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In Custer County on average between 2009-2013...

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Poverty

- Custer County's overall poverty rate increased from 12.4% in 2007 when the recession began to 14.3% in 2013.
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- Custer County's child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 17.2% in 2007 when the recession began to 20.0% in 2013.
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Custer County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2012 was 26 per 1,000, compared to 12 per 1,000 in Idaho and 14 per 1,000 in the US.
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Crime and Law Enforcement

- The total number of crimes reported was 40 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 1.7, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.

Educational Attainment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2014 was 6.7%, compared to 4.8% for Idaho and 6.2% for the US. Custer County ranked 9th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2013 were provided by government, farming, and accommodation and food services.
- The number of jobs was 2,933 in 2013, compared to 2,726 in 2001—a 7.6% increase.

Employment by Industry

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