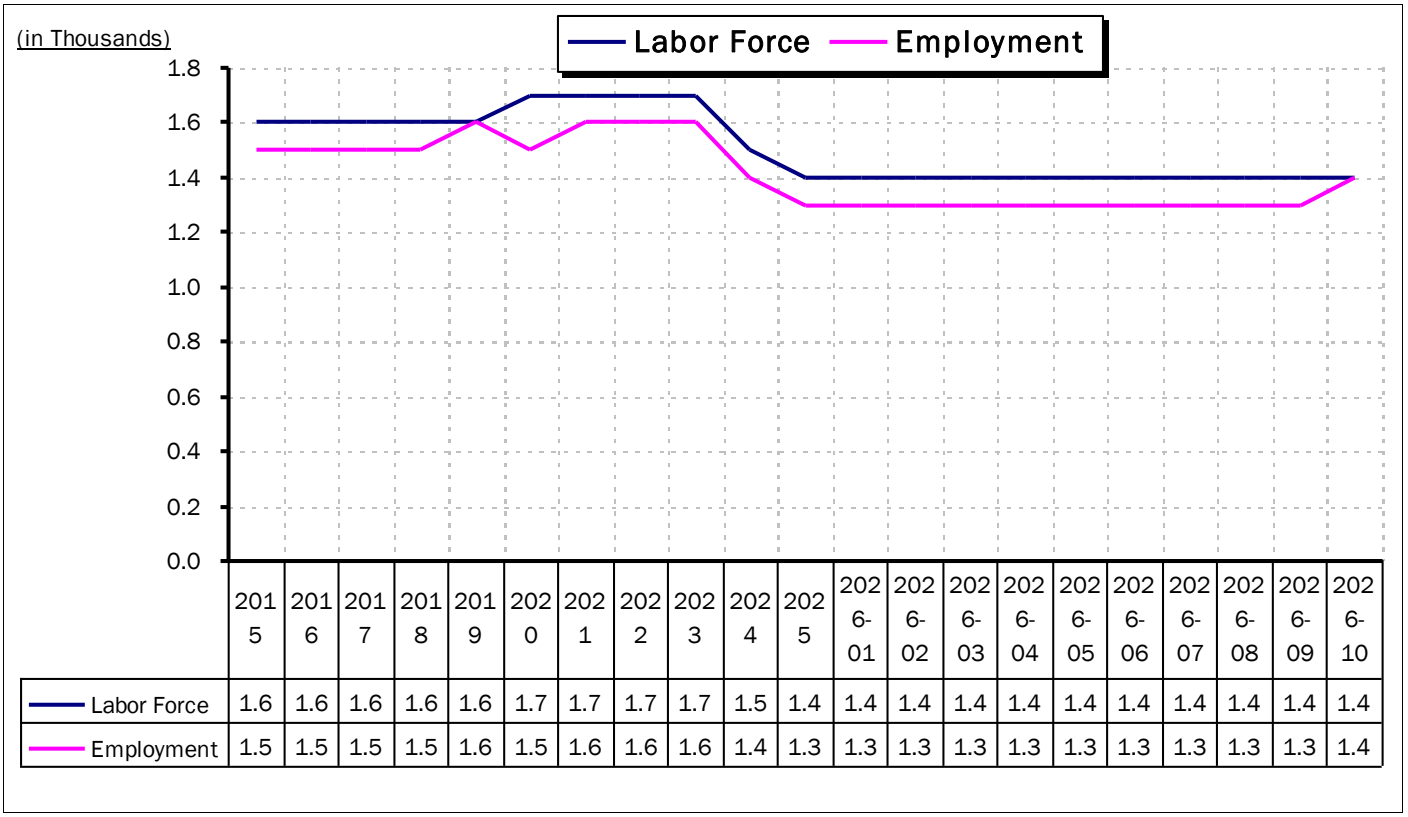
3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026



	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	5.3	6.2	5.8	5.6	5.6	7.9	5.7	3.9	3.4	4.4	4.4	5.1	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.1	3.5	3.3	4.9	4.8
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	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Employment	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4

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	1,598	$30,228	224	$43,642	1,549	$44,608
Natural Resources and Mining	141	$41,456	33	$54,321	137	$56,424
Construction	64	$28,915	35	$45,559	63	$49,033
Manufacturing	285	$35,286	6	$50,117	158	$50,567
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	336	$28,863	43	$40,357	352	$42,042
Information	8	$33,066				
Financial Activities	51	$46,015	10	$69,331	72	$75,874
Professional and Business Services	54	$42,027	24	$58,546	66	$55,296
Education and Health Services	333	$21,238	24	$34,438	361	$33,045
Leisure and Hospitality	138	$16,177	20	$20,886	130	$22,569
Other Services	31	$14,232	14	$23,046	37	$24,016
Public Administration	157	$39,661	13	$64,527	172	$61,815

