Hispanic Population

- Ada County had 35,900 Hispanic residents in 2016.

Income

- The county’s per capita income in 2016 (adjusted for inflation) was $48,048, compared to the state average of $40,311 and the national average of $50,295.
- Per capita income decreased by 3.6% from 2006 to 2016, compared to an increase of 5.7% in Idaho and an increase of 8.4% in the US.
- The median household income (adjusted for inflation) was $62,833 in 2016 compared to $52,747 in Idaho and $58,844 in the US.

Age Structure

- 24.4% of Ada County’s population was under 18 in 2016, in contrast to 26.0% in Idaho and 22.8% in the US.
- In 2016, 62.0% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.9% in Idaho and 62.0% in the US.
- Ada County’s median age in 2016 was 36.7 compared to 36.2 in Idaho and 37.9 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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ADA COUNTY AT A GLANCE

COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

- Ada County’s total population in 2016 was 444,028.
- The 2016 self-employment rate was 21.9%, compared to 25.6% for Idaho and 22.6% for the US.
- In 2016, Hispanic residents made up 8.1% of the population, compared to 12.3% in Idaho.
- Ada County’s average annual unemployment rate of 3.3% in 2016.

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 2017, which means all dollar values are in terms of 2017 dollars.

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

In Ada County on average between 2012-2016...

- 5.4% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 10.0% in Idaho and 13.0% in the US.
- 37.0% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.2% in Idaho and 30.3% in the US.

Poverty

- Ada County’s overall poverty rate increased from 7.9% in 2007 when the recession began to 10.8% in 2016.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2016 was 13.8% and the US rate was 14.0%.
- Ada County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 9.6% in 2007 when the recession began to 11.3% in 2016.
- On average between 2012 and 2016, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 9.5 percent.

Ada County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2015 was 6 per 1,000, compared to 9 per 1,000 in Idaho and 10 per 1,000 in the US.
- On average between 2012 and 2016, teens who were not working, looking for work, and not in school made up 5.9% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 7.6% in Idaho and 7.3% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In Ada County in 2015...

- The total number of crimes reported was 189 per 10,000 population, compared to 196 in Idaho and 287 in the US.
- The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 1.2, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.

Social Trends

Population Change

- Ada County had 444,028 residents in 2016, 51,663 more than 2010.
- Population grew by 13.2 percent between 2010 and 2016, compared to an increase of 7.4 percent in Idaho as a whole.
- Ada County was the 1st fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2016.
- Since 1970, Ada County has gained 331,798 residents.
- Ada County had a migration rate above & natural change rate that was below the state average between 2010 and 2016.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2016 was 3.3%, compared to 3.8% for Idaho and 4.9% for the US. Ada County ranked 35th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2016 were provided by health care & social assistance, government, and retail trade.
- The number of jobs was 308,780 in 2016, compared to 54,292 in 1969—a 469% increase.

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