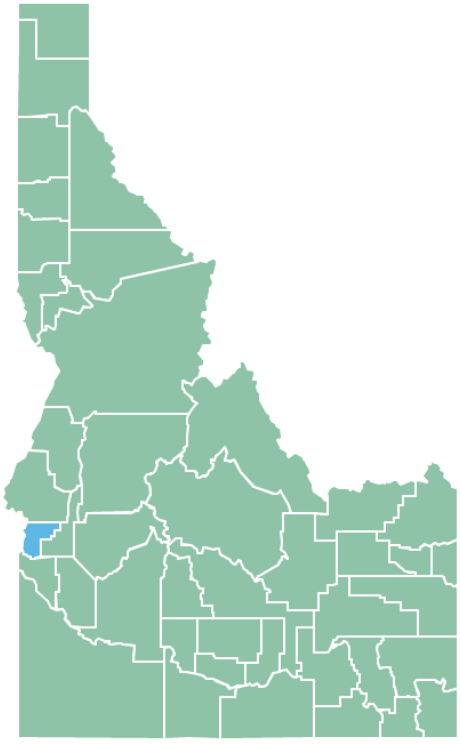


Payette County Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

Payette County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026)	12,854
Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026)	4.8%
Population (2025)	27,824
Median Household Income (2024)	$67,673
Per Capita Personal Income (2024)	$52,912
Poverty Rate (2024)	10.2%



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

	Payette County	Payette County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	26,771	100.0%	1,934,262	334,922,499
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	21,960	82.0%	81.7%	61.0%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	30	0.1%	0.8%	12.2%
Native American alone, not hispanic	223	0.8%	1.2%	0.9%
Asian alone, not hispanic	196	0.7%	1.4%	6.0%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	4,790	17.9%	13.6%	19.3%
Gender				
Male	13,390	50.0%	50.3%	49.5%
Female	13,381	50.0%	49.7%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	38.9	-	37.3	38.9
Under 18 years	6,826	25.5%	24.1%	22.0%
Over 18 years	19,945	74.5%	75.9%	78.0%
21 years and over	18,239	68.1%	66.1%	68.9%
Over 65 years	5,288	19.8%	17.0%	17.2%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	884	3.3%	2.1%	3.2%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	6,503	24.3%	17.3%	17.9%
Some college, no degree	4,139	15.5%	16.0%	13.1%
Associate's degree	1,933	7.2%	6.4%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	2,225	8.3%	14.1%	14.9%
Graduate or professional degree	930	3.5%	7.0%	9.7%
Median Household Income	$67,673	-	$77,800	$80,734

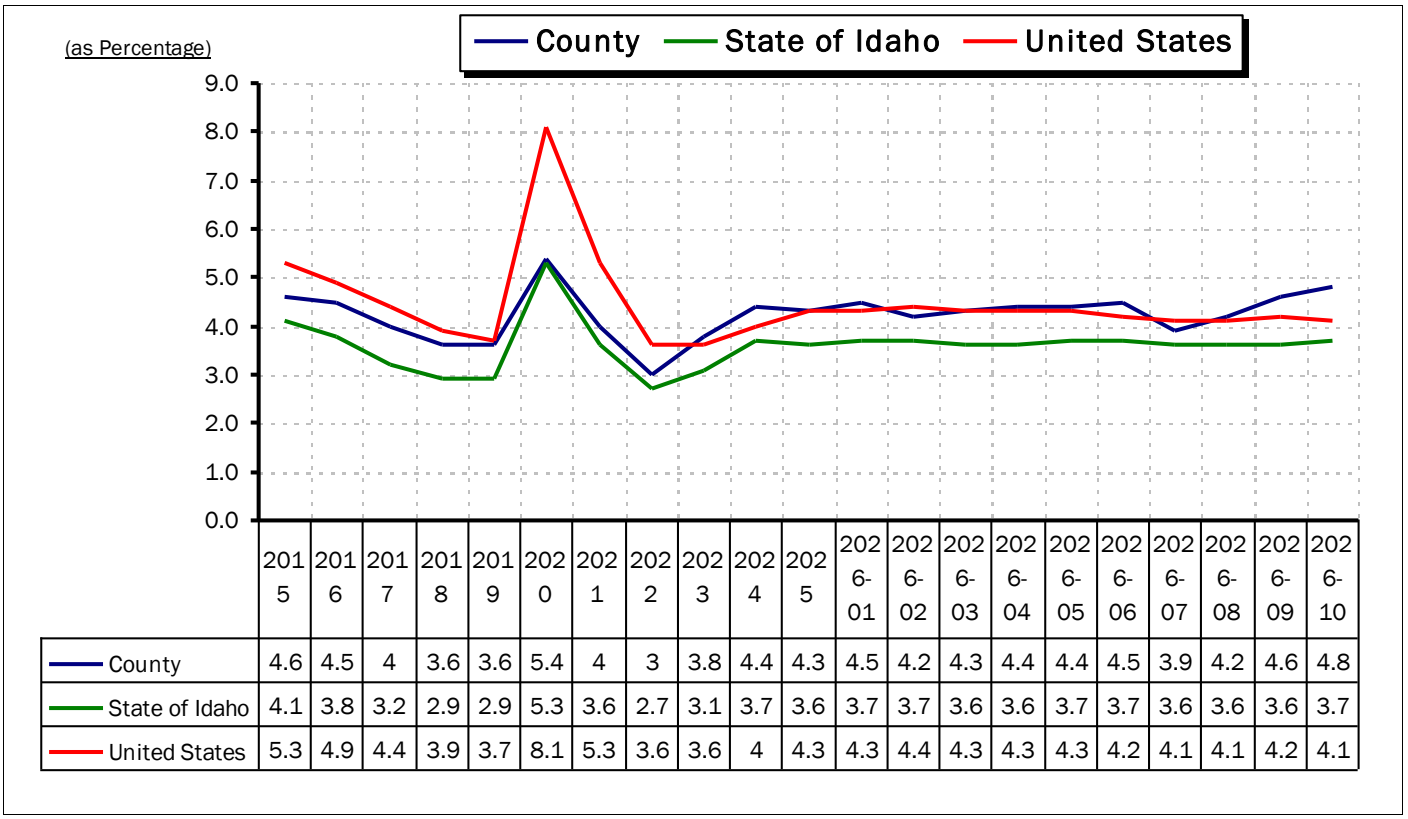
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2026	12,854	12,232	622	4.8%
October 2025	12,576	12,039	538	4.3%
YoY % Change	2.2%	1.6%	15.7%	0.5%

