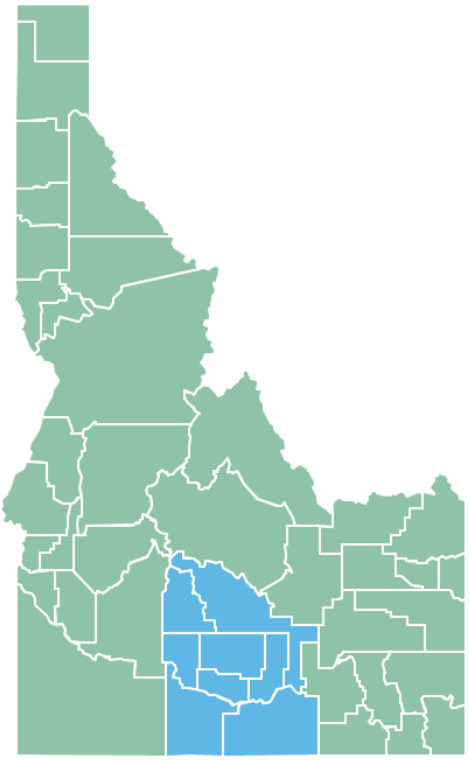


# South Central Idaho Labor Force And Economic Profile

Last Updated: November 2026

## South Central Idaho Economic Overview

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|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2026) | 111,135 |
| Unemployment Rate (Oct 2026) | 3.6% |
| Population (2025) | 222,091 |
| Median Household Income (2024) | $70,734 |
| Per Capita Personal Income (2024) | $75,528 |
| Poverty Rate (2024) | 11.5% |





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## 1. South Central Demographic Characteristics, 2024 5-Year ACS

| | South Central | Region (%) | State of Idaho (%) | United States (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Population** | 213,962 | 100.0% | 1,934,262 | 334,922,499 |
| **Race and Ethnicity** | | | | |
| White alone, not hispanic | 157,060 | 73.4% | 81.7% | 61.0% |
| Black or African American alone, not hispanic | 1,135 | 0.5% | 0.8% | 12.2% |
| Native American alone, not hispanic | 2,531 | 1.2% | 1.2% | 0.9% |
| Asian alone, not hispanic | 1,479 | 0.7% | 1.4% | 6.0% |
| Hispanic or Latino (of any race) | 55,035 | 25.7% | 13.6% | 19.3% |
| **Gender** | | | | |
| Male | 108,040 | 50.5% | 50.3% | 49.5% |
| Female | 105,922 | 49.5% | 49.7% | 50.5% |
| **Age** | | | | |
| Median age | 37.0 | - | 37.3 | 38.9 |
| Under 18 years | 56,952 | 26.6% | 24.1% | 22.0% |
| Over 18 years | 157,010 | 73.4% | 75.9% | 78.0% |
| 21 years and over | 138,343 | 64.7% | 66.1% | 68.9% |
| Over 65 years | 35,827 | 16.7% | 17.0% | 17.2% |
| **Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)** | | | | |
| Less than 9th grade | 9,208 | 4.3% | 2.1% | 3.2% |
| High school graduate (with equivalencies) | 38,514 | 6.9% | 17.3% | 17.9% |
| Some college, no degree | 32,667 | 15.3% | 16.0% | 13.1% |
| Associate's degree | 14,753 | 6.9% | 6.4% | 6.1% |
| Bachelor's degree | 22,206 | 10.4% | 14.1% | 14.9% |
| Graduate or professional degree | 10,781 | 5.0% | 7.0% | 9.7% |
| **Median Household Income** | $70,734 | - | $77,800 | $80,734 |

