**Hispanic Population**

- Benewah County had 301 Hispanic residents in 2014.

*Benewah County’s median age in 2014 was 46.3 years old, compared to 35.7 in Idaho and 37.7 in the US.*

**Age Structure**

- 22.2% of Benewah County’s population was under 18 in 2014, compared to 26.4% in Idaho and 23.1% in the US.
- In 2014, 56.6% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 59.3% in Idaho and 62.4% in the US.
- Benewah County’s median age in 2014 was 46.3 years old, compared to 35.7 in Idaho and 37.7 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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Population Change

- Benewah Co. had 9,118 residents in 2014, 167 less than in 2010.
- Population decreased by 1.8 percent between 2010 and 2014, compared to an increase of 4.3 percent in Idaho as a whole.
- Benewah County was the 29th fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2014.
- Since 1970, Benewah County has gained 2,888 residents.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2014 was 8.1%, compared to 4.8% for Idaho and 6.2% for the US. Benewah County ranked 4th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2013 were provided by government, manufacturing, and retail trade.
- The number of jobs was 4,987 in 2013, compared to 4,982 in 2001—a 0.1% increase.

Social Trends

Educational Attainment

In Benewah County on average between 2009-2013...
- 12.6% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 11.2% in Idaho and 13.9% in the US.
- 13.4% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 25.0% in Idaho and 28.8% in the US.

Poverty

- Benewah County’s overall poverty rate increased from 15.2% in 2007 when the recession began to 16.5% in 2013.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2013 was 15.6%, and the US rate was 15.8%.
- Benewah County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 21.1% in 2007 when the recession began to 24.3% in 2013.
- On average between 2009 and 2013, the poverty rate for people aged 65 and over was 9.0 percent.

Benewah County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2013 was 6 per 1,000, compared to 9 per 1,000 in Idaho and 12 per 1,000 in the US.
- On average between 2007 and 2011, teens who were not working, looking for work, and not in school made up 1.7% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 5.4% in Idaho and 5.4% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In Benewah County in 2013...
- The total number of crimes reported was 96 per 10,000 population, compared to 169 in Idaho and 389 in the US.
- The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 1.4 compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.

Population Change

- Benewah County had migration & natural change rates that were below the state average between 2010 and 2014.

Education by Industry

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In 2013, the self-employment rate was 28.4%, compared to 28.7% for Idaho and 22.0% for the US.

The average wage per job in 2013 (adjusted for inflation) was $36,970, up from $35,150 a decade earlier. The average was $38,413 in Idaho and $50,823 in the US.