Hispanic Population

- Jerome County had 8,731 Hispanic residents in 2018.
- In 2018, Hispanic residents made up 36.4% of the population, compared to 12.7% in Idaho and 18.3% in the US.

Age Structure

- 33.2% of Jerome County’s population was under 18 in 2018, in contrast to 25.5% in Idaho and 22.4% in the US.
- In 2018, 56.2% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.7% in Idaho and 61.5% in the US.
- Jerome County’s median age in 2018 was 33.2 compared to 36.6 in Idaho and 38.2 in the US.

Income

- The county’s per capita income in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was $38,876, compared to the state average of $44,696 and the national average of $55,433.
- Per capita income increased by 13.8% 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 $54,999 in 2018 compared to $56,530 in Idaho and $63,059 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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Population Change

- Jerome County had 24,015 residents in 2018, 1,641 more than 2010.
- Population increased by 7.3 percent between 2010 and 2018, compared to an increase of 11.9 percent in Idaho as a whole.
- Jerome County was the 14th fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2018.
- Since 1970, Jerome County has gained 13,762 residents.
- Jerome County had a migration rate below & natural change rate that was above the state average between 2010 and 2018.

Educational Attainment

- In Jerome County on average between 2014-2018...
  - 22.3% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 9.4% in Idaho and 12.3% in the US.
  - 14.9% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.9% in Idaho and 31.5% in the US.

Poverty

- Jerome County’s overall poverty rate decreased from 12.9% in 2008 when the recession began to 12.5% in 2018.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2018 was 11.7% and the US rate was 13.1%.
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- On average between 2014 and 2018, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 6.7 percent.

Jerome County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2017 was 14 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 6.7% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 6.8% in Idaho and 6.8% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

- In Jerome County in 2018...
  - The total number of crimes reported was 132 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 1.5, compared to 1.6 in Idaho and 2.1 in the US.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2018 was 2.5%, compared to 2.8% for Idaho and 3.9% for the US. Jerome County ranked 32nd—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2018 were provided by farming, manufacturing, and retail trade.
- The number of jobs was 12,381 in 2018, compared to 4,371 in 1969—a 183% increase.

Social Trends

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