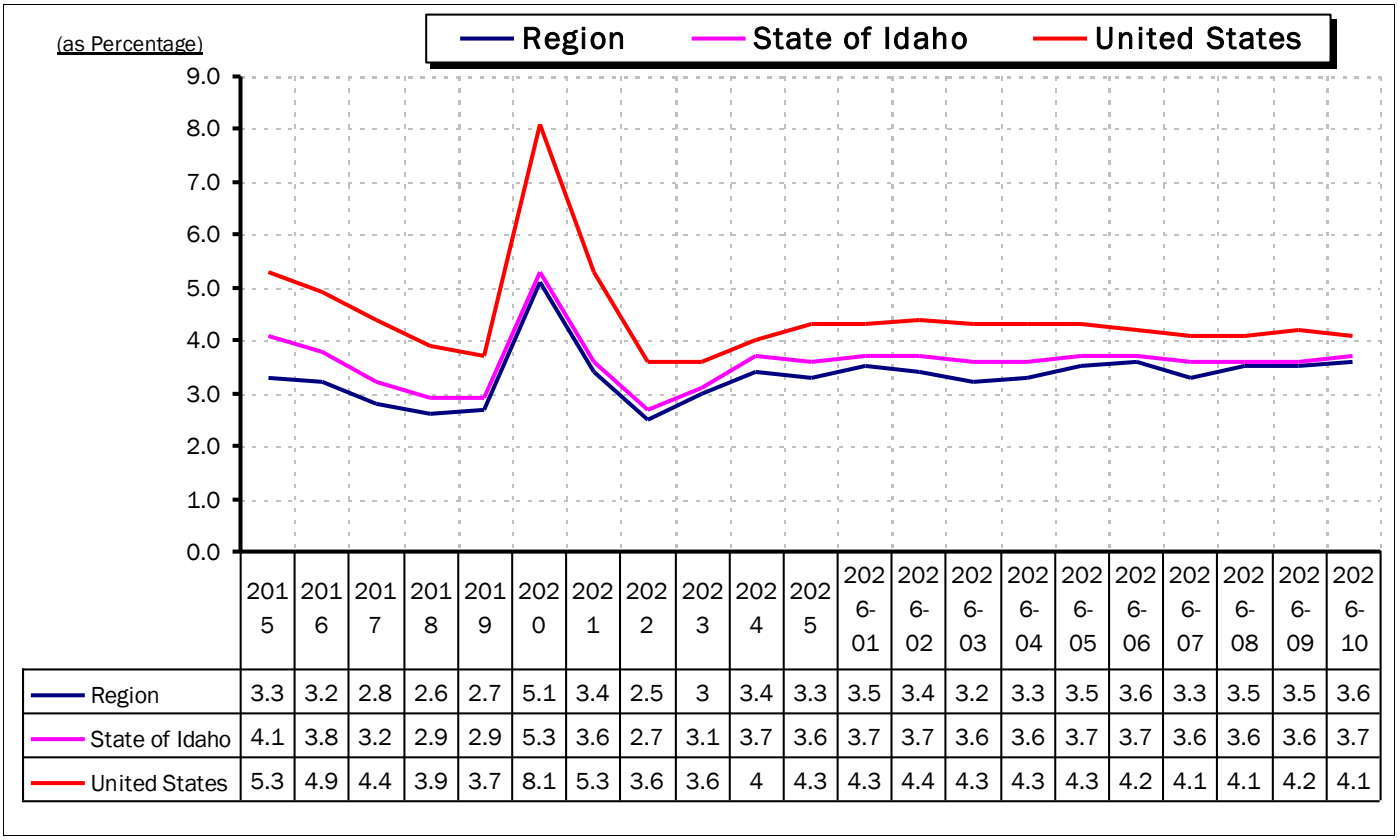
**Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**

## 2. Labor Force Growth, October 2025 to October 2026

| | Labor Force | Employment | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| October 2026 | 111,135 | 107,137 | 3,998 | 3.6% |
| October 2025 | 110,061 | 106,379 | 3,682 | 3.3% |
| **YoY % Change** | **1.0%** | **0.7%** | **8.6%** | **0.3%** |

