Eastern Idaho Labor Force And Economic Profile

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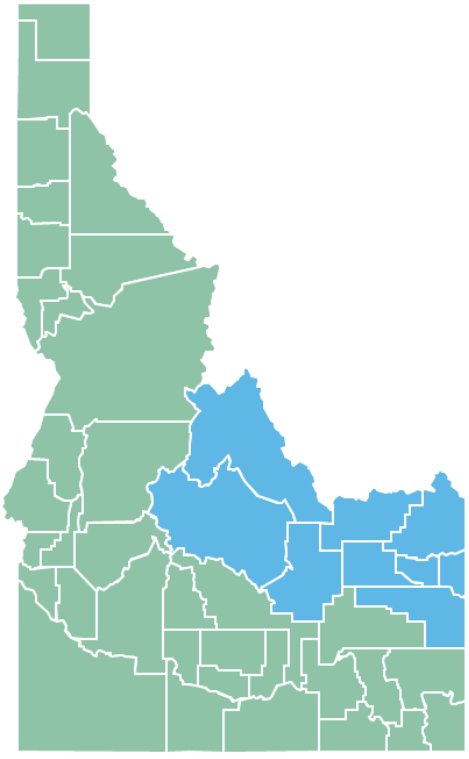
Eastern Idaho Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2021)	121,102
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2021)	2.3%
Population (2020)	234,553
Median Household Income (2019)	$56,301
Per Capita Personal Income (2019)	$41,039
Poverty Rate (2019)	13.8%



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1. Regional Demographic Characteristics, 2019

	Eastern Region	Eastern Region (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	221,982	100.0%	1,717,750	324,697,795
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	188,478	84.9%	82.0%	60.7%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	612	0.3%	0.7%	12.3%
Native American alone, not hispanic	1,008	0.5%	1.1%	0.7%
Asian alone, not hispanic	1,801	0.8%	1.3%	5.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	25,459	11.5%	12.5%	18.0%
Gender				
Male	112,426	50.6%	50.1%	49.2%
Female	109,556	49.4%	49.9%	50.8%
Age				
Median age	38.5	-	40.3	38.1
Under 18 years	65,023	29.3%	25.7%	22.6%
Over 18 years	156,959	70.7%	74.3%	77.4%
21 years and over	129,758	58.5%	64.9%	67.9%
Over 65 years	28,446	12.8%	15.4%	15.6%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	3,945	1.8%	2.2%	3.5%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	31,661	6.7%	17.8%	18.3%
Some college, no degree	33,474	15.1%	16.9%	13.9%
Associate's degree	14,797	6.7%	6.4%	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	27,305	12.3%	12.1%	13.4%
Graduate or professional degree	11,881	5.4%	5.8%	8.4%
Median Household Income	$56,301	-	$56,605	$62,843

