Hispanic Population
- Custer County had 203 Hispanic residents in 2018.

Custer County's median age in 2018 was 52.7 compared to 36.6 in Idaho and 38.2 in the US.

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

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Educational Attainment

In Custer County on average between 2014-2018...

- 10.6% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 9.4% in Idaho and 12.3% in the US.
- 23.0% had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 26.9% in Idaho and 31.5% in the US.

Poverty

- Custer County’s overall poverty rate increased from 13.3% in 2008 when the recession began to 14.7% in 2018.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2018 was 11.7% and the US rate was 13.1%.
- Custer County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 19.9% in 2008 when the recession began to 23.2% in 2018.
- On average between 2014 and 2018, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 11.4 percent.

Custer County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2016 was 18 per 1,000, compared to 10 per 1,000 in Idaho and 9 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 12.2% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 6.8% in Idaho and 6.8% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In Custer County in 2017...

- The total number of crimes reported was 58 per 10,000 population, compared to 186 in Idaho and 236 in the US.
- The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 1.9, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.1 in the US.

Population Change

- Custer County had 4,280 residents in 2018, 88 less than 2010.
- Population decreased by 2.0 percent between 2010 and 2018, compared to an increase of 11.9 percent in Idaho as a whole.
- Custer County was the 42nd fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2018.
- Since 1970, Custer County has gained 1,313 residents.
- Custer County had migration & natural change rates that were below the state average between 2010 and 2018.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2018 was 4.0%, compared to 2.8% for Idaho and 3.9% for the US. Custer County ranked 12th—highest to lowest—of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2018 were provided by government, farming, and accommodation and food services.
- The number of jobs was 2,809 in 2018, compared to 1,286 in 1969—a 118% increase.

Social Trends

Employment by Industry

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<th>2010</th>
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<td>2,835</td>
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<td>Farm</td>
<td>11.3%</td>
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<td>Retail trade</td>
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In 2018, the self-employment rate was 42.4%, compared to 25.7% for Idaho and 23.1% for the US.
- The average wage per job in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was $32,936, down from $41,618 a decade earlier. The average was $43,659 in Idaho and $58,304 in the US.