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

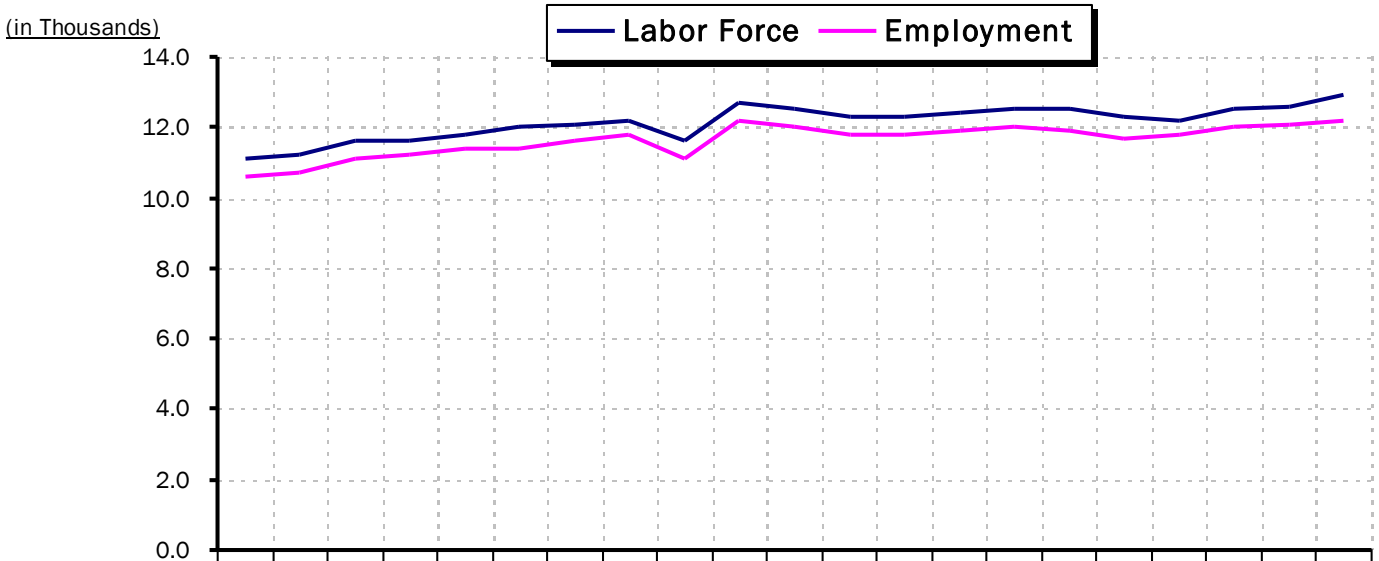
3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026



	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	4.6	4.5	4	3.6	3.6	5.4	4	3	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.6	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	11	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	13	12	12	12	13	13	12	12	13	13	13
Employment	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

