State of Idaho Labor Force And Economic Profile

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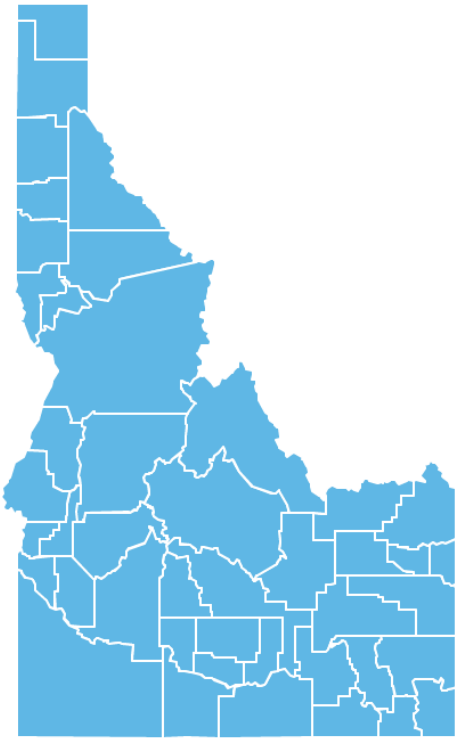
State of Idaho Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2021)	904,795
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2021)	2.9%
Population (2020)	1,826,913
Median Household Income (2019)	$56,605
Per Capita Personal Income (2019)	$45,968
Poverty Rate (2019)	13.1%



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1. Idaho Statewide Demographic Characteristics, 2019

	State of Idaho	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	1,717,750	100.0%	324,697,795
Race/Ethnicity			
White, one race	1,407,883	82.0%	60.7%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	11,316	0.7%	12.3%
Native American alone, not hispanic	19,027	1.1%	0.7%
Asian alone, not hispanic	23,061	1.3%	5.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	215,476	12.5%	18.0%
Gender			
Male	861,025	50.1%	49.2%
Female	856,725	49.9%	50.8%
Age			
Median age	40.3	-	38.1
Under 18 years	441,147	25.7%	22.6%
Over 18 years	1,276,603	74.3%	77.4%
21 years and over	1,115,556	64.9%	67.9%
Over 65 years	264,889	15.4%	15.6%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and over)			
Less than 9th grade	37,255	2.2%	3.5%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	305,181	17.8%	18.3%
Some college, no degree	290,307	16.9%	13.9%
Associate's degree	109,602	6.4%	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	207,179	12.1%	13.4%
Graduate or professional degree	100,358	5.8%	8.4%
Median Household Income	$56,605	-	$62,843

