

Economy



Agriculture near Hazelton

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Labor and Wages

Labor Force	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Civilian Labor Force	779,631	794,675	812,856	833,462	857,049
Unemployment	38,106	33,666	30,577	26,299	24,317
% Unemployed	4.9	4.2	3.8	3.2	2.8
Employment	741,525	761,009	782,279	807,163	832,732

Source: Labor Market Information website: lmi.idaho.gov, Idaho Department of Labor

Average Annual Employment & Wages Per Job

	2007		2016		2017	
	Avg Empl	Avg Wage	Avg Empl	Avg Wage	Avg Empl	Avg Wage
Agriculture	21,588	\$27,725	24,603	\$34,039	24,654	\$35,464
Mining	2,290	\$66,779	2,366	\$71,658	2,172	\$71,315
Construction	31,217	\$38,153	39,479	\$41,605	42,716	\$42,803
Manufacturing	53,124	\$49,388	63,769	\$55,247	66,120	\$61,475
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	120,169	\$31,671	134,814	\$37,643	136,734	\$38,821
Information	9,673	\$41,117	8,994	\$49,216	8,892	\$50,919
Financial Activities	26,881	\$41,606	29,914	\$52,481	30,953	\$53,873
Professional & Business Services	74,114	\$42,524	84,538	\$45,898	88,322	\$48,583
Educational & Health Services	80,572	\$35,329	94,933	\$40,754	96,364	\$40,904
Leisure & Hospitality	57,879	\$13,806	71,676	\$15,816	74,926	\$16,372
Other Services	15,303	\$24,190	17,321	\$28,578	17,923	\$30,083
Government	112,664	\$36,191	115,594	\$40,182	117,564	\$41,445

Source: *Bureau of Economic Analysis*, Idaho Department of Labor

Idaho Rankings in Employment & Labor

	Value	US Ranking	NW Ranking*
Average Annual Pay (2016)	\$39,637	49	7
Unemployment Rate (2017)	2.9%	7	1
Labor Force: % Women (2016)	57.2%	30	6
Job Growth (2016–2017)	2.1%	7	4
% Emp: Construction (2017)	6.1%	7	4
% Emp: Manufacturing (2017)	9.4%	21	2
% Emp: Mining/Logging (2017)	0.5%	13	4
% Emp: Ed and Health Svcs (2017)	14.8%	29	2

*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 2018: A Legislator's Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

Annual Average Labor Force (2018)

County Name	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	% Unemployed
Ada	244,525	238,510	6,015	2.5%
Adams	1,722	1,628	94	5.5%
Bannock	41,686	40,547	1,139	2.7%
Bear Lake	2,835	2,753	82	2.9%
Benewah	4,021	3,835	186	4.6%
Bingham	23,357	22,724	633	2.7%
Blaine	12,323	12,032	291	2.4%
Boise	3,329	3,188	141	4.2%
Bonner	19,610	18,807	803	4.1%
Bonneville	55,403	54,077	1,326	2.4%
Boundary	5,296	5,061	235	4.4%
Butte	1,382	1,338	44	3.2%
Camas	690	674	16	2.3%
Canyon	100,275	97,188	3,087	3.1%
Caribou	3,831	3,723	108	2.8%
Cassia	11,750	11,488	262	2.2%
Clark	405	393	12	3.0%
Clearwater	2,925	2,728	197	6.7%
Custer	2,190	2,102	88	4.0%
Elmore	11,416	11,044	372	3.3%
Franklin	6,920	6,772	148	2.1%
Fremont	7,781	7,592	189	2.4%
Gem	8,141	7,862	279	3.4%
Gooding	8,105	7,910	195	2.4%
Idaho	6,426	6,125	301	4.7%
Jefferson	13,488	13,183	305	2.3%
Jerome	11,963	11,659	304	2.5%
Kootenai	77,765	75,065	2,700	3.5%
Latah	20,267	19,769	498	2.5%
Lemhi	3,511	3,354	157	4.5%
Lewis	1,637	1,547	90	5.5%
Lincoln	2,738	2,646	92	3.4%
Madison	21,678	21,304	374	1.7%
Minidoka	11,031	10,753	278	2.5%
Nez Perce	21,053	20,474	579	2.8%
Oneida	2,339	2,288	51	2.2%
Owyhee	5,448	5,252	196	3.6%
Payette	11,535	11,122	413	3.6%
Power	4,090	3,972	118	2.9%
Shoshone	5,068	4,777	291	5.7%
Teton	6,407	6,263	144	2.2%
Twin Falls	40,747	39,651	1,096	2.7%
Valley	5,313	5,113	200	3.8%
Washington	4,632	4,440	192	4.1%

