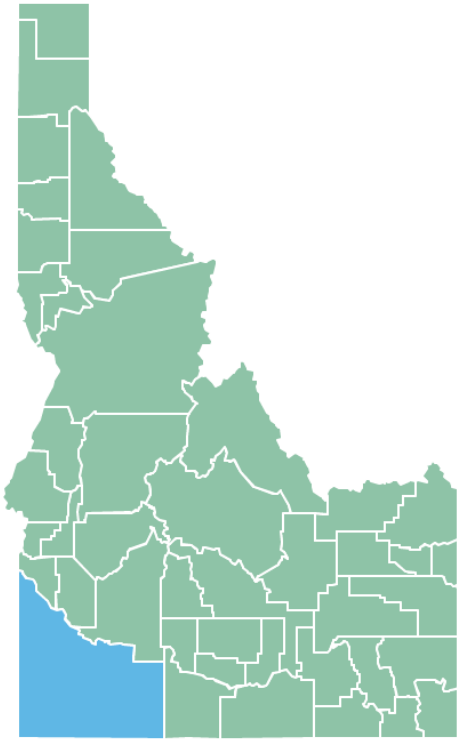


Owyhee County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

Owyhee County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026)	6,413
Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026)	3.8%
Population (2025)	12,661
Median Household Income (2024)	$64,406
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$52,712
Poverty Rate (2024)	12.2%



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

	Owyhee County	Owyhee County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	12,503	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	8,729	69.8%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	66	0.5%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	611	4.9%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	17	0.1%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	3,103	24.8%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	6,465	51.7%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	