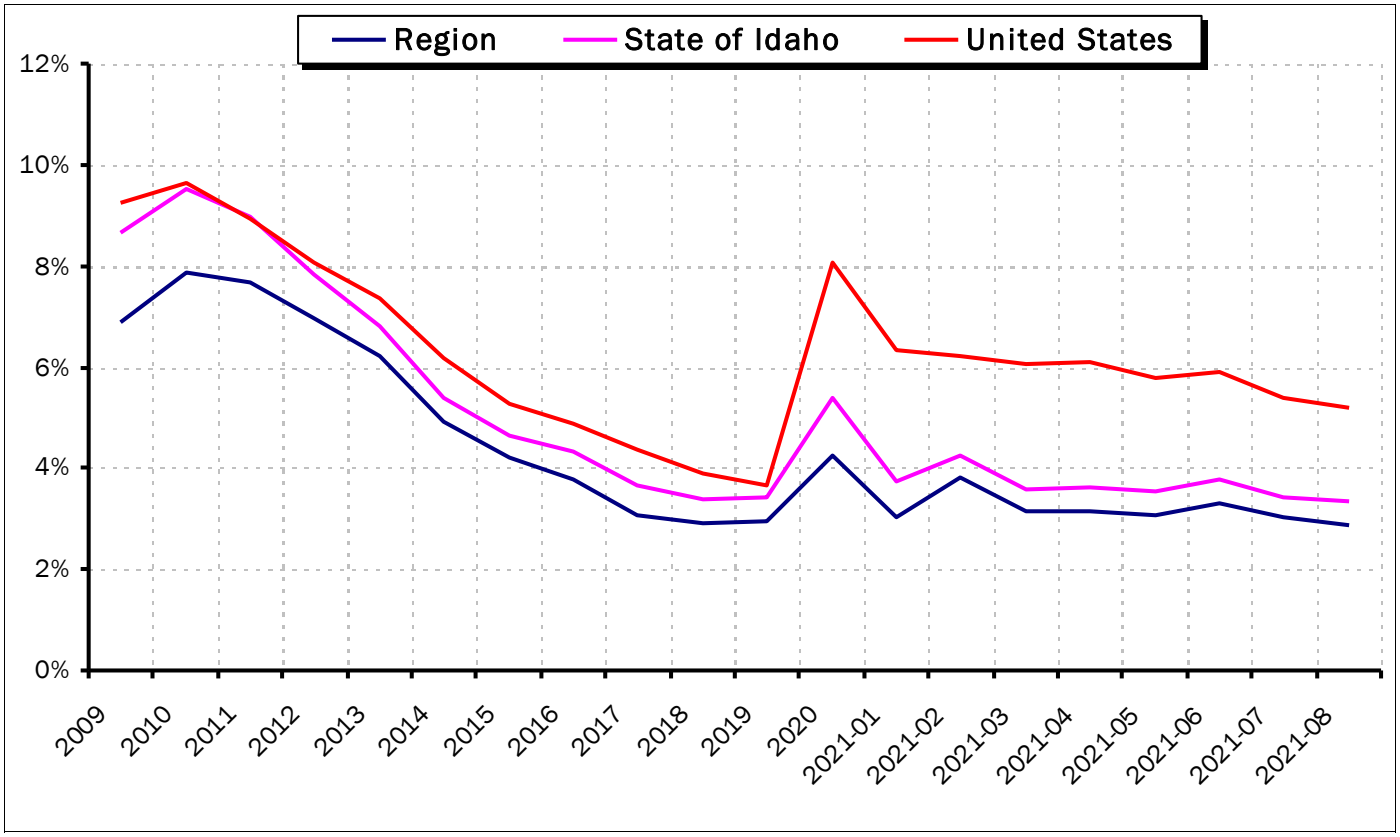
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2021	121,102	118,272	2,830	2.3%
August 2020	119,729	116,158	3,571	3.0%