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	6,126	$34,544	820	$49,327	7,170	$51,607
Natural Resources and Mining	368	$27,477	46	$44,391	307	$45,495
Construction	249	$33,145	116	$63,558	523	$69,175
Manufacturing	1,252	$33,023	42	$53,126	1,344	$54,734
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	950	$39,252	144	$53,316	1,139	$54,621
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Financial Activities	270	$51,250	80	$56,002	281	$59,606
Professional and Business Services	649	$31,018	128	$50,881	694	$53,135
Education and Health Services	1,242	$34,624	134	$49,642	1,650	$51,548
Leisure and Hospitality	214	$10,962	50	$19,465	486	$20,569
Other Services	238	$23,347	56	$42,109	310	$47,340
Public Administration	370	$34,500	14	$44,827	396	$45,672

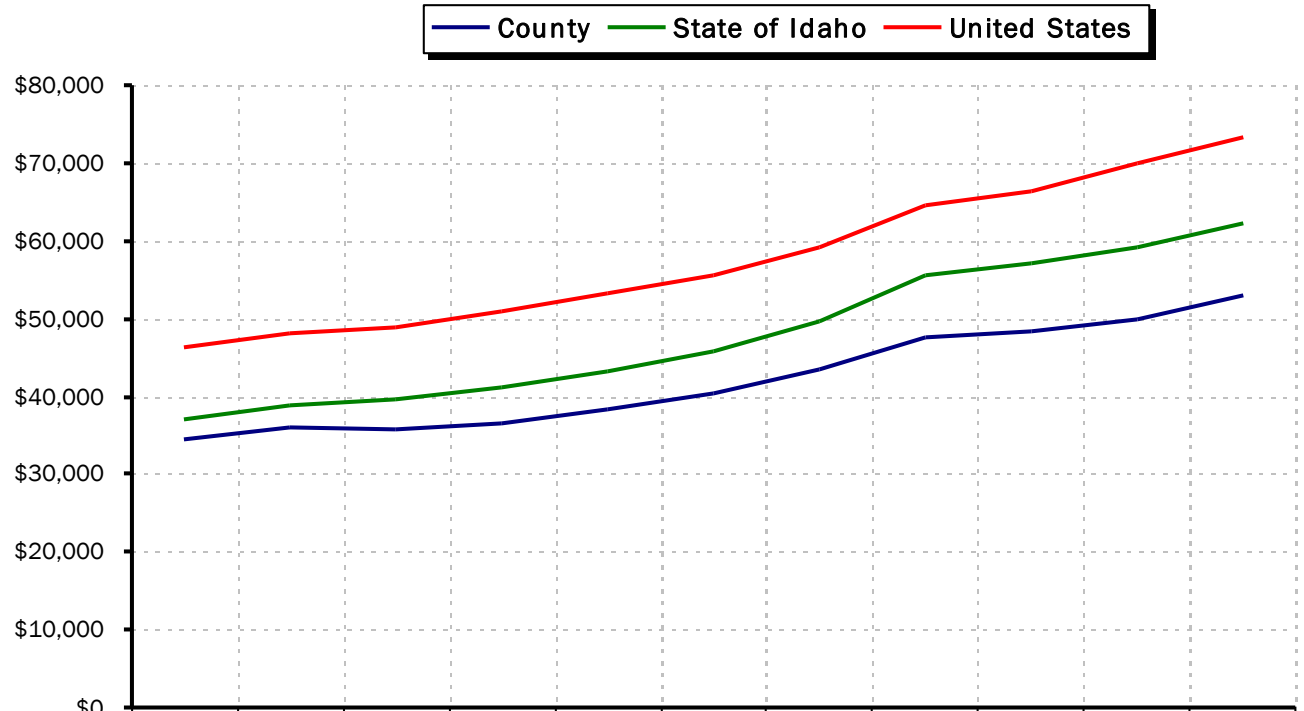
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2025

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Woodgrain Millwork Inc	Private	250 - 499
Dickinson Frozen Foods Inc	Private	250 - 499
Fruitland School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Payette Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Coca-cola Bottling Co	Private	100 - 249
Payette County	Local Government	100 - 249
New Plymouth School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Saint Luke's Regional Medical Center	Private	100 - 249
American Temporary Service	Private	100 - 249
Western Idaho Community Action	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

