Hispanic Population

- Lincoln County had 1,627 Hispanic residents in 2018.

Age Structure

- 28.9% of Lincoln County’s population was under 18 in 2018, in contrast to 25.5% in Idaho and 22.4% in the US.
- In 2018, 57.0% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.7% in Idaho and 61.5% in the US.
- Lincoln County’s median age in 2018 was 36.0 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 $35,452, compared to the state average of $44,696 and the national average of $55,433.
- Per capita income decreased by 6.5% from 2008 to 2018, compared to an increase of 15.3% in Idaho and an increase of 14.1% in the US.
- The household income (adjusted for inflation) was $51,378 in 2018 compared to $56,530 in Idaho and $63,059 in the US.

Housing

- The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) was $139,482 between 2014 and 2018, compared to $195,784 in Idaho and $208,613 in the US.
- The median value was the 38th highest out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2014 and 2018.
- The number of housing units increased by 21.0% from 2000 to 2018, compared to an increase of 34.8% in Idaho.

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.

Sources:

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

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Population Change

- Lincoln County had 5,208 residents in 2018, 152 more than 2010.
- Population increased by 2.9 percent between 2010 and 2018, compared to an increase of 11.9 percent in Idaho as a whole.
- Lincoln County was the 24th fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2018.
- Since 1970, Lincoln County has gained 2,303 residents.
- Lincoln County had a migration rate below & natural change rate that was above the state average between 2010 and 2018.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2018 was 3.4%, compared to 2.8% for Idaho and 3.9% for the US. Lincoln County ranked 18th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2018 were provided by farming, government, and construction.
- The number of jobs was 2,673 in 2018, compared to 1,580 in 1969—a 69% increase.
- In 2018, the self-employment rate was 30.2%, compared to 25.7% for Idaho and 23.1% for the US.
- The average wage per job in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was $36,863, up from $34,504 a decade earlier. The average was $43,659 in Idaho and $58,304 in the US.

Social Trends

- In Lincoln County on average between 2014-2018...
  - 20.6% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 9.4% in Idaho and 12.3% in the US.
  - 10.1% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.9% in Idaho and 31.5% in the US.

Poverty

- Lincoln County’s overall poverty rate increased from 10.7% in 2008 when the recession began to 13.8% in 2018.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2018 was 11.7% and the US rate was 13.1%.
- Lincoln County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 17.3% in 2008 when the recession began to 20.2% in 2018.
- On average between 2014 and 2018, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 14.1 percent.

Lincoln County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2017 was 6 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 5.8% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 6.8% in Idaho and 6.8% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

- In Lincoln County in 2016...
  - The total number of crimes reported was 44 per 10,000 population, compared to 198 in Idaho and 245 in the US.
  - The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 2.3, compared to 1.5 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.