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

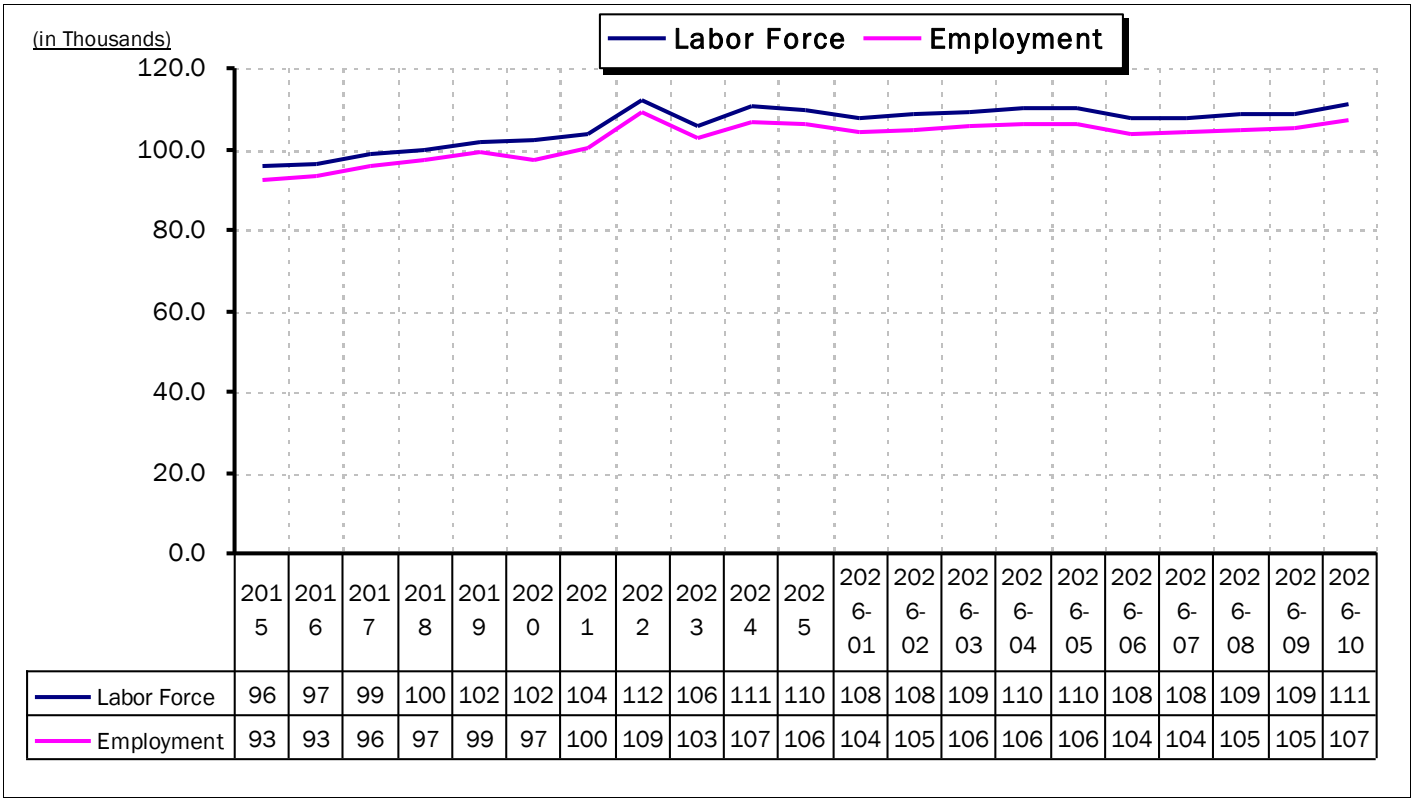
## 3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2015 to October 2026




| | 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Region | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 3 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| 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 | 96 | 97 | 99 | 100 | 102 | 102 | 104 | 112 | 106 | 111 | 110 | 108 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 110 | 108 | 108 | 109 | 109 | 111 |
| Employment | 93 | 93 | 96 | 97 | 99 | 97 | 100 | 109 | 103 | 107 | 106 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 106 | 106 | 104 | 104 | 105 | 105 | 107 |

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

## 5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2015, 2024, and 2025

| Industry Sector | 2015 Average Employment | 2015 Average Wages | 2024 Average Employment | 2024 Average Wages | 2025 Average Employment | 2025 Average Wages |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Covered Wages | 84,712 | $34,238 | 98,658 | $50,912 | 99,720 | $53,024 |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 10,342 | $33,039 | 11,420 | $47,717 | 11,423 | $49,592 |
| Construction | 4,308 | $38,555 | 7,364 | $59,381 | 7,475 | $63,297 |
| Manufacturing | 9,560 | $45,153 | 12,324 | $60,885 | 12,404 | $65,600 |
| Trade,Transportation, and Utilities | 18,209 | $34,944 | 19,848 | $50,949 | 19,898 | $52,408 |
| Information | 922 | $39,546 | 854 | $65,649 | 781 | $69,634 |
| Financial Activities | 2,512 | $43,099 | 2,731 | $71,414 | 2,762 | $74,489 |
| Professional and Business Services | 8,062 | $34,555 | 7,366 | $60,495 | 7,584 | $60,981 |
| Education and Health Services | 16,016 | $33,743 | 19,233 | $50,007 | 19,637 | $51,012 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 8,469 | $16,382 | 10,824 | $25,510 | 10,838 | $26,889 |
| Other Services | 2,349 | $29,160 | 2,484 | $44,066 | 2,508 | $45,827 |
| Public Administration | 3,962 | $38,777 | 4,194 | $55,908 | 4,363 | $59,389 |