6,038	48.3%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	39.0	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	3,056	24.4%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	9,447	75.6%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	8,408	67.2%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	2,414	19.3%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	1,115	8.9%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	3,319	26.5%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	1,889	15.1%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	329	2.6%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	687	5.5%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	354	2.8%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$64,406	-	$77,800	$80,734

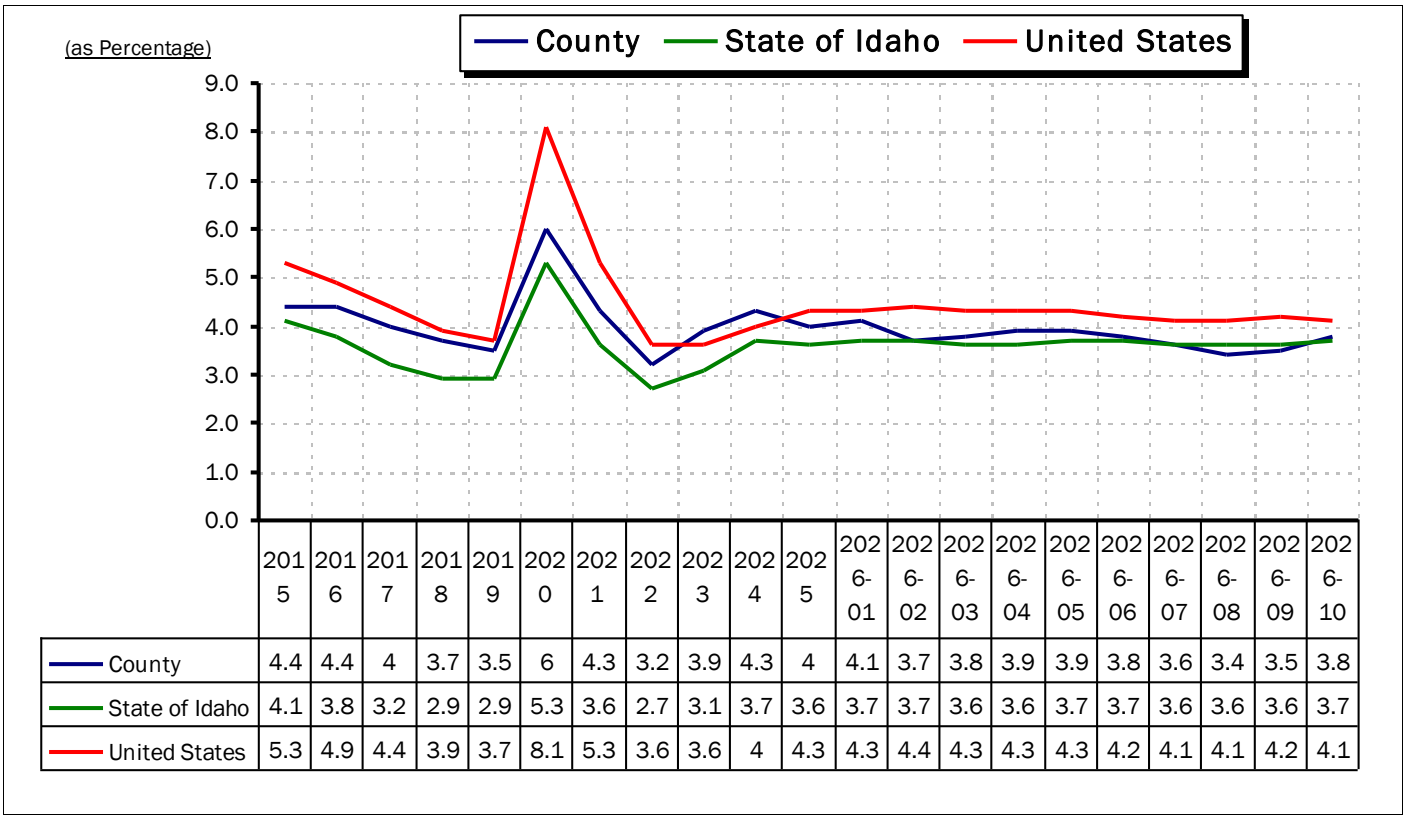
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2026	6,413	6,170	243	3.8%
October 2025	6,193	5,948	245	4.0%
YoY % Change	3.6%	3.7%	-0.8%	-0.2%