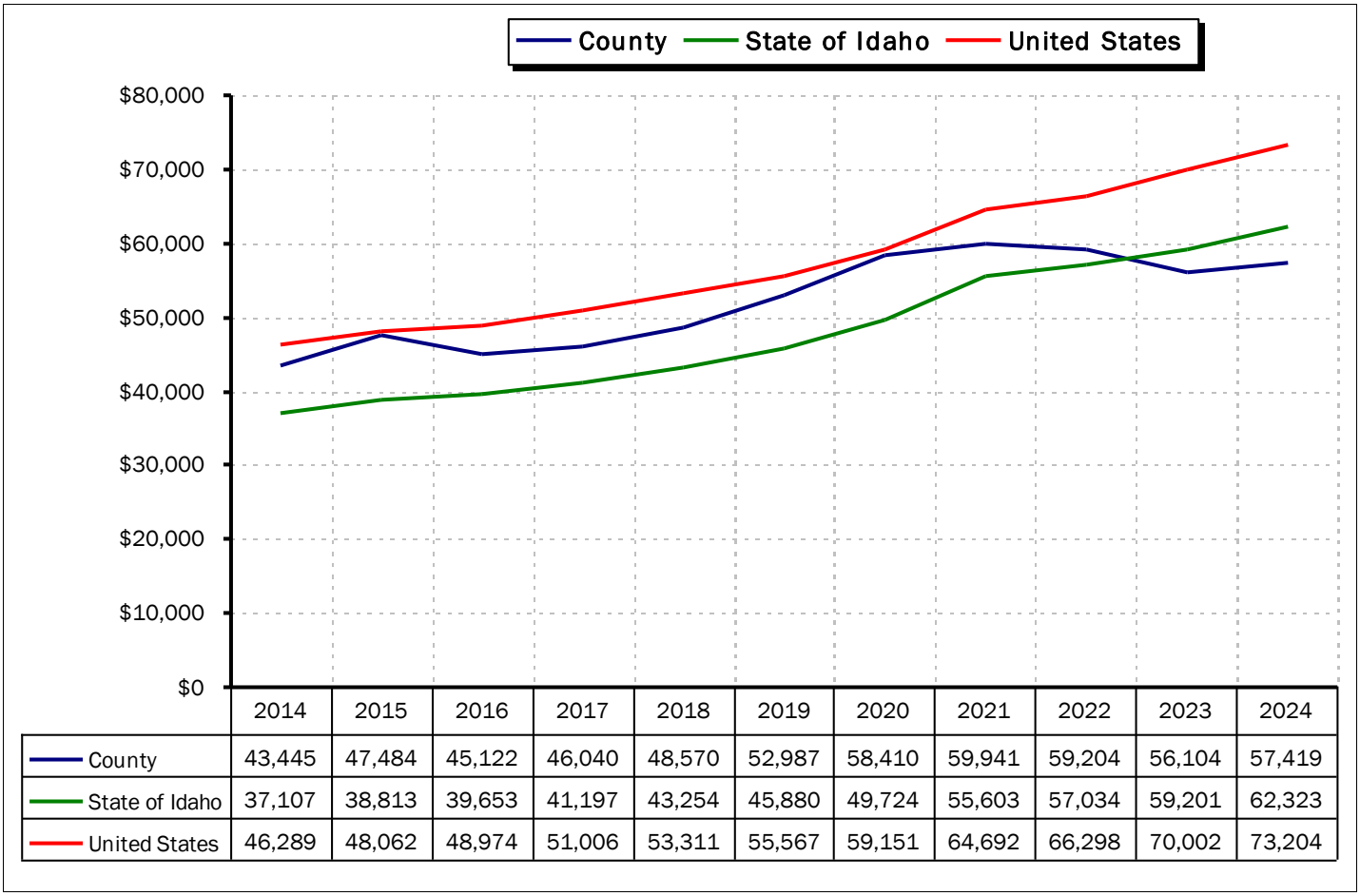
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Lakeside Residential Care Inc	Private	050 - 099
Kamiah Joint School District	Local Government	050 - 099
Cloningers Marketplace	Private	050 - 099
Us Department Of Agriculture	Federal Government	050 - 099
Alternative Nursing Services Inc	Private	
Nez Perce Tribe	Local Government	
Freedom Northwest Credit Union	Private	010 - 049
Nezperce Joint School District	Local Government	010 - 049
Kamiah Auto Parts Llc	Private	010 - 049
Hillco Technologies Inc	Private	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