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2009 - Current



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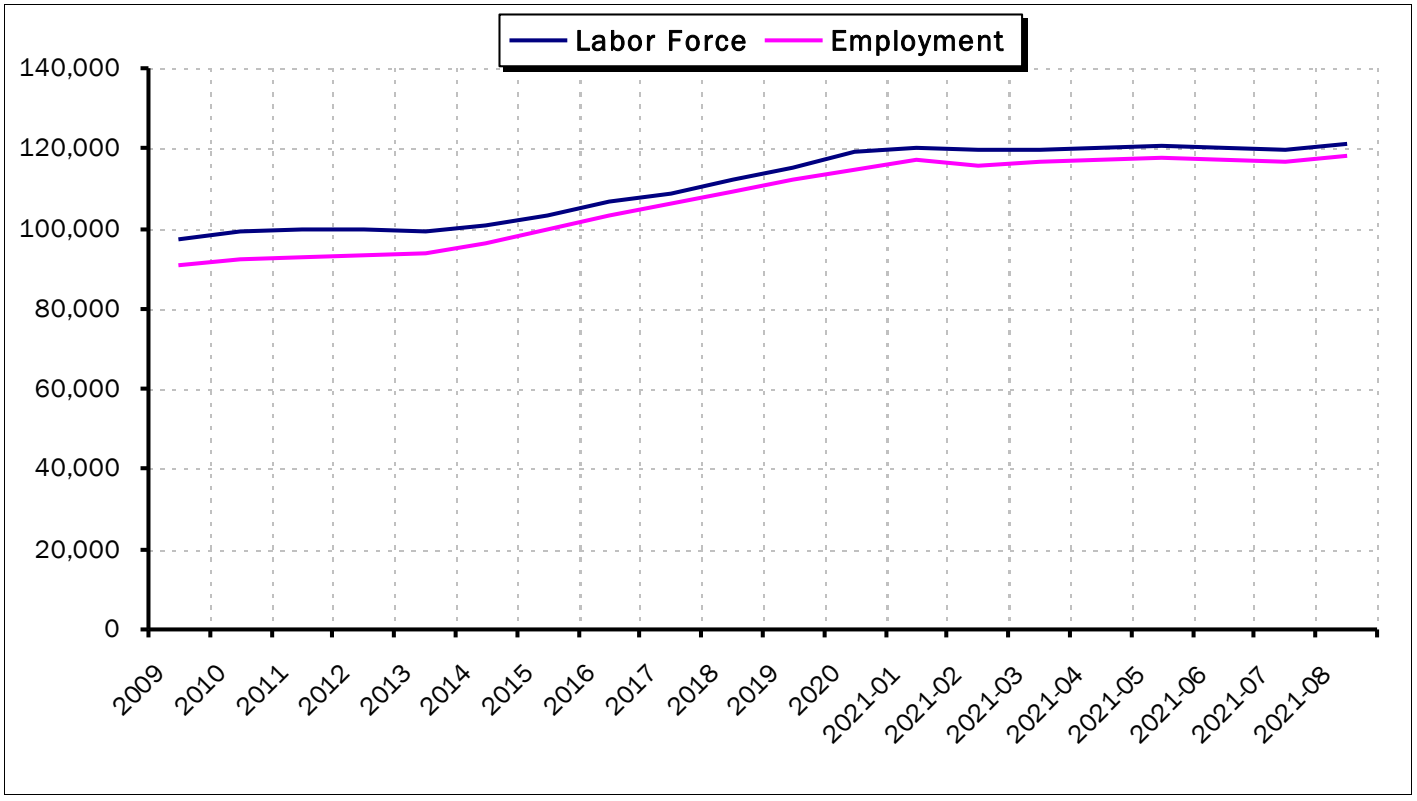
4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2009 - Current



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5. Industry Employment and Wages- 2010, 2019 and 2020

	2010		2019		2020	
Industry Sector	**Average Employment**	**Average Wages**	**Average Employment**	**Average Wages**	**Average Employment**	**Average Wages**
Total Covered Wages	79,264	$35,762	95,230	$42,493	96,365	$44,755
Natural Resources and Mining	2,700	$31,458	2,360	$38,556	2,406	$39,727
Construction	4,252	$38,372	5,951	$43,142	6,199	$43,708
Manufacturing	3,969	$33,622	6,013	$45,121	6,105	$45,966
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	17,555	$29,415	19,097	$35,663	19,295	$38,380
Information	1,489	$31,824	1,153	$40,228	894	$41,644
Financial Activities	2,776	$35,218	3,273	$46,985	3,297	$54,283
Professional and Business Services	14,737	$60,219	17,492	$70,761	18,349	$74,209
Education and Health Services	17,336	$32,026	22,453	$37,225	23,171	$39,249
Leisure and Hospitality	7,170	$12,142	10,345	$15,864	9,640	$17,017
Other Services	1,999	$22,167	2,376	$27,754	2,267	$29,814
Public Administration	5,265	$41,275	5,244	$50,117	5,175	$51,771