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

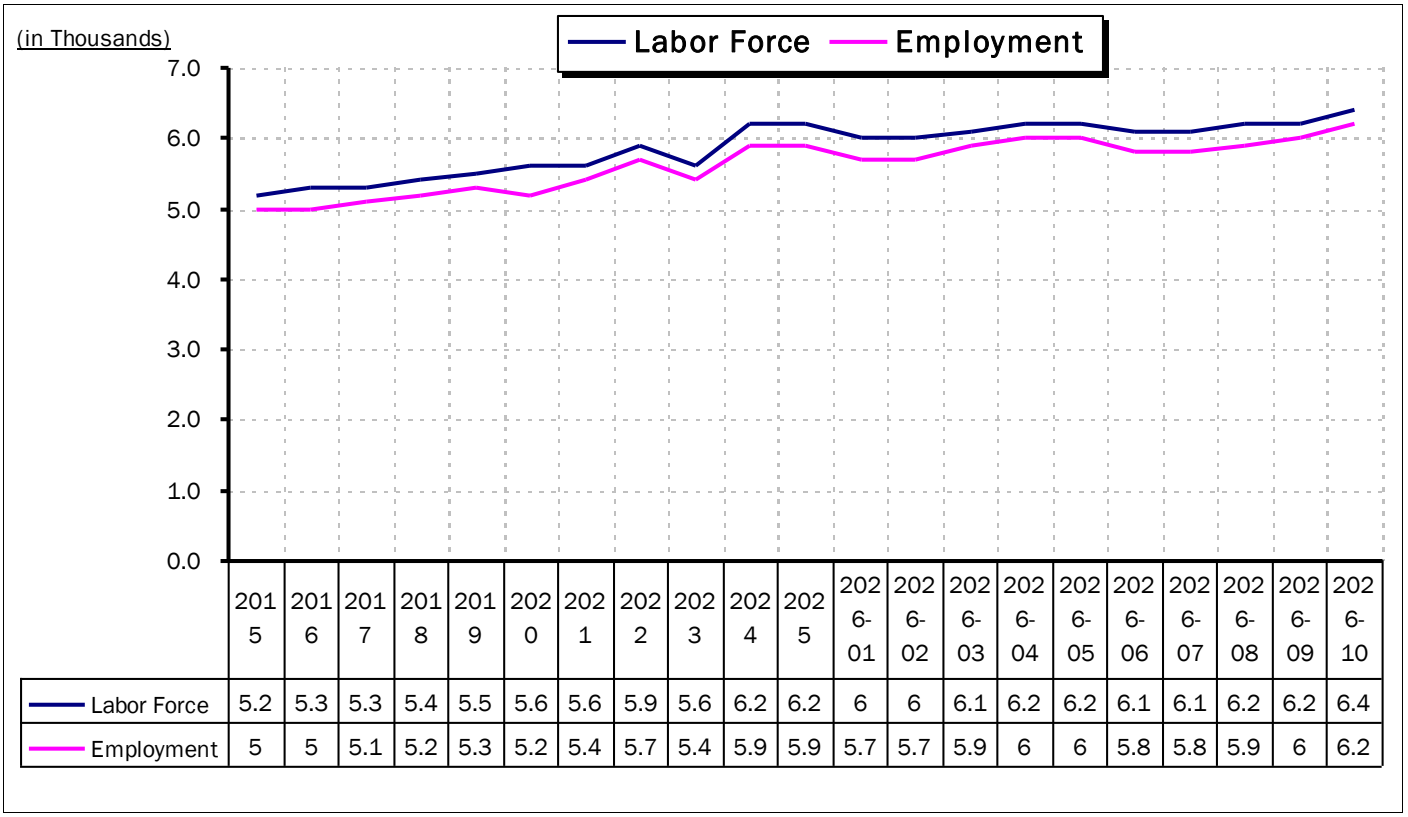
3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026



