# **ECONOMY**



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### Labor Force and Wages

#### Labor Force

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Civilian Labor Force	756,320	749,660	757,107	774,258	774,585
Unemployment	37,207	60,104	69,386	65,546	52,356
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	8.0%	9.2%	8.5%	6.8%
Total Employment	719,113	689,556	687,721	708,712	722,229

Source: Work Force Trends, Idaho Department of Labor

### Non-Farm Payroll Jobs (2011)

Natural Resources	1%
Information	2%
Leisure & Hospitality Services	2%
Construction	5%
Financial Activities	5%
Manufacturing	9%
Other Services	10%
Professional & Business Services	12%
Educational & Health Services	14%
Government	19%
Trade, Utilities & Transportation	20%

Source: Work Force Trends, Idaho Department of Labor

### Idaho's Ranking in Employment & Labor

		Ranki	ng
	Value	US	NW*
Average Annual Pay (2010)	\$34,900	47	6
Unemployment Rate (2011)	8.4%	18	4
Labor Force: % Women (2010)	58.2%	27	5
Job Growth (2010-2011)	1.3%	17	3
% Emp: Construction (2011)	5.1%	9	4
% Emp: Manufacturing (2011)	8.9%	26	4
% Emp: Mining/Logging (2011)	0.6%	18	5

\*NW Rank: Idaho's rank relative to the state's six neighbors: Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Values are Ranked from High to Low (Highest = 1)

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts 2012, Legislative Services Office

County Name	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Ada	204,613	191,711	12,902	6.3
Adams	1,920	1,695	225	11.7
Bannock	40,291	37,383	2,908	7.2
Bear Lake	3,423	3,276	147	4.3
Benewah	4,240	3,792	448	10.6
Bingham	23,579	22,130	1,449	6.1
Blaine	12,648	11,837	811	6.4
Boise	3,204	2,988	216	6.7
Bonner	19,803	18,001	1,802	9.1
Bonneville	52,970	49,849	3,121	5.9
Boundary	5,204	4,748	456	8.8
Butte	1,415	1,322	93	6.6
Camas	591	553	38	6.4
Canyon	87,344	79,907	7,437	8.5
Caribou	4,224	4,012	212	5.0
Cassia	11,575	10,918	657	5.7
Clark	485	457	28	5.8
Clearwater	3,284	2,900	384	11.7
Custer	2,893	2,753	140	4.8
Elmore	11,193	10,359	834	7.5
Franklin	6,221	5,936	285	4.6
Fremont	6,307	5,964	343	5.4
Gem	7,068	6,431	637	9.0
Gooding	9,003	8,553	450	5.0
Idaho Jefferson	7,669 12,288	7,053 11,554	616 734	8.0 6.0
Jerome	12,288	10,206	684	6.3
Kootenai	72,715	67,008	5,707	7.8
Latah	17,026	15,853	1,173	6.9
Lemhi	3,838	3,527	311	8.1
Lewis	1,873	1,733	140	7.5
Lincoln	2,700	2,482	218	8.1
Madison	18,001	16,916	1,085	6.0
Minidoka	10,500	9,902	598	5.7
Nez Perce	18,835	17,736	1,099	5.8
Oneida	2,462	2,367	95	3.9
Owyhee	4,545	4,333	212	4.7
Payette	10,645	9,759	886	8.3
Power	3,500	3,245	255	7.3
Shoshone	6,470	5,793	677	10.5
Teton	6,113	5,802	311	5.1
Twin Falls	39,627	37,062	2,565	6.5
Valley	4,965	4,467	498	10.0
Washington	4,899	4,476	423	8.6

### Annual Average Labor Force (February 2012-March 2013)

Source: Labor force data, not seasonally adjusted, latest 14 months, US Department of Labor

### **Annual Percent Labor Force Unemployed**

2001	4.9
2002	5.4
2003	5.2
2004	4.6
2005	3.7
2006	3.0
2007	3.0
2008	4.7
2009	7.4
2010	8.8
2011	8.7

