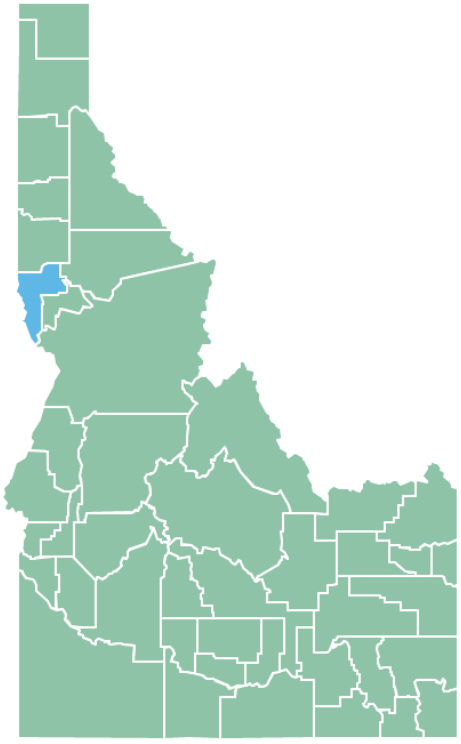


Nez Perce County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

Nez Perce County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026)	20,558
Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026)	3.9%
Population (2025)	42,905
Median Household Income (2024)	$72,599
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$59,776
Poverty Rate (2024)	12.2%



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1. Nez Perce County Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

	Nez Perce County	Nez Perce County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	42,697	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	37,457	87.7%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	83	0.2%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	1,889	4.4%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	368	0.9%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	1,885	4.4%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	21,280	