	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	4.4	4.4	4	3.7	3.5	6	4.3	3.2	3.9	4.3	4	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.5	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	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.9	5.6	6.2	6.2	6	6	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.2	6.4
Employment	5	5	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.4	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.9	6	6	5.8	5.8	5.9	6	6.2

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	3,061	$31,520	378	$47,268	3,413	$49,598
Natural Resources and Mining	1,248	$30,274	52	$47,327	1,131	$51,547
Construction	107	$38,965	63	$48,151	220	$54,104
Manufacturing	168	$39,930	16	$70,763	255	$82,020
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	409	$40,231	85	$45,477	534	$47,626
Information	27	$42,365	8	$34,875	25	$38,075
Financial Activities	37	$40,817	19	$46,287	34	$47,304
Professional and Business Services	149	$48,835	32	$78,984	158	$57,892
Education and Health Services	526	$24,937	30	$40,803	587	$41,838
Leisure and Hospitality	149	$11,899	37	$15,349	198	$15,427
Other Services	13	$34,816	18	$71,485	56	$66,861
Public Administration	229	$26,796	16	$42,429	214	$44,814

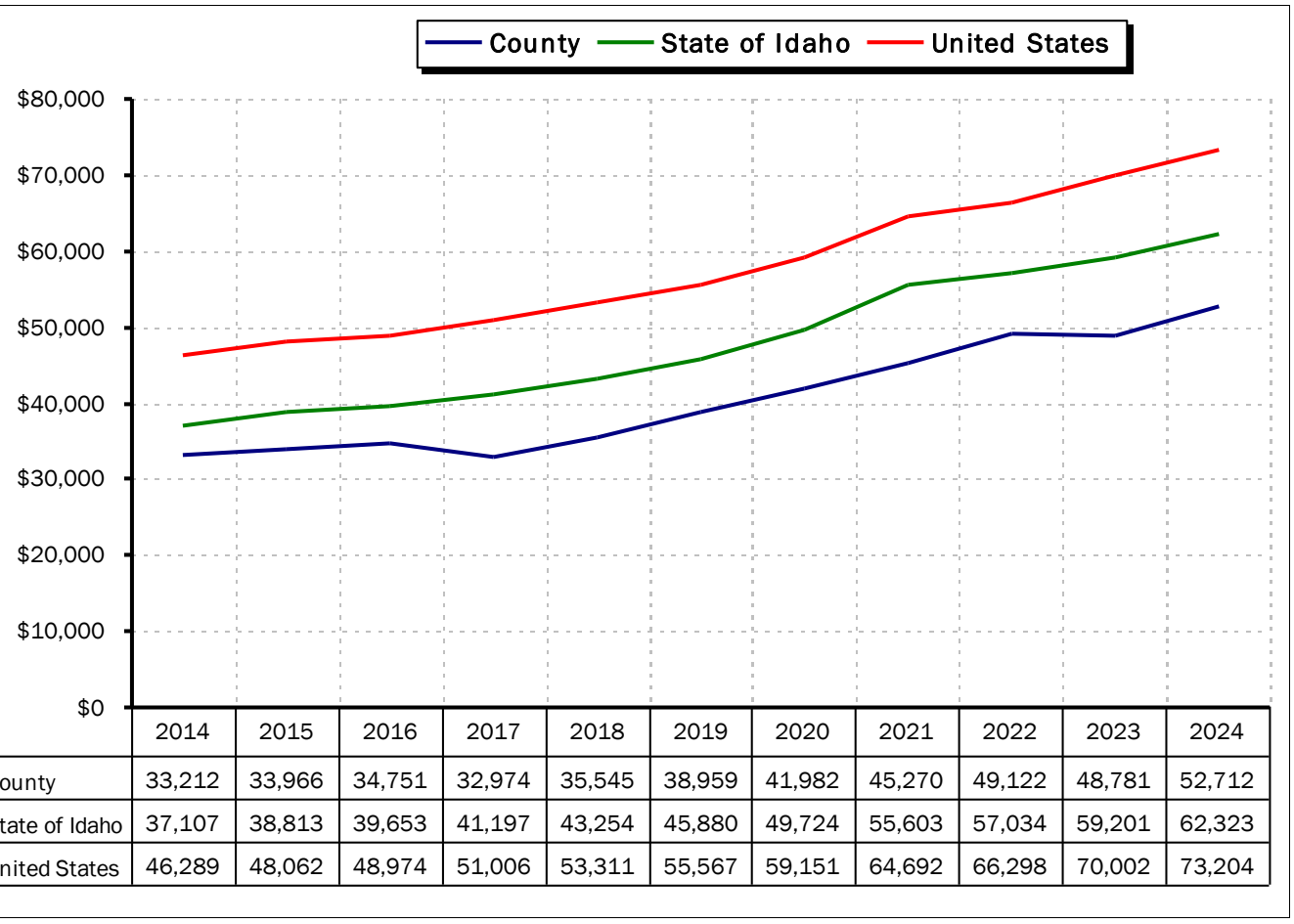
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Sponsoring Committee Inc	Private	250 - 499
Jr Simplot	Private	100 - 249
Homedale Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Marsing Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Nederend Farms	Private	100 - 249
Owyhee County	Local Government	050 - 099
Owyhee Health And Rehab Center	Private	050 - 099
Albertsons Llc	Private	050 - 099
Us Ecology Idaho	Private	050 - 099
Bruneau Grandview School District	Local Government	050 - 099