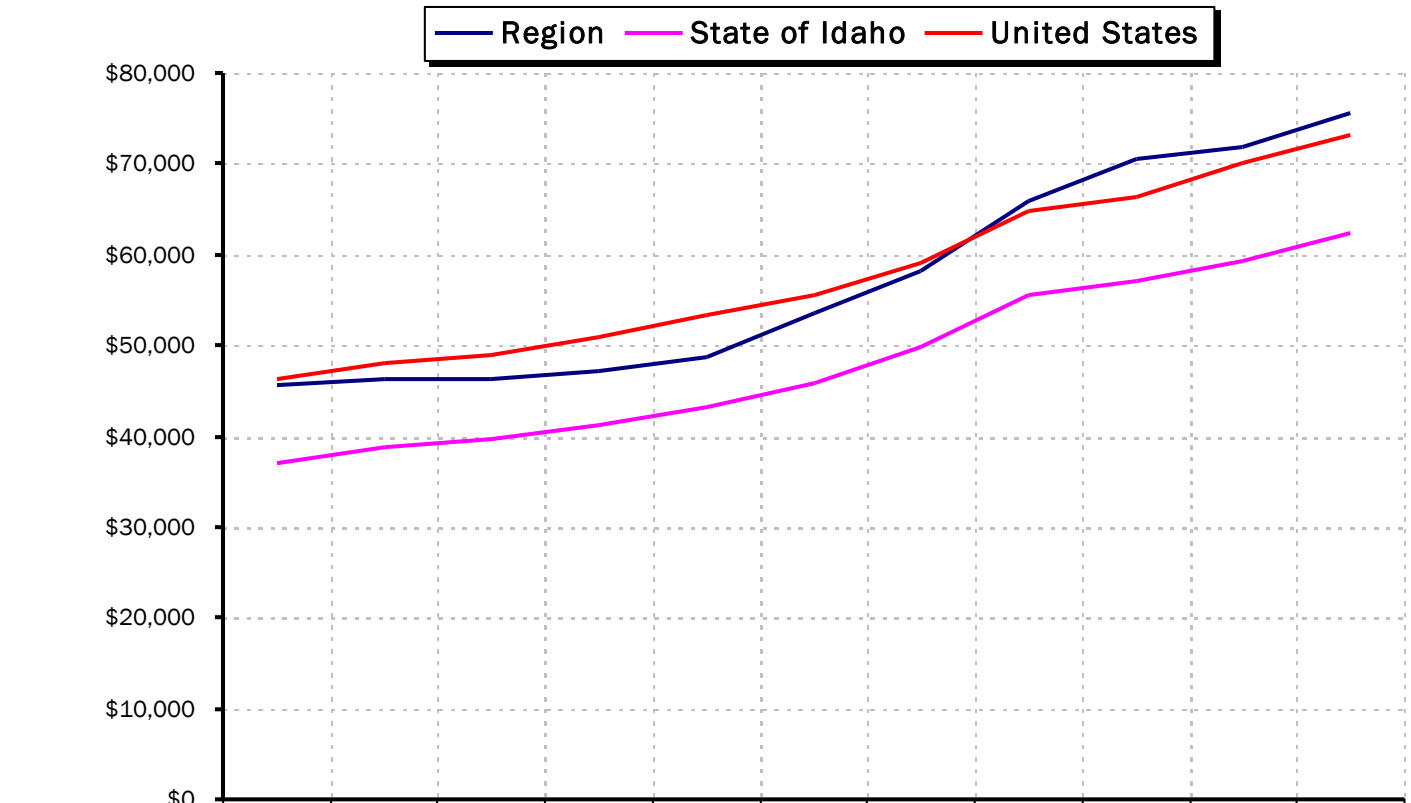
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

## 6. Top Employers, 2025

| Employer | Ownership | Employment Range |
|---|---|---|
| Saint Luke's Jerome LTD | Private | 2,500 - 4,999 |
| Sun Valley Co | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Chobani LLC | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Twin Falls School District | Local Government | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Amalgamated Sugar Co | Private | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| College of Southern Idaho | Local Government | 1,000 - 2,499 |
| Walmart | Private | 500 - 999 |
| Cassia County School District | Local Government | 500 - 999 |
| Mccain Foods Inc | Private | 500 - 999 |
| Nelson Ricks Creamery Co | Private | 500 - 999 |