49.8%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	21,417	50.2%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	41.2	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	9,063	21.2%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	33,634	78.8%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	29,893	70.0%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	8,998	21.1%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	730	1.7%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	9,082	21.3%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	7,162	16.8%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	3,682	8.6%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	5,552	13.0%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	2,563	6.0%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$72,599	-	$77,800	$80,734

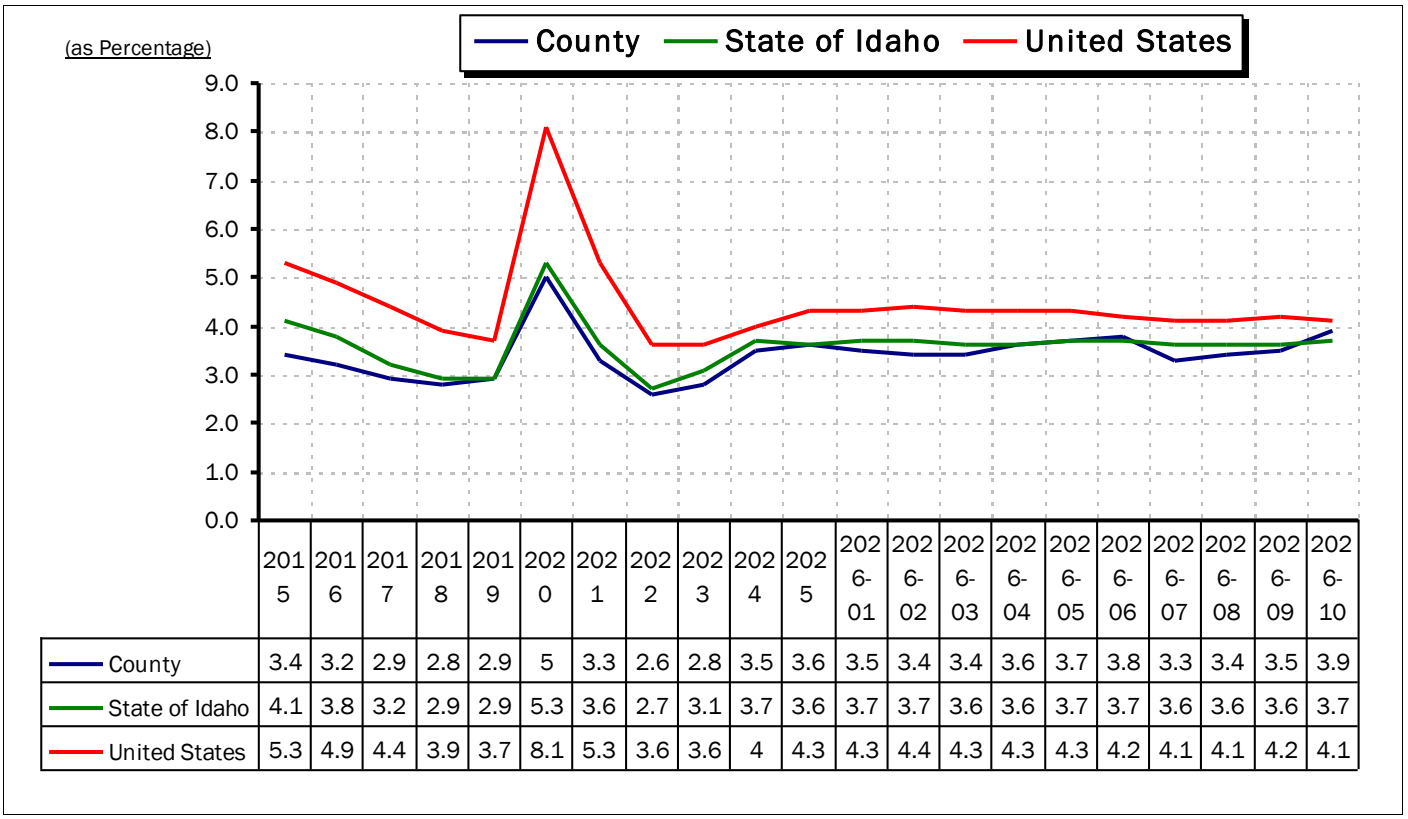
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2026	20,558	19,765	793	3.9%
October 2025	21,013	20,256	757	3.6%
YoY % Change	-2.2%	-2.4%	4.8%	0.3%

