Hispanic Population
- Custer County had 182 Hispanic residents in 2016.

Age Structure
- 16.8% of Custer County’s population was under 18 in 2016, in contrast to 26.0% in Idaho and 22.8% in the US.
- In 2016, 56.5% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.9% in Idaho and 62.0% in the US.
- Custer County’s median age in 2016 was 53.0 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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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.

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**Educational Attainment**

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

- 7.4% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 10.0% in Idaho and 13.0% in the US.
- 26.2% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.2% in Idaho and 30.3% in the US.

**Poverty**

- Custer County’s overall poverty rate increased from 12.4% in 2007 when the recession began to 15.7% in 2016.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2016 was 13.8% and the US rate was 14.0%.
- Custer County's child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 17.2% in 2007 when the recession began to 24.5% in 2016.
- On average between 2012 and 2016, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 17.3 percent.

**Custer County Youth**

- The teen birth rate in 2015 was 15 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 3.2% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 7.6% in Idaho and 7.3% in the US.

**Crime and Law Enforcement**

In Custer County in 2015...

- The total number of crimes reported was 83 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 1.7, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.

**Employment**

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2016 was 5.2%, compared to 3.8% for Idaho and 4.9% for the US. Custer County ranked 13th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2016 were provided by government, farming, and accommodation and food services.
- The number of jobs was 2,744 in 2016, compared to 1,286 in 1969—a 113% increase.
- In 2016, the self-employment rate was 43.2%, compared to 25.6% for Idaho and 22.6% for the US.
- The average wage per job in 2016 (adjusted for inflation) was $31,903, down from $39,565 a decade earlier. The average was $40,476 in Idaho and $54,753 in the US.

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