Hispanic Population

- Jerome County had 7,887 Hispanic residents in 2016.
- In 2016, Hispanic residents made up 34.3% of the population, compared to 12.3% in Idaho and 17.8% in the US.

Age Structure

- 31.2% of Jerome County’s population was under 18 in 2016, in contrast to 26.0% in Idaho and 22.8% in the US.
- In 2016, 56.4% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.9% in Idaho and 62.0% in the US.
- Jerome County’s median age in 2016 was 32.6 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.

March 2018
Population Change

- Jerome County had 22,374 residents in 2016, 620 more than 2010.
- Population increased by 2.8 percent between 2010 and 2016, compared to an increase of 7.4 percent in Idaho as a whole.

Jerome County was the 16th fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2016.

Since 1970, Jerome County has gained 12,741 residents.

Jerome County had a migration rate below & natural change rate that was above the state average between 2010 and 2016.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2016 was 3.1%, compared to 4.2% for Idaho and 4.9% for the US. Jerome County ranked 41st—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2016 were provided by farming, manufacturing, and retail trade.
- The number of jobs was 12,032 in 2016, compared to 4,371 in 1969—a 175% increase.

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- In 2016, the self-employment rate was 22.2%, compared to 25.6% for Idaho and 22.6% for the US.
- The average wage per job in 2016 (adjusted for inflation) was $36,158, up slightly from $32,418 a decade earlier. The average was $40,476 in Idaho and $54,753 in the US.

Social Trends

Educational Attainment

- In Jerome County on average between 2012-2016...
  - 25.0% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 10.0% in Idaho and 13.0% in the US.
  - 14.3% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 26.2% in Idaho and 30.3% in the US.

Poverty

- Jerome County’s overall poverty rate increased from 12.7% in 2007 when the recession began to 16.0% in 2016.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2016 was 13.8% and the US rate was 14.0%.
- Jerome County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 17.9% in 2007 when the recession began to 21.6% in 2016.
- On average between 2012 and 2016, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 11.0 percent.

Jerome County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2015 was 24 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 9.4% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 7.6% in Idaho and 7.3% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In Jerome County in 2015...

- The total number of crimes reported was 200 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.