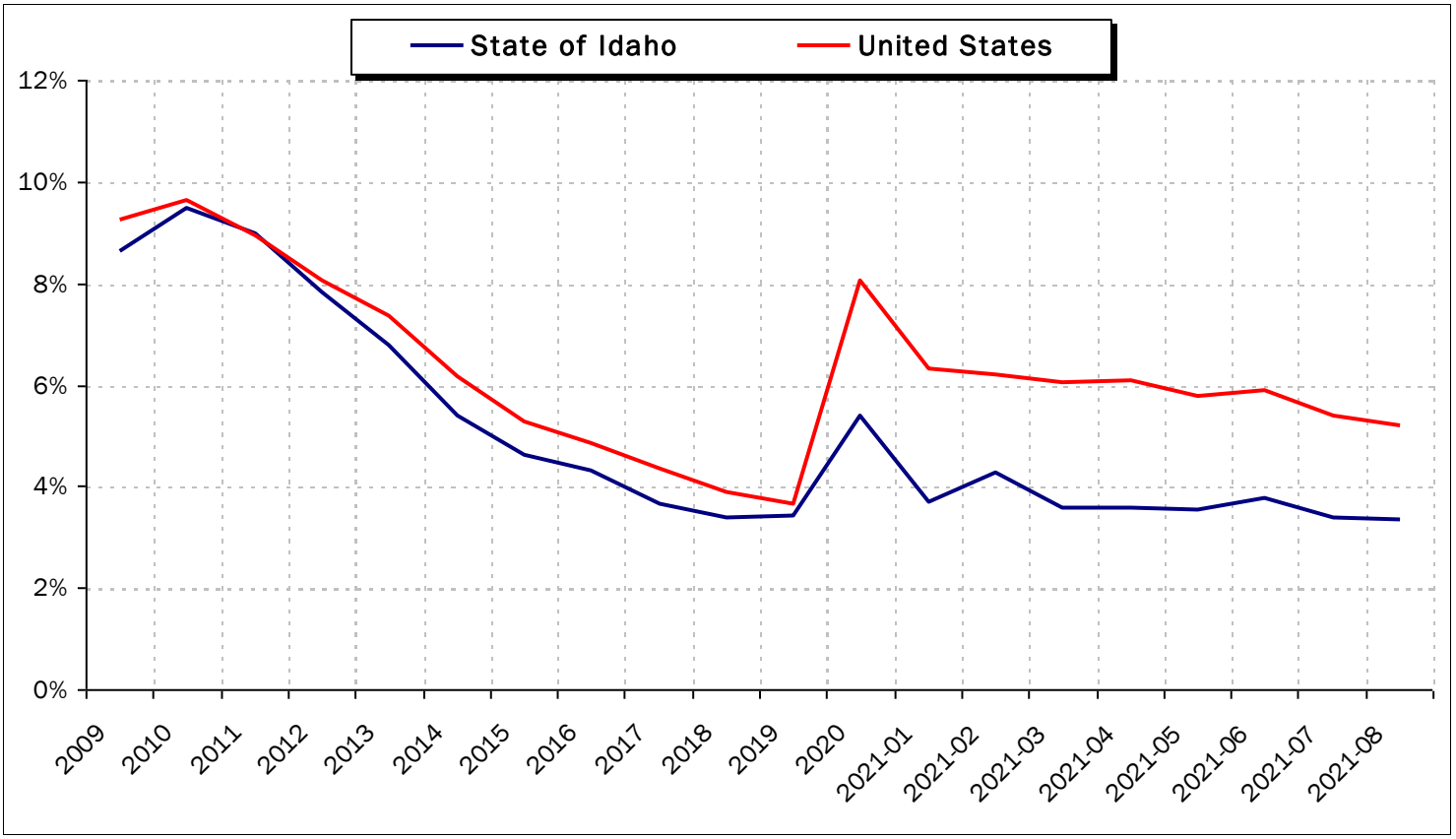
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
August 2021	904,795	878,353	26,442	2.9%
August 2020	896,515	859,018	37,497	4.2%