Source: *Local Area Unemployment Statistics, County Data*: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Per Capita Income

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
State of Idaho	\$36,146	\$37,153	\$38,392	\$40,508	\$41,826
United States	\$44,765	\$46,414	\$48,112	\$49,831	\$51,640

Source: *Work Force Trends*, Idaho Department of Labor

County Per Capita Income (2017)

Ada	\$49,900	Gem	\$36,225
Adams	\$36,851	Gooding	\$56,256
Bannock	\$36,987	Idaho	\$32,369
Bear Lake	\$37,634	Jefferson	\$33,779
Benewah	\$35,520	Jerome	\$38,279
Bingham	\$35,535	Kootenai	\$42,224
Blaine	\$102,546	Latah	\$39,575
Boise	\$43,549	Lemhi	\$40,056
Bonner	\$39,310	Lewis	\$44,577
Bonneville	\$45,413	Lincoln	\$34,342
Boundary	\$34,576	Madison	\$25,132
Butte	\$37,885	Minidoka	\$37,706
Camas	\$37,216	Nez Perce	\$42,487
Canyon	\$31,370	Oneida	\$34,831
Caribou	\$38,020	Owyhee	\$35,410
Cassia	\$44,132	Payette	\$38,509
Clark	\$38,562	Power	\$36,969
Clearwater	\$34,454	Shoshone	\$35,285
Custer	\$42,868	Teton	\$37,314
Elmore	\$36,239	Twin Falls	\$38,291
Franklin	\$34,781	Valley	\$46,550
Fremont	\$35,638	Washington	\$34,313

Source: US Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis: *Regional Data*

Major Private Employers

Business	Industry
Albertsons	Retail Trade
Battelle Energy Alliance	Professional & Technical Services
Brigham Young University Idaho	Private Education
Hewlett-Packard Company	Technology & Manufacturing
Idaho Power Co	Public Utilities
J. R. Simplot Company	Manufacturing
Kootenai Medical Center	Health Services
Micron Technology	Technology & Manufacturing
Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center	Health Services
St. Lukes Regional Medical Center	Health Services
Wal-Mart	Retail Trade
Wells Fargo Bank	Banking

Source: *Work Force Trends*, Idaho Department of Labor



Stanley, Idaho

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Agriculture

	Value	Ranking	
		US	NW*
Number of Farms (2016)	24,300	34	4
Avg Acres Per Farm (2016)	486	14	5
Farm Income: Crops (2016)	\$2,809,522,000	21	3
Farm Income: Livestock (2016)	\$4,300,405,000	12	1
Farm Income: Gov't Pymts (2016)	\$158,281,000	25	3
Acres Planted (2017)	4,195,000	21	2
Acres Harvested (2017)	4,064,000	22	2

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Cash Receipts Breakdown – Livestock & Crops

2017 Livestock Cash Receipts	\$4,380,506,000
2017 Crops Cash Receipts	\$2,962,456,000
2017 Total Cash Receipts	\$7,342,962,000

Source: *Idaho Agriculture Facts 2017*, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

2017 Top Idaho Commodities

Product	Rank	% of US
Potatoes	1	34
Trout	1	46
Austrian Winter Peas	1	43
Barley	1	34
Alfalfa Hay	2	8
Sugarbeets	2	18
Wrinkled Seed Peas	2	30
Hops	2	13
Peppermint Oil	2	29
Cheese	3	8
Prunes & Plums (Fresh)	3	21
Milk	4	7
Onions (Dry)	4	8
Lentils	4	4
Milk Cows	4	6
Spring Wheat	4	8
Dry Edible Beans	5	8
Dry Edible Peas	6	2
Canola	7	1
Sheep and Lambs	7	4
Winter Wheat	7	4
Wool	7	7
All Hay	8	4
Honey	8	3
All Cattle and Calves	12	3