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

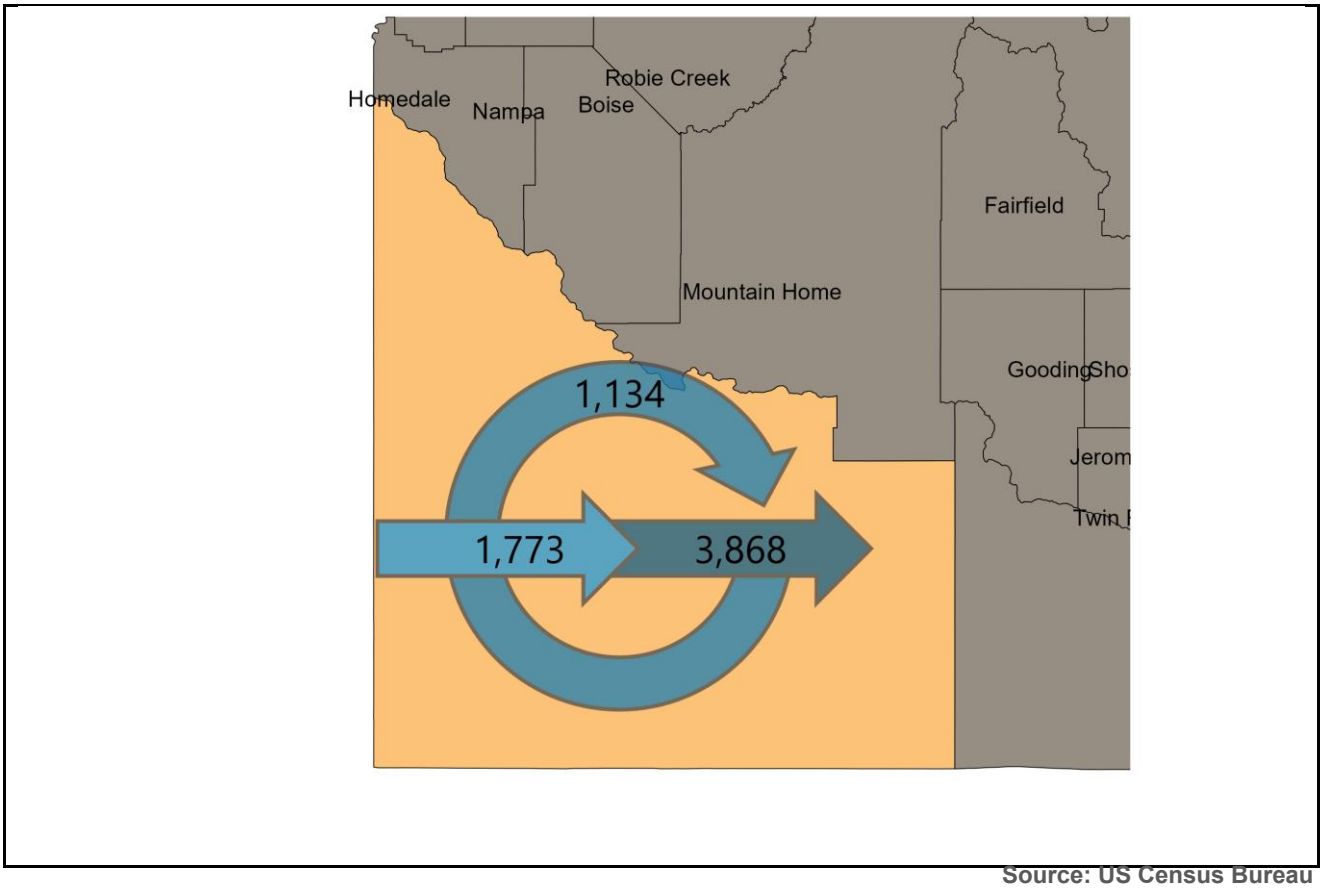


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	33,212	33,966	34,751	32,974	35,545	38,959	41,982	45,270	49,122	48,781	52,712
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 1,134 workers lived and worked in Owyhee County in 2024. Another 1,773 workers were employed in Owyhee County but lived outside, while 3,868 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Boise City city, ID	816	28.1%
Nampa city, ID	644	22.2%
Caldwell city, ID	462	15.9%
Homedale city, ID	357	12.3%
Meridian city, ID	333	11.5%
Marsing city, ID	155	5.3%
Grand View city, ID	70	2.4%
Twin Falls city, ID	67	2.3%
Mountain Home city, ID	62	2.1%
Eagle city, ID	50	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 Owyhee County Work, 2024

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Homedale city, ID	276	5.5%
Caldwell city, ID	211	4.2%
Nampa city, ID	210	4.2%
Boise City city, ID	122	2.4%
Mountain Home city, ID	119	2.4%
Marsing city, ID	100	2.0%
Meridian city, ID	99	2.0%
Grand View city, ID	56	1.1%
Wilder city, ID	42	0.8%
Middleton city, ID	29	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)

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