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2009 - Current



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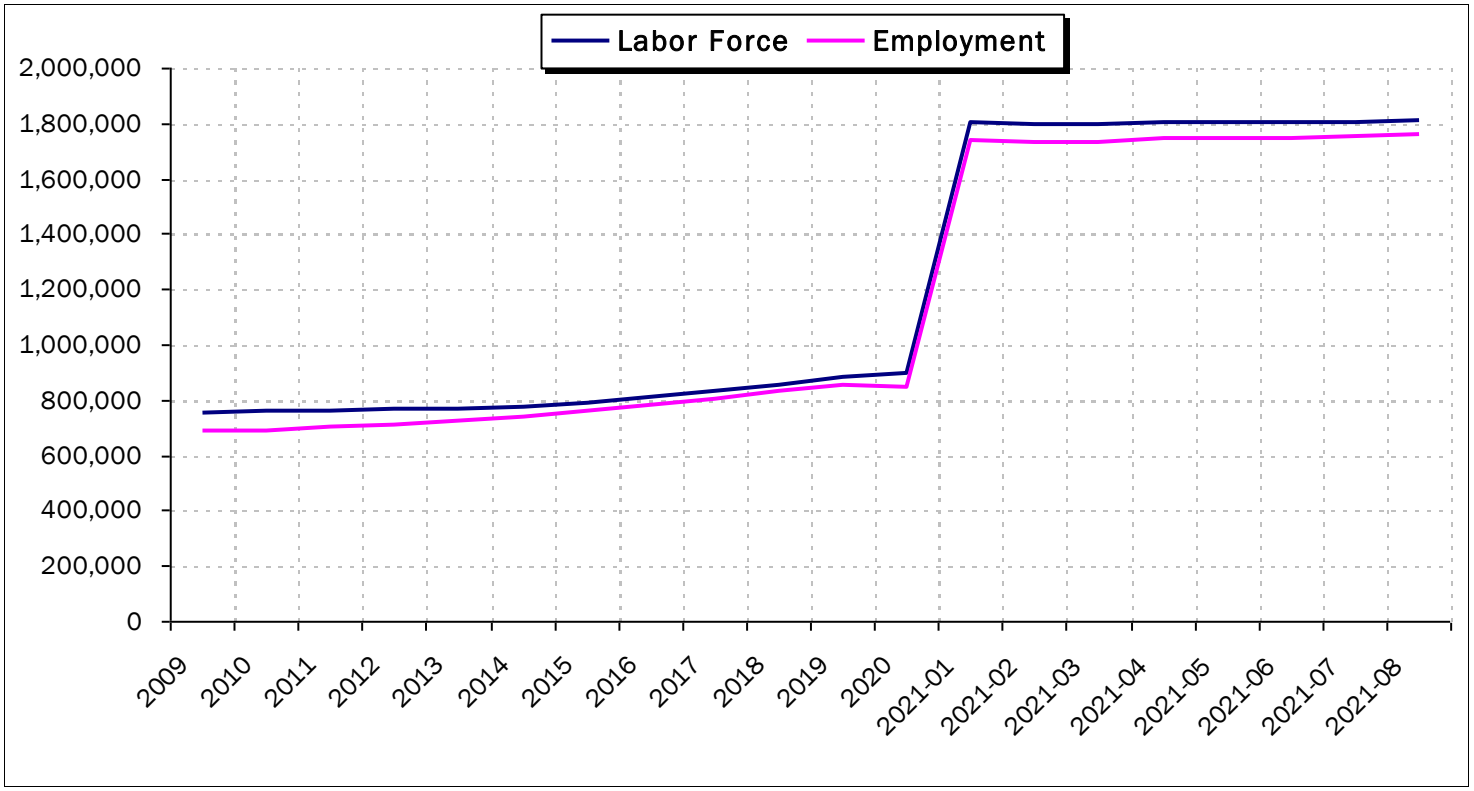
4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2009 - Current



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

Industry Sector	2010		2019		2020	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	605,560	$34,905	752,277	$44,264	748,595	$47,674
Natural Resources and Mining	23,884	$31,470	26,556	$41,107	27,037	$42,820
Construction	32,055	$38,127	51,608	$46,294	54,341	$48,672
Manufacturing	53,123	$49,389	68,402	$62,478	67,703	$65,635
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	124,866	$31,974	146,471	$41,630	147,772	$44,623
Information	10,334	$39,777	9,663	$53,234	8,150	$60,498
Financial Activities	27,474	$41,686	33,833	$59,451	34,832	$68,705
Professional and Business Services	74,987	$42,458	94,867	$55,074	97,882	$59,727
Education and Health Services	137,866	$34,195	170,153	$42,090	169,182	$44,663
Leisure and Hospitality	60,362	$14,238	84,793	$18,180	76,758	$19,081
Other Services	16,195	$23,865	20,358	$32,119	19,147	$34,472
Public Administration	44,319	$41,578	45,566	$51,340	45,784	$53,179