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

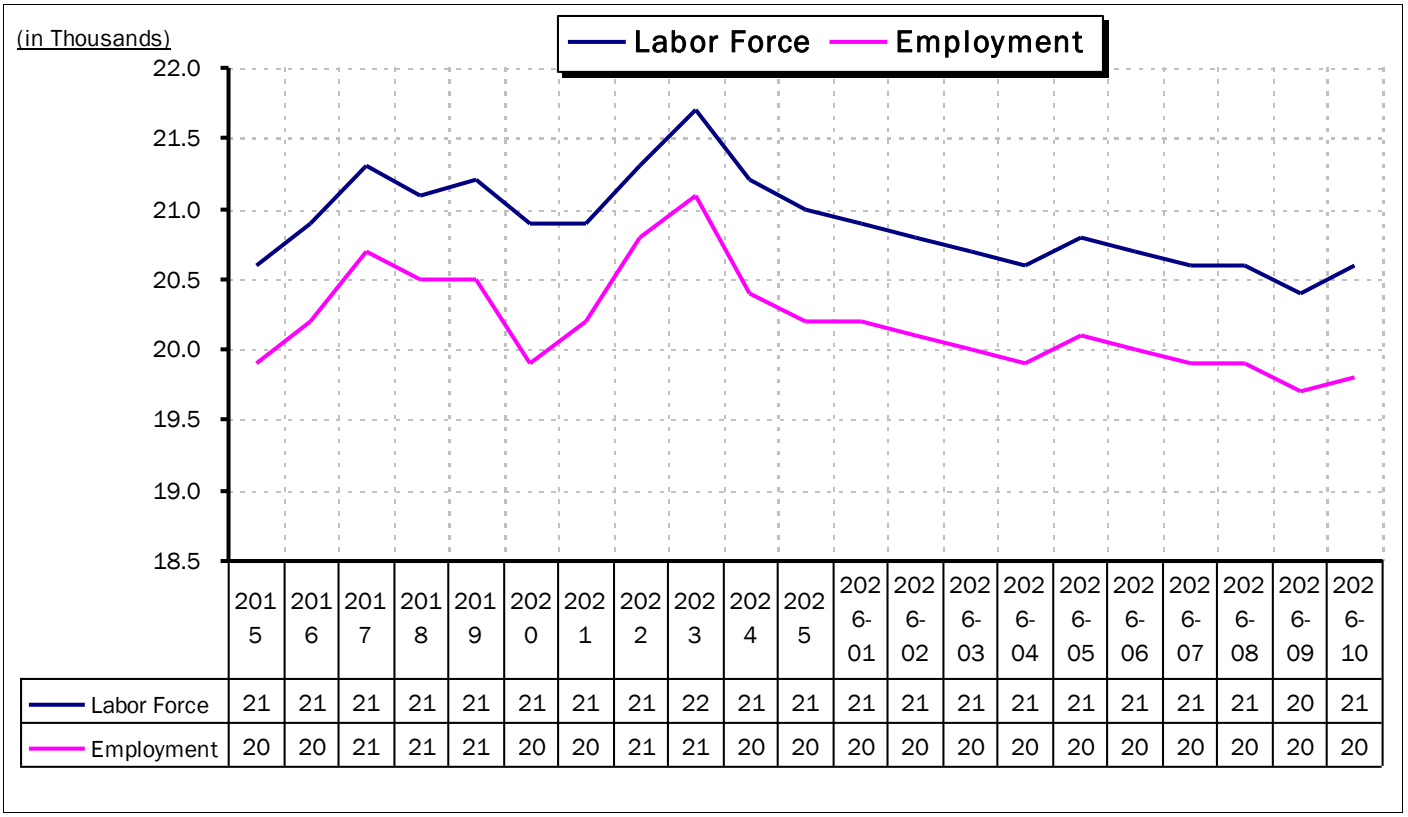
3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026



