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Owyhee County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Oct 2023) 5.701 **Unemployment Rate (Oct 2023)** 4.2% Population (2022) 12.613 Median Household Income (2021) \$54,669 \$43.713 Per Capita Personal Income (2021) Poverty Rate (2021) 15.2%

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1. Owyhee County Demographic Characteristics, 2021 5-Year ACS

	Owyhee County	Owyhee County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)	
Total Population	11,815	100.0%	1,811,617	329,725,481	
Race and Ethnicity					
White alone, not hispanic	9,785	82.8%	86.5%	68.2%	
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	76	0.6%	0.7%	12.6%	
Native American alone, not hispanic	544	4.6%	1.3%	0.8%	
Asian alone, not hispanic	43	0.4%	1.4%	5.7%	
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	3,074	26.0%	12.9%	18.4%	
Gender					
Male	6,173	52.2%	50.4%	49.5%	
Female	5,642	47.8%	49.6%	50.5%	
Age					
Median age	40.0	-	36.8	38.4	
Under 18 years	3,038	25.7%	25.3%	22.5%	
Over 18 years	8,777	74.3%	74.7%	77.5%	
21 years and over	7,816	66.2%	65.4%	68.3%	
Over 65 years	2,105	17.8%	15.8%	16.0%	
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)					
Less than 9th grade	1,152	9.8%	2.2%	3.3%	
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	2,423	20.5%	18.7%	18.2%	
Some college, no degree	1,866	15.8%	16.4%	13.4%	
Associate's degree	523	4.4%	7.0%	6.1%	
Bachelor's degree	801	6.8%	14.0%	14.7%	
Graduate or professional degree	238	2.0%	7.3%	9.5%	
Median Household Income	\$54,669	-	\$63,377	\$69,021	

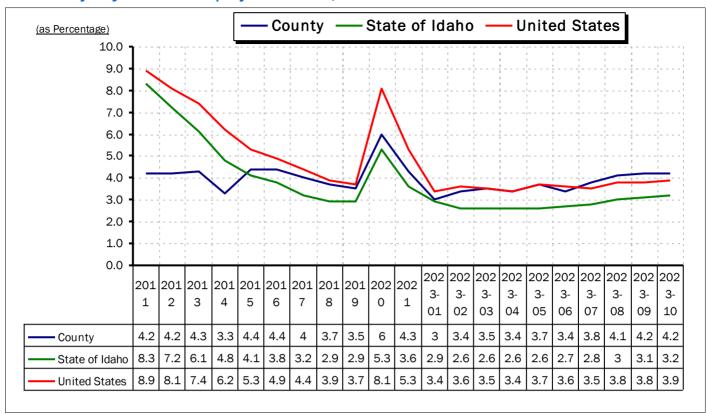
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, October 2022 to October 2023

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
October 2023	5,701	5,460	241	4.2%
October 2022	6,457	6,268	189	2.9%
YoY % Change	-11.7%	-12.9%	27.5%	1.3%

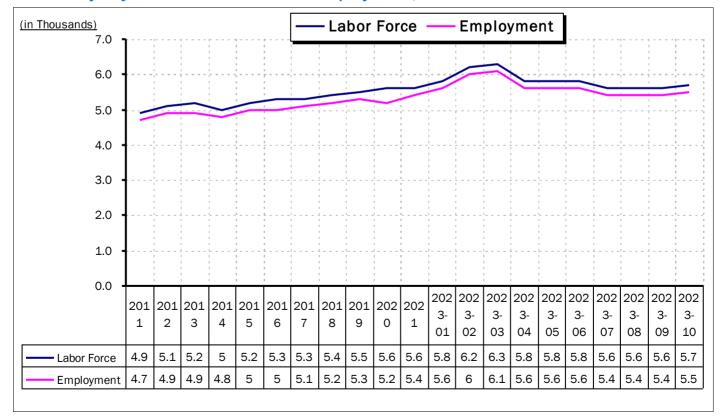
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2012 to October 2023



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4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2012 to October 2023



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5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2012, 2021, and 2022