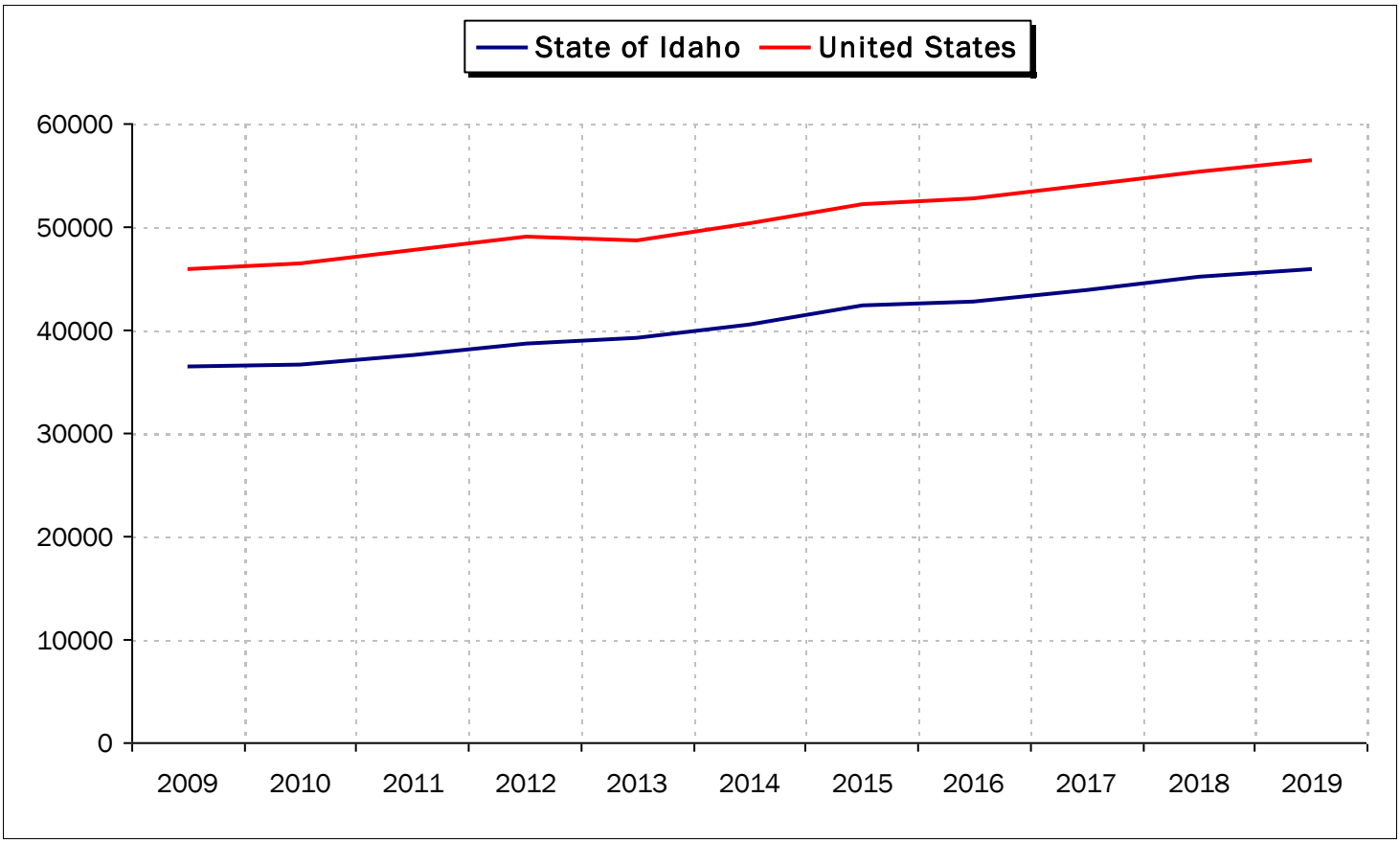
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

6. Top Employers, 2020

Employer	Ownership	Employee Range
Wal-Mart	Private	5,000+
St. Luke's Regional Medical Center	Private	5,000+
Micron Technology	Private	5,000+
St. Alphonsus Health System	Private	5,000+
Albertsons	Private	5,000+
Battelle Energy Alliance	Private	2,500 - 4,999
Meridian Joint School District	Local Gov	2,500 - 4,999
Boise State University	State Gov	2,500 - 4,999
Boise School District	Local Gov	2,500 - 4,999
Kootenai Health	Local Gov	2,500 - 4,999