	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	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.8	2.9	5	3.3	2.6	2.8	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.9
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	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	20	21
Employment	20	20	21	21	21	20	20	21	21	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20

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	20,765	$39,133	1,450	$54,592	21,756	$56,356
Natural Resources and Mining	274	$57,019	41	$71,031	258	$70,004
Construction	776	$40,688	199	$64,148	1,113	$68,794
Manufacturing	3,726	$55,747	60	$71,723	4,007	$73,186
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	3,902	$34,429	284	$46,980	3,652	$49,559
Information	382	$32,583	17	$52,559	302	$55,521
Financial Activities	1,265	$51,889	133	$82,198	1,336	$83,244
Professional and Business Services	1,003	$32,753	192	$53,061	1,149	$53,279
Education and Health Services	5,162	$37,303	251	$50,735	5,364	$52,484
Leisure and Hospitality	2,096	$16,765	125	$23,875	2,180	$25,061
Other Services	540	$22,679	112	$36,727	651	$37,364
Public Administration	1,642	$44,208	34	$59,060	1,740	$61,618

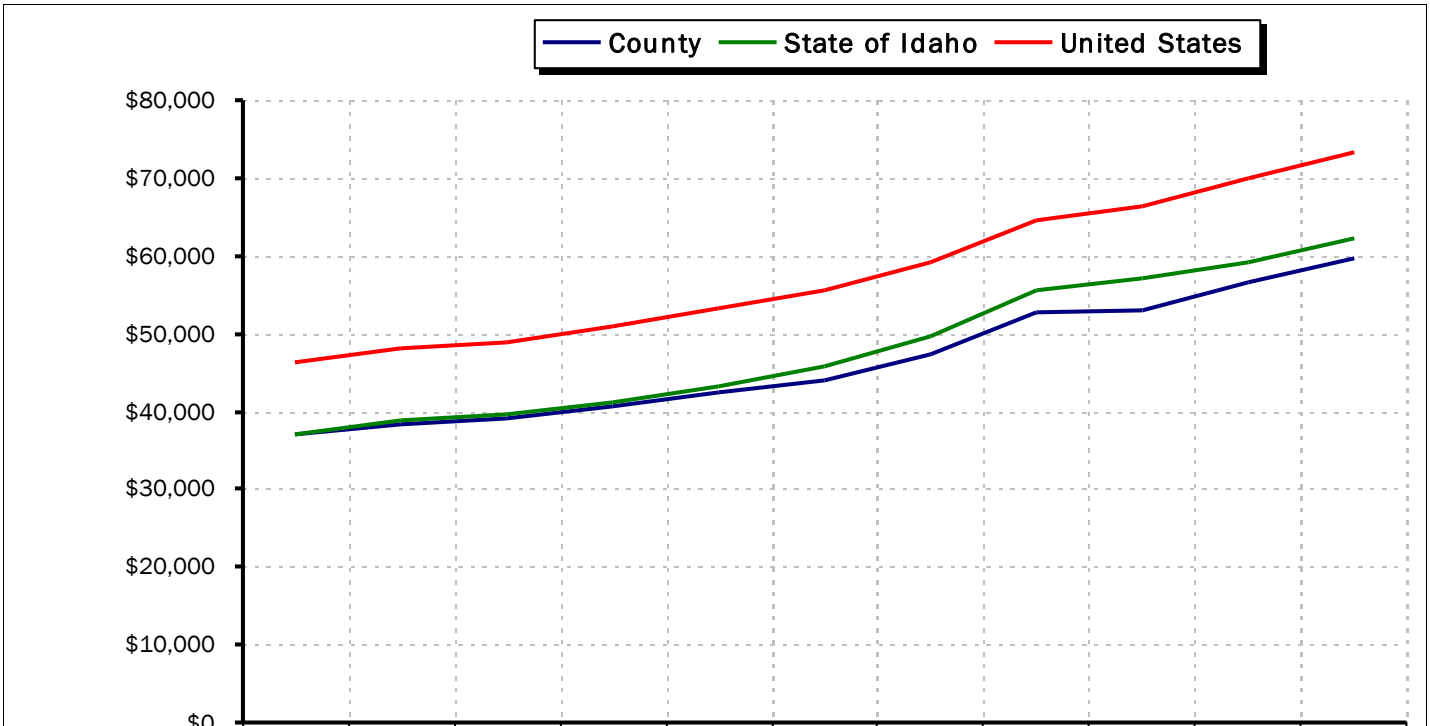
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Federal Cartridge Co	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Nez Perce Tribe	Local Government	500 - 999
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories	Private	500 - 999
Lewiston School District	Local Government	500 - 999
Clearwater Paper Corporation	Private	500 - 999
Lewis-clark State	State Government	500 - 999
City Of Lewiston	Local Government	250 - 499
Happy Day Corporation	Private	250 - 499
Nez Perce County	Local Government	250 - 499
Idaho Forest Group	Private	100 - 249