Source: Work Force Trends, Idaho Department of Labor

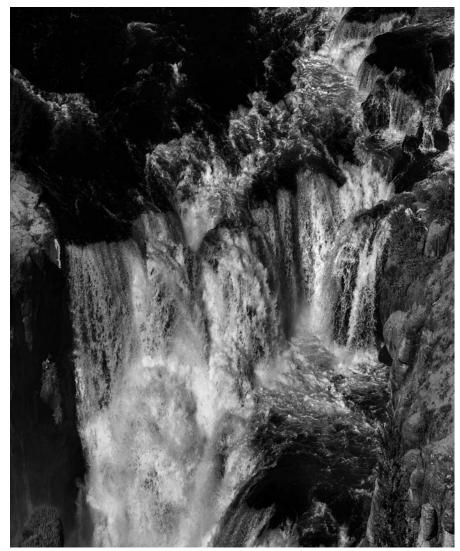
Per Capita Income					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
State of Idaho	\$32,607	\$33,110	\$30,809	\$31,556	\$32,881
United States	\$39,506	\$40,947	\$38,637	\$39,791	\$41,560

Source: Work Force Trends, Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor

### Average Annual Wages Per Job

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	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg
	Empl	Wage	Empl	Wage	Empl	Wage
Agriculture	19,963	\$19,551	22,257	\$26,663	21,563	\$27,573
Mining	2,480	\$38,253	2,179	\$56,576	2,291	\$66,873
Construction	35,044	\$27,985	34,450	\$37,227	31,213	\$38,808
Manufacturing	70,182	\$37,329	54,779	\$46,698	53,103	\$49,392
Trade, Utilities &						
Transportation	114,096	\$23,732	121,376	\$30,689	120,114	\$31,670
Information	9,262	\$29,548	10,059	\$40,488	9,683	\$40,959
Financial Activities	54,850	\$30,189	75,695	\$41,711	26,877	\$41,604
Professional &						
<b>Business Services</b>	23,542	\$29,257	27,701	\$40,756	74,813	\$42,484
Educational &						
Health Services	48,059	\$25,940	77,564	\$35,041	80,518	\$35,340
Leisure & Hospitality	51,464	\$10,179	58,664	\$13,297	57,893	\$13,813
Other Services	14,186	\$18,741	15,665	\$23,828	15,390	\$24,370
Government	97.779	\$27,068	114,081	\$35,891	112,584	\$36,242

Source: Idaho At A Glance, Idaho Department of Labor



*Lower Mesa Falls* Photo Courtesy: Scott DeHart

### **Major Private Employers**

Business	Industry Health Services
St Lukes Health Systems	
Wal-Mart	Retail Trade
Micron Technology	Manufacturing
Battelle Energy Alliance	Professional & Technical Services
Brigham Young University Idaho	Private Education
St Alphonsus Reg. Medical Center	Health Care
Albertsons	Retail Trade
J R Simplot Co	Manufacturing
Hewlett-Packard Co	Manufacturing
Wells Fargo Bank	Banking
Idaho Power Company	Utility
Center Partners	Call Center Support
Fred Meyer Stores	Retail Trade
Century Link	Utility

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

### Per Capita Income (2011)

Ada	\$39,734	Gem	\$26,895
Adams	\$28,140	Gooding	\$41,179
Bannock	\$28,818	Idaho	\$27,827
Bear Lake	\$30,138	Jefferson	\$27,612
Benewah	\$31,906	Jerome	\$31,543
Bingham	\$27,500	Kootenai	\$32,923
Blaine	\$59,465	Latah	\$31,809
Boise	\$36,633	Lemhi	\$30,733
Bonner	\$31,433	Lewis	\$43,570
Bonneville	\$34,989	Lincoln	\$30,533
Boundary	\$26,714	Madison	\$19,184
Butte	\$35,305	Minidoka	\$31,486
Camas	\$38,661	Nez Perce	\$36,109
Canyon	\$23,575	Oneida	\$28,032
Caribou	\$33,809	Owyhee	\$31,541
Cassia	\$34,515	Payette	\$28,869
Clark	\$54,591	Power	\$30,936
Clearwater	\$30,493	Shoshone	\$33,097
Custer	\$34,186	Teton	\$25,705
Elmore	\$35,173	Twin Falls	\$32,134
Franklin	\$27,265	Valley	\$35,942
Fremont	24,545	Washington	\$27,605

Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, December 2012

### Agriculture

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U	Ra	nking
Value	US	NW*
25,700	33	4
444	14	5
\$2,498,424,000	21	2
\$3,234,287,000	16	1
\$163,735,000	25	3
4,371,000	22	2
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Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts 2012, Legislative Services Office

### Idaho Food and Agriculture Products Exported (FY 2010)

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	Dollars
Commodity	(Millions)
Vegerables & Preparations	\$469.1
Wheat & Products	299.6
Dairy Products	208.2
Feeds & Fodders	389.2
Feed Grains & Products	80.5
Live Animals & Meat	37.1
Hides & Skins	34.8
Seeds	14.4
Fruits & Preparations	11.9
Fats, Oils & Greases	6.8
Poultry & Products	0.0
Other	14.1
Total	\$1,565.7

Source: Idaho Agriculture Facts, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

### **BUSINESS PATTERNS**

	Number of	Annual Payroll
	Employees	(\$1,000)
Agricultural Services,		
Forestry and Fishing	4,172	63,836
Mining	2,541	96,125
Construction	31,185	819,561
Manufacturing	70,365	2,159,463
Transportation & Public Utilities	17,959	486,828
Wholesale Trade	26,515	606,639
Retail Trade	88,438	1,141,914
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	19,959	480,715
Services	106,747	2,070,958
Unclassified	239	2,481
TOTAL	368,120	7,928,520
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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Survey on Processing and Products Branch



Adams County near Council Photo Courtesy: Julie Walton, inet-success.com

### **National Production Ranking of Products (2010)**

	US Rank	US %
CROPS		
Trout	1	72
Potatoes	1	29
Austrian Winter Peas	2	42
Wrinkled Seed Peas	2	33
Barley	2	24
Prunes and Plums (fresh)	3	22
Mint	3	19
Sugarbeets	3	17
Hops	3	8
Total Cheese	3	8
Alfalfa Hay	3	7
Milk Production	3	7
Onions (Summer Storage)	4	12
Lentils	4	6
Milk Cows	4	6
Dry Edible Peas	4	3
Other Spring Wheat	5	8
Dry Edible Beans	5	8
Sweet Cherries	6	1
Wool	7	6
All Sheep & Lambs	7	4
All Wheat	9	5
Winter Wheat	9	4
All Hay	10	4
Honey	11	2
Apples	11	1
All Cattle & Calves	13	2

Source: Idaho Agriculture Facts, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

### Cash Receipts Breakdown (2010) (thousands of dollars)

	Value	% All Commodities
Crops cash receipts	\$2,498,424	43.6%
Livestock cash receipts	3,234,287	56.4%
Total Production Value	\$5,732,711	100.0%

Source: Idaho Agriculture Facts, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

### Transportation

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	Value	US	NW*
Transportation			
Per Capita Federal Highway Fund (2010)	\$182	9	3
Percent Federally Funded Road &			
Street Miles (2008)	23.5%	32	3
Public Road & Street Mileage (2009)	48,180	35	4
Highway Fatalities Per 100 Million			
Vehicle Miles (2009)	1.46	11	2
Alcohol Related Fatalities as a			
% of all Highway Fatalities (2010)	29%	49	6
Vehicle Registrations (2009)	1,374,967	39	5
Safety Belt Usage Rate (2010)	78%	44	7

\* NW Rank: Idaho's rank relative to the state's six neighbors: Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts 2012, Legislative Services Office



Basque Block, Downtown Boise Photo Courtesy: Roy V. Cuellar

### **Revenue and Expenditures**

### **General Fund Revenue**

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By Revenue Source	Fiscal Year 2003	Fiscal Year 2013	Annual % Change	Total % Change
Individual Income Tax	\$837.8	\$1,242.1	4.0%	48.3%
Corporate Income Tax	93.1	190.1	7.4%	104.2%
Sales Tax	700.2	1,090.6	4.5%	55.7%
All Other Sources	132.8	147.9	1.1%	11.4%
Revenues*	\$1,763.9	\$2,670.7	4.2%	51.4%

\*Revenue forecast revised August 2012 is \$35.2M more than originally budgeted. Annual % change is the annual compound rate at which the FY 2003 actual collections would have to change to reach the FY 2013 projections.