Source: *Idaho Agriculture Facts 2017*, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Idaho Food and Agriculture Products Exported (2018)

Commodity	\$ (Millions)
Dairy	\$356.2
Processed Vegetables	\$296.0
Wheat	\$295.7
Beef	\$179.2
Fresh Vegetables	\$157.7
Feeds	\$106.2
Processed Grain Products	\$74.6
Livestock	\$61.8
Hides and Skins	\$35.7
Corn	\$16.1
Poultry	\$8.7
Pork	\$3.4
Fresh Fruits	\$3.0
Processed Fruits	\$2.7
Vegetable Oils	\$1.0
Other	\$383.0
Total	\$1,992.9

Source: *Idaho Agriculture Facts 2017*, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

2017 Top Idaho Commodities

Commodity	Harvested Acres	Cash Receipts (\$1000)
Milk (all)	N/A	\$2,515,844
Cattle and Calves	N/A	\$1,376,883
Potatoes	310,000	\$974,966
Hay	1,430,000	\$717,832
Wheat	1,109,000	\$426,305
Sugarbeets	166,000	\$292,040
Barley	510,000	\$230,138
Corn (Grain)	115,000	\$99,216
Dry Edible Beans	178,000	\$83,030
Hops	7,000	\$68,796
Onions	8,000	\$47,483
Peppermint	16,000	\$29,568
Apples	2,100	\$8,150
Dry Edible Peas	13,000	\$2,855
Lentils	35,000	\$8,789
Peaches	800	\$6,629
Honey	N/A	\$7,482
Oats	10,000	\$1,938

Source: *Idaho Agriculture Facts 2017*, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Ernest Hemingway House

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Where Idaho Agricultural Exports Go: 2017 Export Market Share

Country	% Market Share
Canada	26.05%
Mexico	20.45%
China	7.41%
South Korea	6.79%
Japan	5.57%
Netherlands	5.18%
Spain	3.41%
Australia	2.96%
Peru	1.58%
Singapore	1.30%
Philippines	1.24%
Chile	1.14%
Thailand	1.04%
Taiwan	1.00%
Other	14.88%

Source: *Idaho Agriculture Facts 2017* Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Transportation

	Value	Ranking	
		US	NW*
Per Cap Fed Highway Fund (2016)	\$173	12	3
% Federally Funded Road & Street Miles (2016)	22.8	36	4
Pub Road & Street Mileage (2016)	51,342	35	4
Highway Fatalities Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles (2015)	1.3	15	3
Alcohol Related Fatalities as a % of all Highway Fatalities (2016)	35	17	2
Safety Belt Usage Rate (2016)	82.9%	39	5
Vehicle Registrations (2016)	1,842,245	37	5
% Fatalities Young Drivers (2015)	7.9	5	2

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Revenue and Expenditures

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Fiscal Year (FY): 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.

General Fund Revenues (Millions)

By Revenue Source	FY 2019	FY 2020	% Chg
Individual Income Tax	\$1,661.1	\$1,779.7	7.1%
Corporate Income Tax	\$283.2	\$264.1	(6.7%)
Sales Tax	\$1,597.7	\$1,691.3	5.9%
All Other Sources	\$192.6	\$193.5	0.5%
Revenues*	\$3,734.6	\$3,734.6	5.2%

*The FY 2020 revenue forecast was revised Aug 2019 and is \$128.8M less than originally forecast in January 2019

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2019: A Legislator’s Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

General Fund Appropriations (Millions)

