Hispanic Population

- Blaine County had 5,091 Hispanic residents in 2018.

- In 2018, Hispanic residents made up 22.5% of the population, compared to 12.7% in Idaho and 18.3% in the US.

Income

- The county’s per capita income in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was $155,842, compared to the state average of $44,696 and the national average of $55,433.

- Per capita income increased by 28.0% from 2008 to 2018, compared to an increase of 15.3% in Idaho and an increase of 14.1% in the US.

- The median household income (adjusted for inflation) was $67,621 in 2018 compared to $56,530 in Idaho and $63,059 in the US.

Age Structure

- 22.1% of Blaine County’s population was under 18 in 2018, in contrast to 25.5% in Idaho and 22.4% in the US.

- In 2018, 58.3% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.7% in Idaho and 61.5% in the US.

- Blaine County’s median age in 2018 was 43.7 compared to 36.6 in Idaho and 38.2 in the US.

Housing

- The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) was $402,972 between 2014 and 2018, compared to $195,784 in Idaho and $208,613 in the US.

- The median value was the 1st highest out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2014 and 2018.

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Note: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of inflation. Using the CPI to put dollar values in “real” terms makes it easier to see “inflation-free” change over time. Our base year is 2019, which means all dollar values are in terms of 2019 dollars.

For more information, see https://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm

Sources:

Please see the Indicators Idaho website (indicatordaho.org) for data sources and additional information about your county.

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Educational Attainment

- In Blaine County on average between 2014-2018...
  - 11.6% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 9.4% in Idaho and 12.3% in the US.
  - 38.2% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.9% in Idaho and 31.5% in the US.

Poverty

- Blaine County's overall poverty rate decreased from 7.1% in 2008 when the recession began to 7.0% in 2018.
  - Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2018 was 11.7% and the US rate was 13.1%.
  - Blaine County's child poverty rate (for people under 18) decreased from 9.8% in 2008 when the recession began to 8.1% in 2018.
  - On average between 2014 and 2018, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 5.8 percent.

Blaine County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2017 was 4 per 1,000, compared to 6 per 1,000 in Idaho and 8 per 1,000 in the US.
  - On average between 2014 and 2018, teens who were not working, looking for work, and not in school made up 4.6% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 6.8% in Idaho and 6.8% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

- In Blaine County in 2018...
  - The total number of crimes reported was 61 per 10,000 population, compared to 169 in Idaho and 258 in the US.
  - The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 2.5, compared to 1.6 in Idaho and 2.1 in the US.

Social Trends

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2018 was 2.4%, compared to 2.8% for Idaho and 3.9% for the US. Blaine County ranked 38th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho's 44 counties.
  - The largest number of jobs in 2018 were provided by accommodation and food services, construction, and real estate, rental, and leasing.
  - The number of jobs was 21,737 in 2018, compared to 3,259 in 1969—a 567% increase.

In 2018, the self-employment rate was 36.0%, compared to 25.7% for Idaho and 23.1% for the US.

- The average wage per job in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was $43,583, down slightly from $44,061 a decade earlier. The average was $43,659 in Idaho and $58,304 in the US.

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