Source: Fiscal Facts 2012, Idaho Legislative Services Office

## General Fund Appropriations

(Millions)						
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Annual	Total		
By Functional Area	2003	2013	% Change	% Change		
All Education Agencies	\$1,264.0	\$1,645.7	2.7%	30.2%		
Health & Human Services	378.2	654.9	5.6%	73.2%		
Public Safety	188.9	253.4	3.0%	34.2%		
Natural Resources	39.1	31.0	(2.3%)	(20.9%)		
Economic Development	20.6	24.7	1.8%	20.0%		
General Government	77.2	92.4	1.8%	19.7%		
Appropriations	\$1,967.9	\$2,702.1	3.2%	37.3%		
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Source: Fiscal Facts 2010, Legislative Services Office

### Sources of Funds

(Millions)					
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Annual	Total	
By Fund Source	2003	2013	%Change	%Change	
General Fund	\$1,967.9	\$2,702.1	3.2%	37.3%	
Dedicated Funds	734.7	1,279.5	5.7%	74.2%	
Federal Funds	1,293.4	2,295.8	5.9%	77.5%	
Total Sources	\$3,995.9	\$6,277.5	4.6%	57.1%	
Totals may not add due to r	ounding				

Totals may not add due to rounding. Source: *Fiscal Facts 2012*, Idaho Legislative Services Office

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(Millions)						
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Annual	Total		
By Functional Area	2003	2013	% Change	% Change		
All Education Agencies	\$1,567.8	\$2,222.9	3.6%	41.8%		
Health & Human Services	1,237.2	2,412.3	6.9%	95.0%		
Public Safety	251.6	355.7	3.5%	41.4%		
Natural Resources	196.3	258.0	2.8%	31.4%		
Economic Development	563.4	733.6	2.7%	30.2%		
General Government	179.6	294.9	5.1%	64.2%		
Total Appropriations	\$3,995.9	\$6,277.5	4.6%	57.1%		
Totals may not add due to rounding.						

Source: Fiscal Facts 2012, Idaho Legislative Services Office

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

Fiscal Year: The accounting year used by the state, July 1 of a given year through June 30 of the following year.

**Appropriation:** 1. Annual fixed budgets that state officers, departments and institutions may not exceed. 2. That portion of the total state budget allocated by the Legislature to a state agency or program for one fiscal year.

#### **Classification of funds:**

1. General: The state's primary source of revenue. In FY 2010 General Fund revenue came from taxes on tobacco and alcohol (1.8%), corporate income tax (4.3%), sales tax (42.2%), individual income tax (46.9%), and the remainder from a variety of other taxes and certain licenses and fees not specifically appropriated to any other fund (4.8%). General tax revenues are used to finance the operations of state government that do not have their own dedicated source of revenue, such as education and prisons.

2. Dedicated/Other: Represents revenue received from a specified source or sources, and disbursed for a specific function or government as required by law. For example, the Department of Fish & Game receives no General Fund money. Instead, the revenue generated by the sale of fishing and hunting licenses and tags is dedicated exclusively to paying for the department's fish and wildlife management and activities.

3. Federal: Identifies moneys from the federal government for specified state administered services.

Annual Percent Change: The rate at which the 2001 appropriation would have to change on an annual basis to reach the 2011 appropriation.

**Total Percent Change:** The quantity of the 2011 appropriation minus the 2001 appropriation divided by the 2001 appropriation.

<u>Fiscal Year 2007 vs. 2009</u>						
	Based on Income			<b>Based on Population</b>		
Type of Tax	% of U.S.		% of U.S.		No. of States*	
	Average	Rank	Average	Rank	With Tax	
Individual Income	118/106	18/26	98/86	23/32	44	
Corporate Income	75/76	32/26	63/61	35/33	47	
Sales	104/101	21/24	86/82	29/34	47	
Motor Vehicles	150/143	6/8	125/116	13/19	51	
Property	71/72	41/39	59/58	42/41	51	
Overall	91/87	42/43	75/71	46/48	51	
*includes Washingto	nn D C					

### Tax Burden

\*includes Washington D.C.