By Functional Area	FY 2019	FY 2020	% Chg
Education	\$2,295.3	\$2,427.1	5.7%
Economic Development	\$39.5	\$46.0	16.5%
Law & Justice	\$362.3	\$374.6	3.4%
Natural Resources	\$50.2	\$52.3	4.2%
Health & Human Services	\$784.9	\$885.4	12.8%
General Government	\$120.5	\$124.9	3.7%
Revenues*	\$3,652.7	\$3,910.4	7.1%

*Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2019: A Legislator’s Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

Appropriations by Fund Source (Millions)

By Fund Source	FY 2019	FY 2020	% Chg
General Fund	\$3,652.7	\$3,910.4	7.1%
Dedicated Funds	\$1,785.6	\$1,793.8	0.5%
Federal Funds	\$2,886.2	\$3,257.6	12.9%
Total Sources*	\$8,324.5	\$8,961.8	7.7%

*Totals may not add due to rounding

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2019: A Legislator's Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

All Funds Appropriations (Millions)

By Functional Area	FY 2019	FY 2020	% Chg
Education	\$3,007.4	\$3,180.0	5.7%
Economic Development	\$1,015.2	\$1,099.5	8.3%
Law and Justice	\$485.6	\$489.2	0.7%
Natural Resources	\$311.7	\$330.5	6.0%
Health and Human Services	\$3,074.1	\$3,441.5	11.9%
General Government	\$430.4	\$421.0	(2.2%)
Total Appropriations*	\$8,324.5	\$8,961.8	7.7%

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Lands

Idaho Land Ownership

Description	Acres	% of Total
Federal Land	33,578,441	62.9%
BLM	11,771,810	22.0%
USFS	20,361,678	38.1%
Other*	1,444,952	2.7%
Water	310,539	0.6%
State Land	2,747,864	5.1%
Endowments	2,483,837	4.7%
Fish & Game	223,573	0.4%
Parks & Recreation	40,454	0.1%
Private Land	15,841,229	29.7%
Tribal Land	935,652	1.8%
Total	53,413,725	100.0%

*Includes NPS, NWR, Military/DOD, DOE, COE, BOR

** Includes Bureau of Indian Affairs and reservations

Idaho is the 14th largest state. Its 53 million acres include 500,000 acres of lakes, reservoirs and rivers.

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2019: A Legislator's Handbook of Facts, Figures, & Trends*

Land Ownership by County (in acres)

County	Federal	%	State & Tribal	Private	Total
Custer	2,919,413	92%	54,739	178,702	3,158,302
Lemhi	2,637,768	90%	37,822	241,277	2,920,956
Butte	1,245,031	87%	13,249	173,402	1,431,682
Valley	2,044,509	86%	67,987	264,242	2,388,457
Idaho	4,527,346	83%	112,149	785,195	5,437,765
Owyhee	3,860,625	78%	472,097	587,200	4,926,001
Blaine	1,305,378	77%	60,953	327,645	1,697,890
Lincoln	585,229	76%	22,246	163,522	771,154
Shoshone	1,266,008	75%	74,187	347,438	1,690,306
Boise	895,854	73%	87,553	233,240	1,220,059
Elmore	1,388,308	70%	120,425	468,354	1,985,283
Clark	738,107	65%	79,270	310,666	1,128,044
Camas	442,495	64%	27,861	218,330	688,686
Adams	560,592	64%	41,013	273,648	875,428
Boundary	493,774	60%	118,742	198,580	817,744
Freemont	709,079	58%	115,600	380,932	1,212,499
Gooding	253,483	54%	21,190	193,043	469,537
Cassia	881,913	53%	53,078	712,257	1,650,360
Oneida	404,889	53%	12,979	350,264	768,132
Clearwater	820,373	52%	247,072	519,809	1,591,439
Minidoka	246,028	50%	7,668	231,861	487,526
Twin Falls	619,461	50%	29,586	581,910	1,233,451
Bonneville	600,188	49%	59,548	534,372	1,216,322
Bear Lake	300,093	47%	19,783	316,890	636,910
Jefferson	332,294	47%	29,515	341,710	707,448
Ada	294,202	43%	46,956	333,686	678,788
Caribou	452,940	39%	168,911	520,487	1,151,322
Bonner	481,470	39%	170,714	462,187	1,227,560
Jerome	143,214	37%	7,989	232,936	385,295
Gem	133,975	37%	19,604	205,246	361,383
Washington	347,220	37%	72,482	518,908	938,633
Teton	95,822	33%	1,637	190,739	288,198
Franklin	138,419	32%	13,284	275,573	427,275
Power	281,606	31%	188,400	446,775	922,423
Kootenai	253,790	30%	60,821	480,926	837,879
Bannock	194,861	27%	162,830	375,418	734,554
Bingham	353,386	26%	380,720	618,300	1,356,449
Payette	65,006	25%	8,532	184,914	260,479
Madison	60,823	20%	22,060	219,109	302,959
Latah	110,035	16%	36,362	542,941	689,338
Benewah	45,931	9%	124,543	328,940	501,954
Nez Perce	30,028	6%	149,519	361,876	545,010
Canyon	14,366	4%	4,196	362,080	385,796
Lewis	3,107	1%	57,644	245,699	307,046
TOTALS	33,578,441	63%	3,683,517	15,841,229	53,413,725

