Hispanic Population

* Gem County had 1,442 Hispanic residents in 2016.

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Income

* The county’s per capita income in 2016 (adjusted for inflation) was $34,468, compared to the state average of $40,311 and the national average of $50,295.
* Per capita income increased by 15.7% 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 $42,922 in 2016 compared to $52,747 in Idaho and $58,844 in the US.

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Housing

* The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) was $146,046 between 2012 and 2016, compared to $171,477 in Idaho and $188,635 in the US.
* The median value was the 25th highest out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2012 and 2016.
* The number of housing units increased by 20.6% from 2000 to 2016, compared to an increase of 30.0% in Idaho.

Age Structure

* 23.3% of Gem County’s population was under 18 in 2016, in contrast to 26.0% in Idaho and 22.8% in the US.
* In 2016, 54.8% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.9% in Idaho and 62.0% in the US.
* Gem County’s median age in 2016 was 44.3 compared to 36.2 in Idaho and 37.9 in the US.

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Sources:
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Educational Attainment

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

- 12.7% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 10.0% in Idaho and 13.0% in the US.
- 12.7% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.2% in Idaho and 30.3% in the US.

Poverty

- Gem County’s overall poverty rate increased from 13.0% in 2007 when the recession began to 17.9% in 2016.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2016 was 13.8% and the US rate was 14.0%.
- Gem County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 19.0% in 2007 when the recession began to 23.3% in 2016.
- On average between 2012 and 2016, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 15.5 percent.

Gem County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2015 was 14 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 17.9% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 7.6% in Idaho and 7.3% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In Gem County in 2015...

- The total number of crimes reported was 84 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 1.5, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.