Source: Fiscal Facts 2012, Idaho Legislative Services

### **Resources/Land Use**

### Land Use\*

	Percent
Rangeland	41%
Forest	39%
Agricultural	15%
Barren, Wetland, Urban, Tundra	5%

### Land Ownership

	Acres	% of Total
Federal Land	33,412,277	63.1%
BLM	11,836,481	22.3%
USFS	20,458,276	38.6%
Other	1,117,520	2.1%
State Land	2,693,260	5.1%
Endowments	2,458,405	4.6%
Fish & Game	187,769	0.4%
Parks & Recreation	38,407	0.1%
U of I Board of Regents	8,679	0.0%
Private	16,271,679	30.7%
Tribal Land	464,077	0.9%
County Land	96,311	0.2%
Municipal Land	22,972	0.0%
TOTAL	52,960,576	100.0%

Idaho is the 13th largest state. Its 53 million acres include 500,000 acres of lakes, reservoirs and rivers.

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts 2012, Idaho Legislative Services



Skiier at Bogus Basin Photo Courtesy: Boise Convention & Visitors Bureau

## Land Ownership by County (in acres)

County	Federal	Local Gov State & Triba	,	e %	Total
Custer	2,937,675	56,206	158,503	5%	3,152,384
Lemhi	2,648,258	39,705	233,189	8%	2,921,152
Valley	2,063,164	69,733	221,151	9%	2,354,048
Butte	1,229,906	15,639	183,511	13%	1,429,056
Owyhee	3,727,155	474,728	712,293	14%	4,914,176
Idaho	4,523,385	85,983	821,160	15%	5,430,528
Blaine	1,314,806	65,429	312,501	18%	1,692,736
Boise	900,540	89,738	227,322	19%	1,217,600
Lincoln	584,486	22,998	164,100	21%	771,584
Shoshone	1,255,653	60,041	370,066	22%	1,685,760
Boundary	495,219	108,775	208,038	26%	812,032
Elmore	1,327,041	120,397	522,354	27%	1,969,792
Clark	747,690	80,905	300,813	27%	1,129,408
Adams	565,066	39,769	268,573	31%	873,408
Fremont	708,023	116,413	370,316	31%	1,194,752
Clearwater	841,755	244,332	489,337	31%	1,575,424
Camas	445,876	27,143	214,981	31%	688,000
Bonner	492,593	178,691	440,780	40%	1,112,064
Cassia	925,150	54,066	663,408	40%	1,642,624
Bonneville	623,145	59,641	513,118	43%	1,195,904
Gooding	237,503	20,971	209,238	45%	467,712
Oneida	409,305	13,048	345,903	45%	768,256
Twin Falls	640,399	33,541	558,124	45%	1,232,064
Caribou	447,779	132,004	550,521	49%	1,130,304
Jefferson	328,226	29,471	343,168	49%	700,864
Bingham	392,484	280,457	667,731	50%	1,340,672
Bear Lake	287,994	19,187	314,515	51%	621,696
Bannock	221,402	108,668	382,378	54%	712,448
Power	300,239	106,549	492,860	55%	899,648
Washington	345,204	75,077	511,815	55%	932,096
Gem	135,009	22,230	202,825	56%	360,064
Kootenai	254,276	60,624	482,028	60%	796,928
Minidoka	174,649	11,118	300,441	62%	486,208
Ada	196,633	55,030	423,537	63%	675,200
Franklin	139,255	13,299	273,366	64%	425,920
Teton	95,131	1,850	191,275	66%	288,256
Payette	66,136	10,804	183,860	70%	260,800
Madison	63,519	24,212	214,093	71%	301,824
Jerome	96,510	10,471	276,955	72%	383,936
Benewah	48,887	70,842	376,911	76%	496,640
Nez Perce	33,771	96,596	413,057	76%	543,424
Latah	112,791	43,602	532,695	77%	689,088
Lewis	8,104	22,886	275,634	90%	306,624
Canyon	20,486	3,750	353,236	94%	377,472
Total	33,412,277	3,276,619	16,271,680	31%	52,960,576