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Economy and Industry

Total Housing Units (2017)-Estimate

Ada	172,399	Gem	7,224
Adams	2,672	Gooding	6,169
Bannock	33,870	Idaho	8,757
Bear Lake	4,045	Jefferson	9,105
Benewah	4,706	Jerome	8,397
Bingham	16,513	Kootenai	67,941
Blaine	15,287	Latah	16,626
Boise	5,441	Lemhi	4,828
Bonner	24,935	Lewis	1,909
Bonneville	41,593	Lincoln	1,994
Boundary	5,359	Madison	13,292
Butte	1,338	Minidoka	7,942
Camas	810	Nez Perce	17,686
Canyon	73,265	Oneida	1,967
Caribou	3,268	Owyhee	4,857
Cassia	8,619	Payette	9,263
Clark	553	Power	2,992
Clearwater	4,555	Shoshone	7,096
Custer	3,196	Teton	5,610
Elmore	12,394	Twin Falls	32,465
Franklin	4,726	Valley	12,097
Fremont	8,813	Washington	4,622
		Total	701,196

Source: *US Census Bureau*

Hagerman State Bank

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Eastern Idaho Fairgrounds

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Average Cost of Living (2019)

Based on average housing costs, utilities, health care, transportation, groceries, and other services, Idaho ranks 6th for lowest cost-of-living in the US. The national average index is 100.00. A state with an index of 95.00 has a cost-of-living that is 5% lower than the national average. The list below provides a comparison of the relative cost-of-living in the western states.

State	Index
Idaho	92.3
Wyoming	89.3
Utah	98.4
New Mexico	87.5
Arizona	97.0
Montana	106.9
Colorado	105.6
Nevada	108.5
Washington	110.7
Oregon	134.2
California	151.7

Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center

Export Markets for Idaho Goods (2018)

Canada	\$925,998,492
Taiwan	\$675,149,257
China	\$417,262,119
Singapore	\$345,039,391
Mexico	\$230,105,083
Japan	\$215,164,194
United Kingdom	\$188,815,187
Malaysia	\$111,042,237
Hong Kong	\$109,056,204
South Korea	\$107,624,407

Source: Idaho Department of Commerce

Idaho Exports (2018)

Description	Export Totals	% Change since 2017
Semiconductors & Industrial	\$2,240,207,985	9.12
Food & Agriculture	\$849,609,646	2.44
Fertilizer, Pesticide, Chemicals	\$200,533,363	-3.44
Transportation Equipment	\$186,814,901	10.07
Mining Products	\$156,141,902	-18.33
Wood, Paper, Pulp, Printing	\$143,559,039	-7.51
Personal Care Products	\$89,865,849	-3.18
Fabricated Metal Products	\$60,242,856	-12.68
Other	\$47,976,906	8.35
Office, Home, Outdoor	\$33,199,779	-20.90
Apparel	\$8,718,441	14.91
Textiles	\$4,722,773	100.89

Source: Idaho Department of Commerce