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

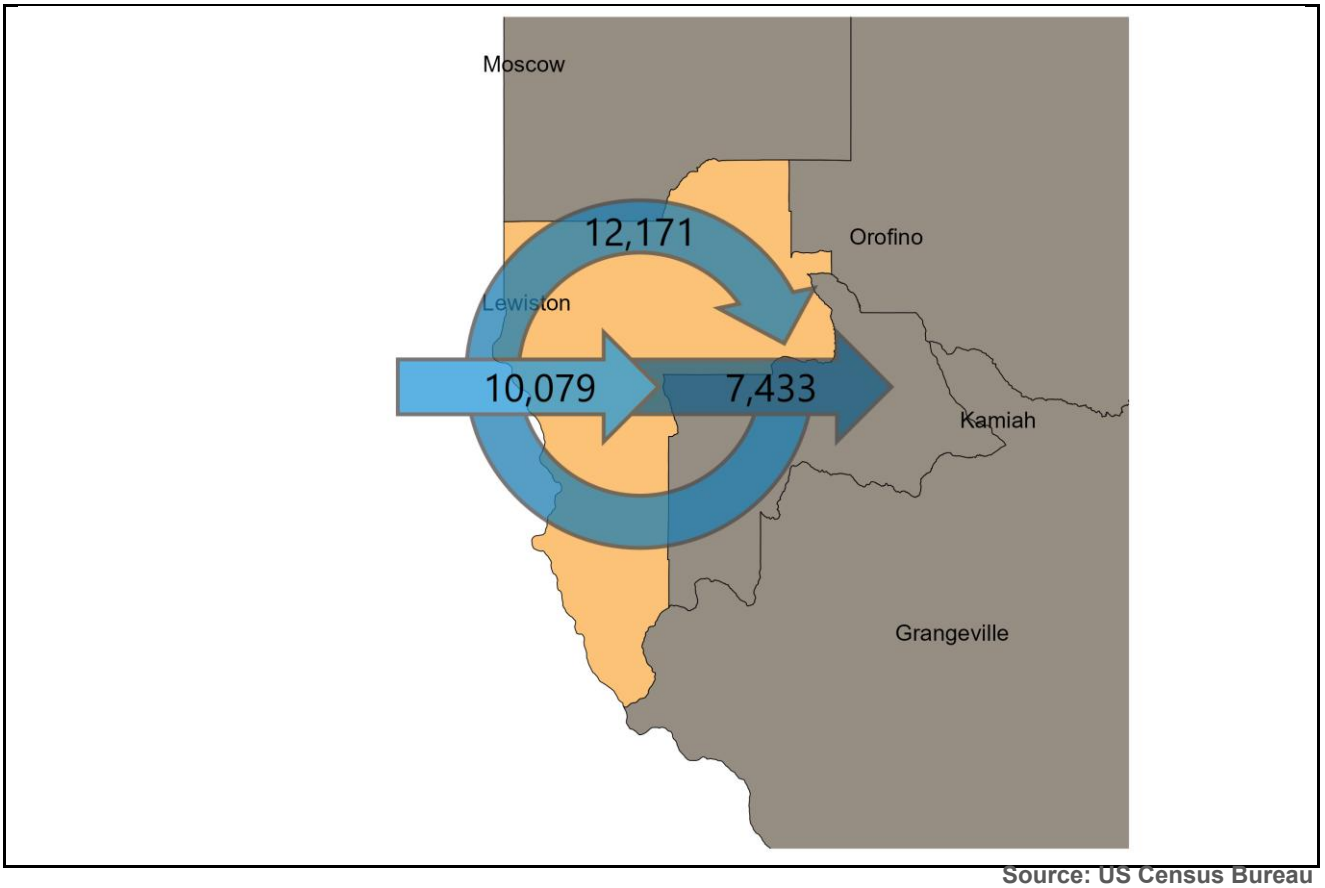


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	37,082	38,309	39,074	40,685	42,450	43,960	47,343	52,818	53,085	56,486	59,776
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 12,171 workers lived and worked in Nez Perce County in 2024. Another 10,079 workers were employed in Nez Perce County but lived outside, while 7,433 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston city, ID	9,031	40.6%
Clarkston city, WA	1,382	6.2%
Moscow city, ID	647	2.9%
Boise City city, ID	505	2.3%
Lapwai city, ID	497	2.2%
Pullman city, WA	391	1.8%
Coeur d'Alene city, ID	377	1.7%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	312	1.4%
Orofino city, ID	164	0.7%
Asotin city, WA	138	0.6%

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 Nez Perce County Work, 2024

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Lewiston city, ID	10,302	52.6%
Clarkston city, WA	1,282	6.5%
Clarkston Heights-Vineland CDP, WA	1,149	5.9%
West Clarkston-Highland CDP, WA	1,046	5.3%
Moscow city, ID	553	2.8%
Lapwai city, ID	273	1.4%
Boise City city, ID	242	1.2%
Coeur d'Alene city, ID	215	1.1%
Pullman city, WA	207	1.1%
Post Falls city, ID	159	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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