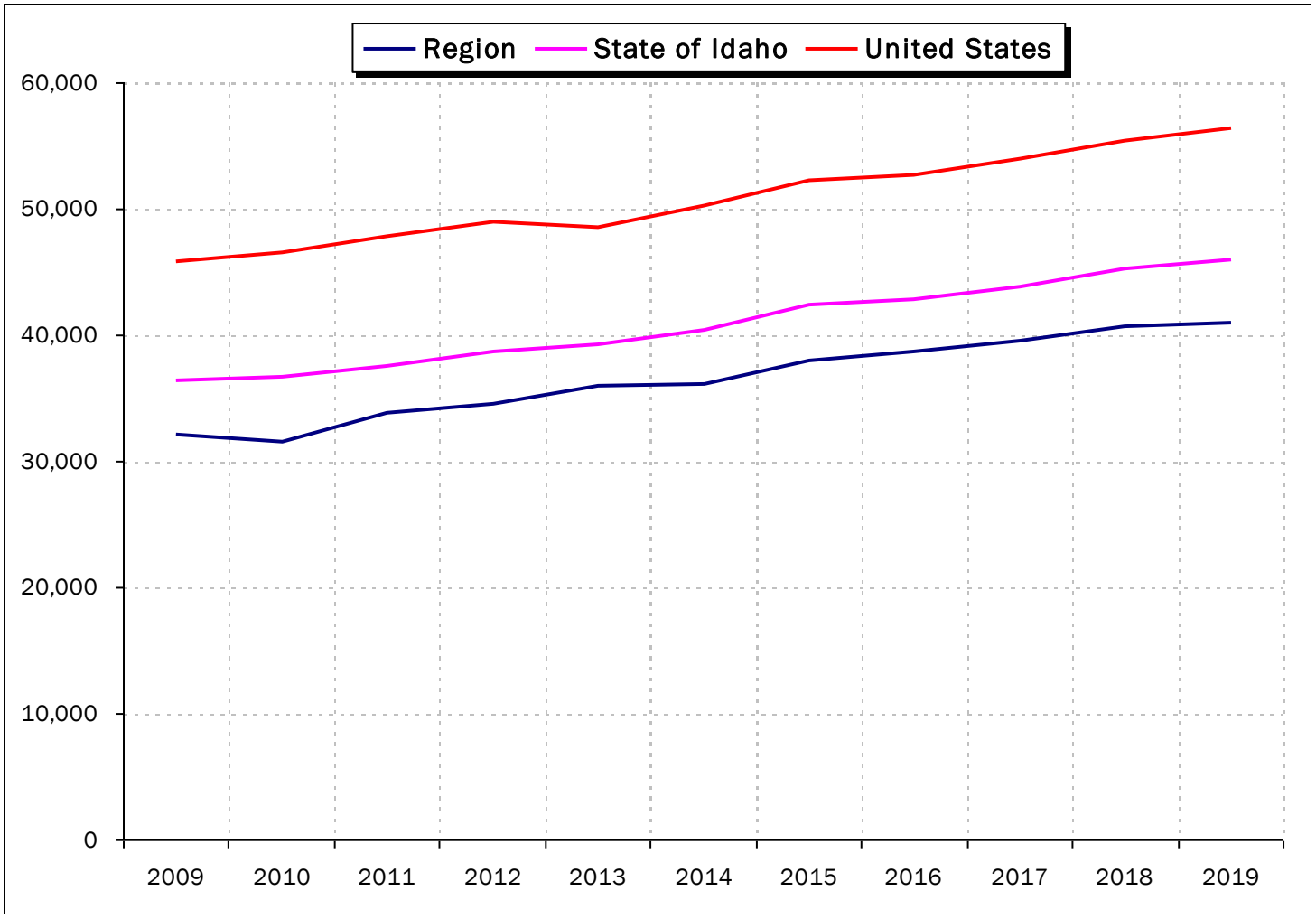
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

6. Top Employers, 2020

Employer	Ownership	Range
Battelle Energy Alliance	Private	2,500 - 4,999
Melaleuca	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Fluor Idaho	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Brigham Young University-Idaho	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Bonneville Joint School District	Local Gov	1,000 - 2,499
Wal-Mart	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Fluor Marine Propulsion	Private	1,000 - 2,499
Idaho Falls School District	Local Gov	1,000 - 2,499
Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center	Private	1,000 - 2,499
City of Idaho Falls	Local Gov	500 - 999