	201	2	202	21	202	2
Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	2,956	\$28,809	3,287	\$39,413	2,981	\$43,669
Natural Resources and Mining	1,268	\$28,111	1,122	\$41,726	764	\$46,451
Construction	91	\$31,720	180	\$40,886	187	\$45,266
Manufacturing	159	\$33,694	141	\$56,917	148	\$59,866
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	356	\$35,472	550	\$40,856	561	\$46,106
Information	24	\$39,737	22	\$37,163	22	\$40,850
Financial Activities	38	\$43,111	31	\$48,739	32	\$56,539
Professional and Business Services	157	\$43,374	185	\$65,539	179	\$75,357
Education and Health Services	534	\$22,943	565	\$34,600	572	\$37,615
Leisure and Hospitality	122	\$10,422	230	\$12,378	256	\$13,906
Other Services	8	\$26,611	17	\$35,485	35	\$60,947
Public Administration	199	\$27,660	238	\$31,199	226	\$36,026

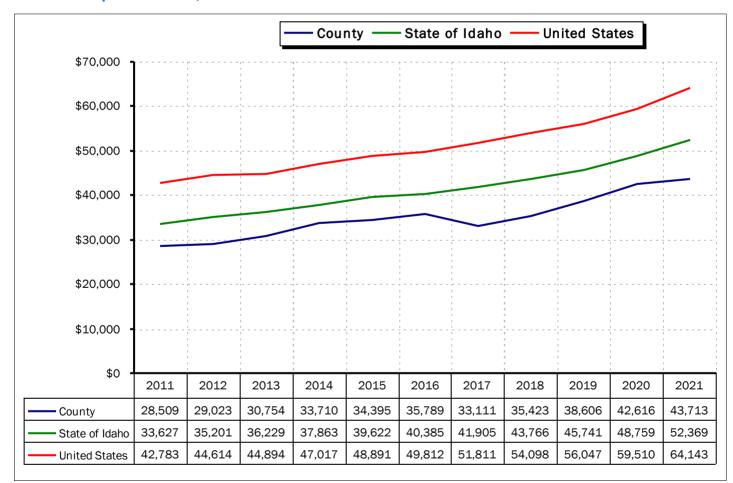
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2022

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
J R Simplot	Private	250 - 499
Homedale Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Marsing Joint School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Owyhee County	Local Government	050 - 099
Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center	Private	050 - 099
Albertsons	Private	050 - 099
Bruneau-grandview Joint School District	Local Government	050 - 099
U.s. Ecology Idaho	Private	010 - 049
Savory Layne Bbq	Private	010 - 049
Delamar Silver Mine	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)

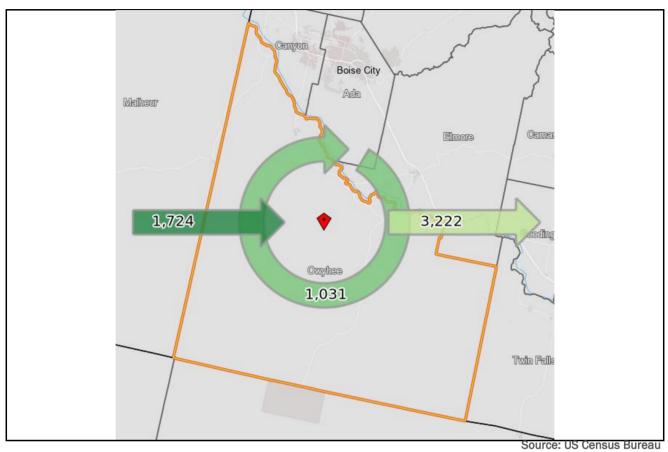
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2011 to 2021



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2020

It is estimated that 1,031 workers lived and worked in Owyhee County in 2020. Another 1,724 workers were employed in Owyhee County but lived outside, while 3,222 workers commuted to other counties for work.



9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Owyhee County Live, 2020

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Homedale	248	9.0%
Nampa	220	8.0%
Caldwell	201	7.3%
Boise City	119	4.3%
Marsing	99	3.6%
Mountain Home	92	3.3%
Meridian	76	2.8%
Grand View	42	1.5%
Wilder	40	1.5%
Kuna	33	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 Owyhee County Work, 2020

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Boise City	679	16.0%
Nampa	452	10.6%
Caldwell	415	9.8%
Homedale	324	7.6%
Meridian	269	6.3%
Marsing	140	3.3%
Twin Falls	56	1.3%
Mountain Home	51	1.2%
Murphy	49	1.2%
Ontario , OR	47	1.1%

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