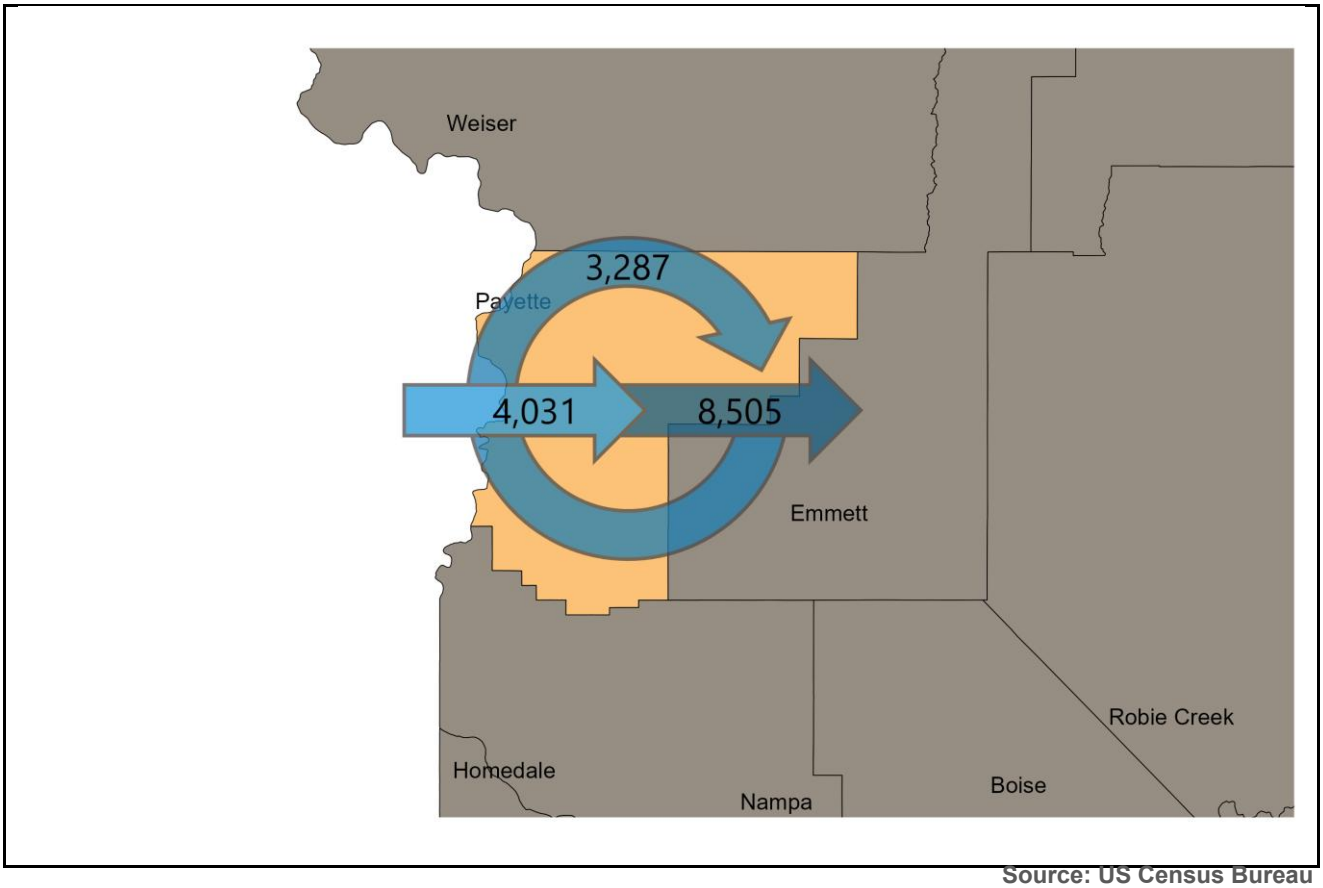


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
County	34,342	35,986	35,857	36,634	38,221	40,478	43,371	47,556	48,419	50,002	52,912
State of Idaho	37,107	38,813	39,653	41,197	43,254	45,880	49,724	55,603	57,034	59,201	62,323
United States	46,289	48,062	48,974	51,006	53,311	55,567	59,151	64,692	66,298	70,002	73,204

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 3,287 workers lived and worked in Payette County in 2024. Another 4,031 workers were employed in Payette County but lived outside, while 8,505 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

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

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Ontario city, OR	1,973	27.0%
Boise City city, ID	1,461	20.0%
Fruitland city, ID	1,133	15.5%
Payette city, ID	959	13.1%
Nampa city, ID	792	10.8%
Meridian city, ID	538	7.4%
Caldwell city, ID	451	6.2%
New Plymouth city, ID	261	3.6%
Weiser city, ID	178	2.4%
Garden City city, ID	129	1.8%

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)

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

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Payette city, ID	1,051	8.9%
Fruitland city, ID	887	7.5%
Ontario city, OR	402	3.4%
Nampa city, ID	374	3.2%
Caldwell city, ID	304	2.6%
Meridian city, ID	245	2.1%
Boise City city, ID	244	2.1%
Weiser city, ID	210	1.8%
New Plymouth city, ID	176	1.5%
Emmett city, ID	92	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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