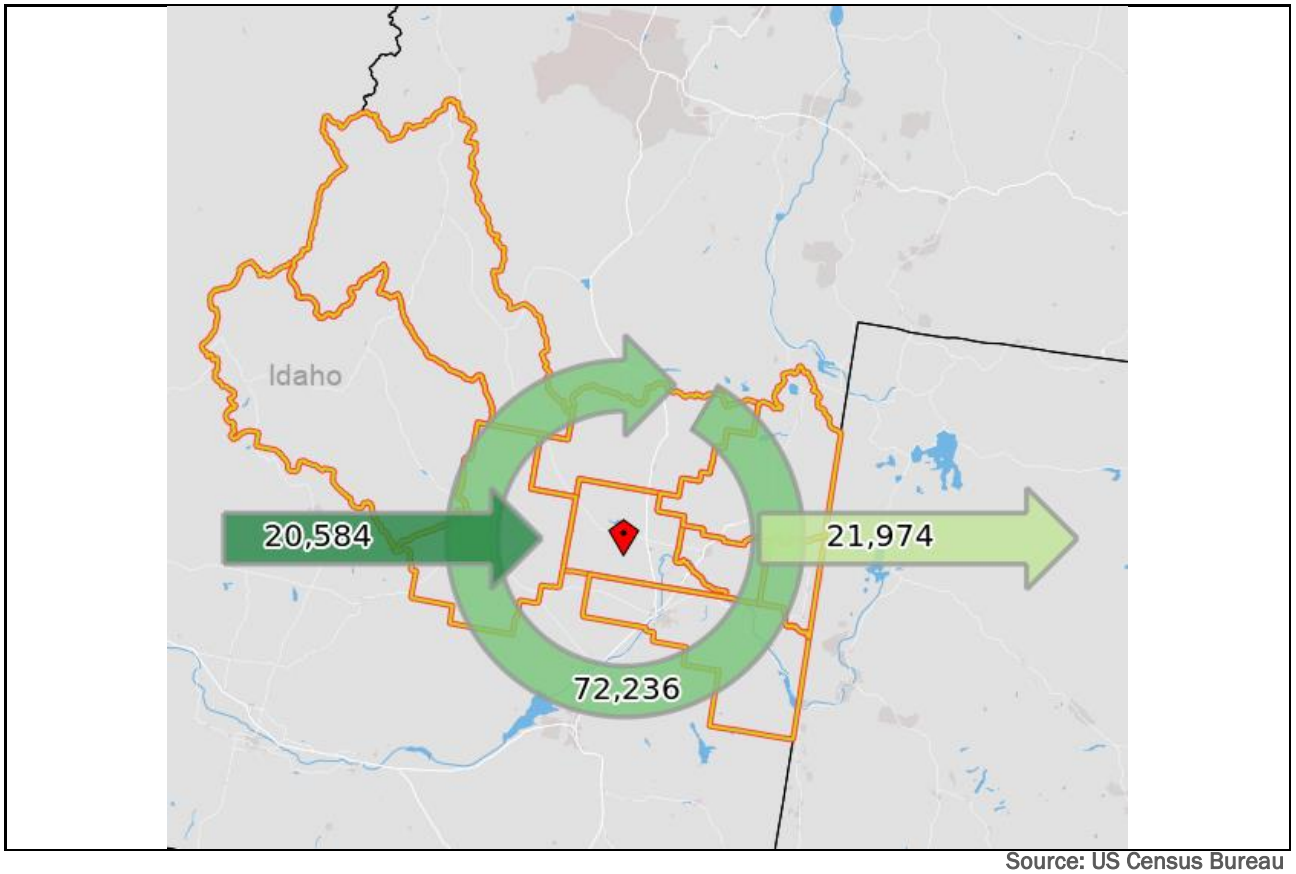
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor

7. Real Per Capita Income, 2009 - 2019



8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2018

It is estimated that 72,236 workers lived and worked in Eastern Idaho in 2018. Another 20,584 workers were employed in Eastern Idaho but lived outside, while 21,974 workers commuted to other areas for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Eastern Idaho Live, 2018

City of Residence	All Jobs
Idaho Falls	22,145
Rexburg	6,943
Ammon	5,497
Pocatello	2,821
Rigby	1,582
Lincoln CDP	1,493
Blackfoot	1,099
St. Anthony	1,026
Shelley	958
Salmon	812

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau

10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Eastern Idaho Work, 2018

City of Employment	All Jobs
Idaho Falls	31,598
Rexburg	10,576
Ammon	4,654
Boise City	2,516
Pocatello	2,390
Rigby	1,692
Salmon	1,253
Twin Falls	987
Driggs	975
St. Anthony	776

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs.
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