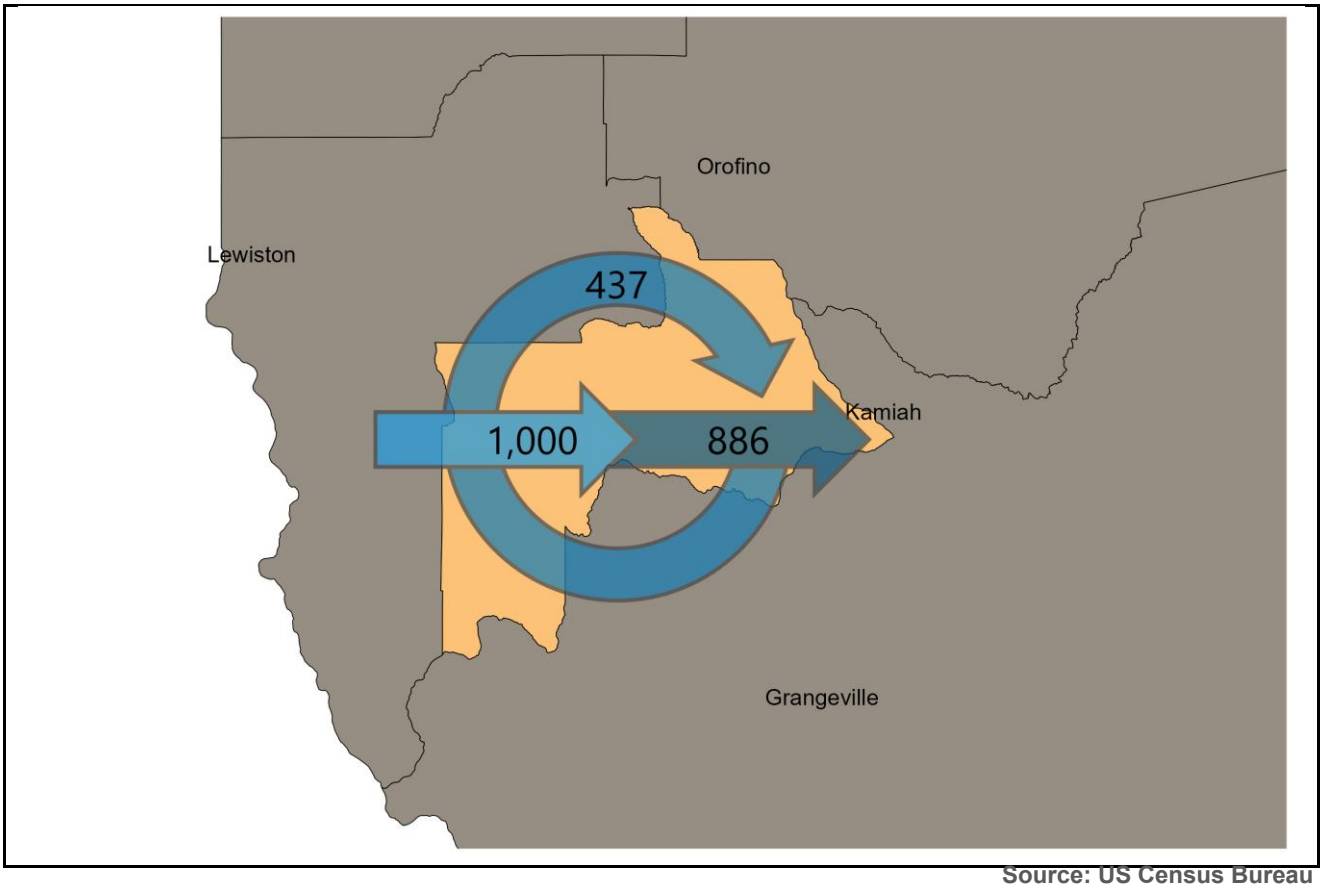


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	43,445	47,484	45,122	46,040	48,570	52,987	58,410	59,941	59,204	56,104	57,419
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 437 workers lived and worked in Lewis County in 2024. Another 1,000 workers were employed in Lewis County but lived outside, while 886 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Kamiah city, ID	153	10.6%
Lewiston city, ID	148	10.3%
Nezperce city, ID	107	7.4%
Winchester city, ID	57	4.0%
Grangeville city, ID	55	3.8%
Cottonwood city, ID	47	3.3%
Craigmont city, ID	46	3.2%
Orofino city, ID	46	3.2%
Boise City city, ID	41	2.9%
Coeur d'Alene city, ID	24	1.7%

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 Lewis County Work, 2024

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Kamiah city, ID	127	9.6%
Lewiston city, ID	99	7.5%
Craigmont city, ID	70	5.3%
Nezperce city, ID	57	4.3%
Grangeville city, ID	51	3.9%
Winchester city, ID	46	3.5%
Kooskia city, ID	36	2.7%
Moscow city, ID	22	1.7%
Orofino city, ID	19	1.4%
Stites city, ID	15	1.1%

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