**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)**

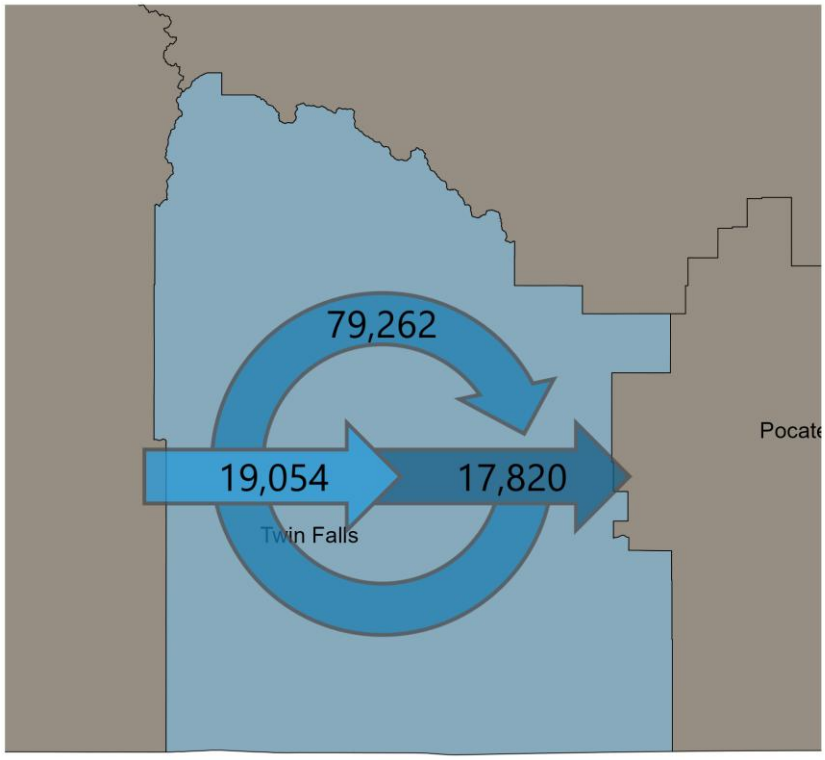
## 7. Per Capita Income, 2014 to 2024




| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Region | 45,579 | 46,365 | 46,254 | 47,089 | 48,813 | 53,651 | 58,240 | 65,865 | 70,630 | 71,933 | 75,528 |
| 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 |

## 8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2024

It is estimated that 79,262 workers lived and worked in South Central Idaho in . Another 19,054 workers were employed in South Central Idaho but lived outside, while 17,820 workers lived in the area but commuted outside for work.




Source: US Census Bureau

## 9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in South Central Idaho Live, 2024

| City of Residence | Count of All Jobs | Percentage of Total Jobs |
|---|---|---|
| Twin Falls city, ID | 26,099 | 26.5% |
| Burley city, ID | 6,781 | 6.9% |
| Boise City city, ID | 4,599 | 4.7% |
| Jerome city, ID | 4,470 | 4.5% |
| Hailey city, ID | 3,071 | 3.1% |
| Ketchum city, ID | 3,042 | 3.1% |
| Rupert city, ID | 1,979 | 2.0% |
| Sun Valley city, ID | 1,637 | 1.7% |
| Nampa city, ID | 1,179 | 1.2% |
| Meridian city, ID | 1,178 | 1.2% |

**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 South Central Idaho Work, 2024

| City of Employment | Count of All Jobs | Percentage of Total Jobs |
|---|---|---|
| Twin Falls city, ID | 20,056 | 20.7% |
| Jerome city, ID | 4,795 | 4.9% |
| Burley city, ID | 4,574 | 4.7% |
| Hailey city, ID | 3,811 | 3.9% |
| Rupert city, ID | 2,163 | 2.2% |
| Kimberly city, ID | 1,666 | 1.7% |
| Boise City city, ID | 1,629 | 1.7% |
| Buhl city, ID | 1,619 | 1.7% |
| Heyburn city, ID | 1,186 | 1.2% |
| Bellevue city, ID | 1,126 | 1.2% |

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