Source: Idaho Fiscal Facts 2012, Idaho Legislative Services

### **Economy and Industry**

### **Total Housing Units (2010)**

Total Housing Units (2010)					
Idaho State - 652,323					
Ada	155,754	Gem	6,999		
Adams	2,381	Gooding	6,038		
Bannock	32,397	Idaho	8,574		
Bear Lake	3,815	Jefferson	8,337		
Benewah	4,557	Jerome	7,831		
Bingham	15,873	Kootenai	61,173		
Blaine	14,818	Latah	15,663		
Boise	5,178	Lemhi	4,669		
Bonner	23,773	Lewis	1,869		
Bonneville	38,626	Lincoln	2,190		
Boundary	4,981	Madison	10,987		
Butte	1,415	Minidoka	7,665		
Camas	767	Nez Perce	17,297		
Canyon	67,649	Oneida	1,894		
Caribou	3,226	Owyhee	4,769		
Cassia	8,289	Payette	8,875		
Clark	522	Power	2,957		
Clearwater	4,411	Shoshone	7,070		
Custer	2,960	Teton	4,973		
Elmore	11,969	Twin Falls	30,406		
Franklin	4,436	Valley	11,246		
Fremont	8,288	Washington	4,456		

Source: US Census Bureau

### Average Single-Family Housing Cost (2011)

Community (County)	Average \$Value
Blackfoot (Bingham)	189,250
Boise (Ada)	181,435
Burley (Cassia)	122,996
Coeur d'Alene (Kootenai)	182,176
Idaho Falls (Bonneville)	169,902
Ketchum/Sun Valley (Blaine)	162,464
Lewiston (Nez Perce)	177,717
Moscow (Latah)	214,005
Mountain Home (Elmore)	127,883
Nampa/Caldwell (Canyon)	104,508
Pocatello (Bannock)	135,306
Rexburg (Madison)	157,946
Sandpoint (Bonner)	191,619
Twin Falls (Twin Falls)	136,224

Source: Idaho At A Glance, Idaho Department of Commerce

### **Cost of Living**

Based on average housing costs, utilities, health care, transportation, groceries, and other services, Idaho ranks 12th lowest cost of living in the US. The list below provides a comparison of the relative cost of living in the western states.

Index			
National	100.00		
Utah	91.32		
Idaho	92.62		
Nevada	96.63		
Wyoming	97.92		
New Mexico	99.25		
Montana	99.96		
Colorado	101.1		
Arizona	103.4		
Washington	103.49		
Oregon	105.93		
California	131.98		

Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index 2nd Quarter 2011.

1. Canada	\$1,323,443,128
2. Singapore	965,263,665
3. China (+ Hong Kong/Macau)	810,361,255
4. Taiwan	754,966,979
5. Korea, Republic of	572,441,949
6. Japan	302,341,905
7. Mexico	257,003,063
8. Malaysia	175,932,786
9. France	139,905,301
10. Australia	108,228,519
11. United Kingdom	77,622,672
12. Netherlands	70,808,845
13. Phillipines Republic	64,644,093
14. Brazil	58,659,104
All Other Countries	431,410,830

### **Export Markets for Idaho Goods (2012)**

## Idaho Exports (2012)

	Export Totals	% Change
	(US Dollars Millions)	vs. 2011
	\$6,113,365,391	3.53
Semiconductors & Industrial	3,171,037,050	-3.74
Food & Agriculture	937,972,361	13.42
Transportation Equipment	667,876,231	449.91
Mining Products	572,251,196	-34.44
Fertilizer, Presticides, Veteri	166,731,728	-27.60
Paper, Pulp, Printing	159,121,686	-5.54
Office & Home Furnishings	155,518,876	50.79
Building Materials	97,542,390	-3.42
Personal Care Products	72,624,098	-1.22
Fabricated Metal Products	60,582,348	3.62
Other	24,391,393	-5.99
Hides, Leather, Fur, Cork	10,478,290	-11.08
Apparel	6,333,901	-9.73
Textiles	903,843	-0.53



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In 2012, work finally began on Boise's famous downtown eyesore, the Boise Hole. Before it became the Boise Hole, the location was home to the Eastman Building, which occupied the corner for 82 years. On January 24, 1987, fire destroyed the building.

The building is planned to be finished in 2014. Zion's Bank plans to open an Idaho headquarters in the building, with other tenants signed on to open when the ribbon is cut.

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