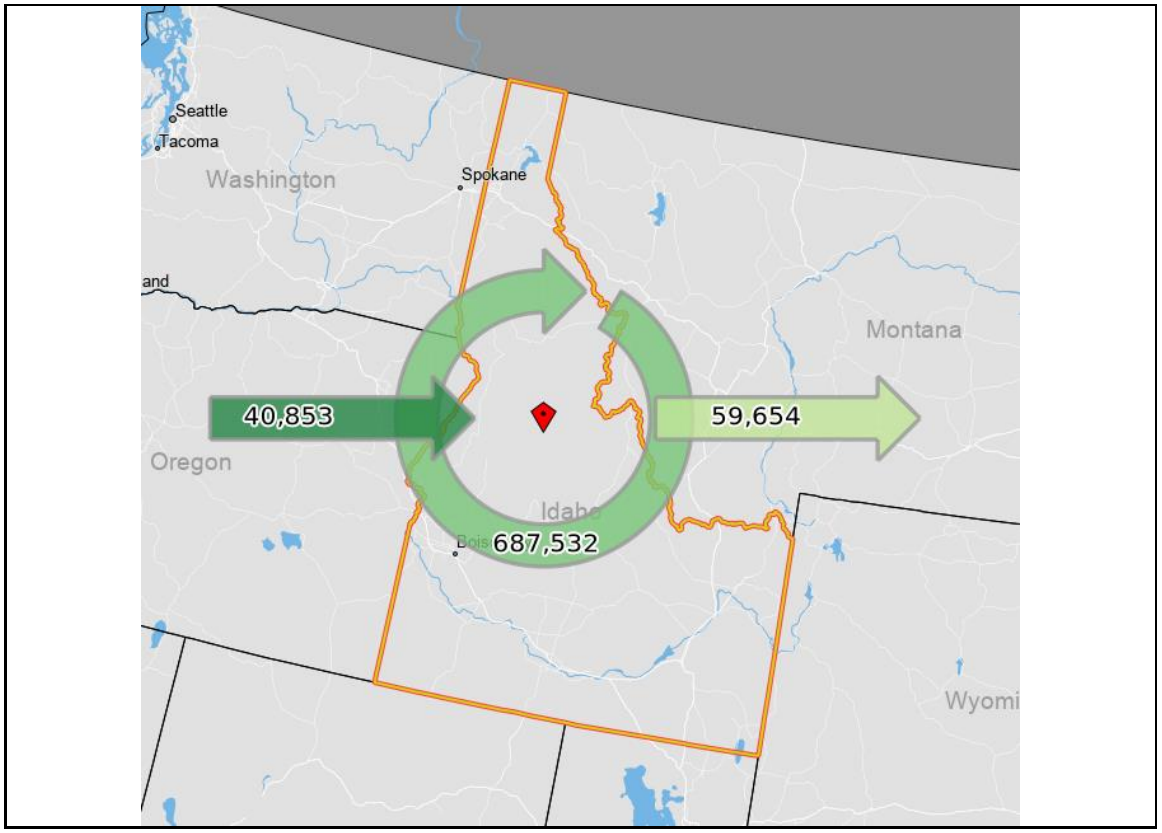
NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor

7. Real Per Capita Income, 2009 - 2019



8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2018

It is estimated that 1,375,064 workers lived and worked in Idaho in 2018. Another 81,706 workers were employed in the State Idaho but lived outside, while 119,308 workers commuted to other States for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in the State of Idaho Live, 2018

City of Residence	All Jobs
Boise City	110,737
Meridian	40,789
Nampa	38,089
Idaho Falls	25,369
Pocatello	21,094
Caldwell	20,189
Twin Falls	19,110
Coeur d'Alene	18,027
Lewiston	11,834
Post Falls	10,158

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 the State of Idaho Work, 2018

City of Employment	All Jobs
Boise City	171,299
Meridian	44,368
Idaho Falls	40,026
Nampa	34,830
Twin Falls	28,582
Coeur d'Alene	28,272
Pocatello	24,078
Caldwell	15,254
Lewiston	12,280
Rexburg	11,065

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

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