**Hispanic Population**

- Gem County had 1,389 Hispanic residents in 2014.

**Age Structure**

- 23.6% of Gem County’s population was under 18 in 2014, compared to 26.4% in Idaho and 23.1% in the US.
- In 2014, 55.1% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 59.3% in Idaho and 52.4% in the US.
- Gem County’s median age in 2014 was 44.7 years old, compared to 38.7 in Idaho and 37.67 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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**Housing**

- The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) averaged $152,840 between 2009 and 2013, compared to $164,730 in Idaho and $179,566 in the US.
- The median value was the 20th highest out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2009 and 2013.
- The number of housing units increased by 20.6% from 2000 to 2010, compared to an increase of 26.5% in Idaho.

**Income**

- The county’s per capita income in 2013 (adjusted for inflation) was $31,093, below both the state average of $36,732 and the national average of $45,491.
- Per capita income decreased by 4.8% from 2007 to 2013, compared to a decrease of 1.3% in Idaho and an increase of 0.9% in the US.
- The median household income (adjusted for inflation) was $44,890 in 2013, compared to $47,377 in Idaho and $53,098 in the US.

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Educational Attainment

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

- 13.7% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 11.2% in Idaho and 13.9% in the US.

- 15.7% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 25.0% in Idaho and 28.8% in the US.

Poverty

- Gem County’s overall poverty rate increased from 13.0% in 2007 when the recession began to 18.4% in 2013.

- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2013 was 15.6%, and the US rate was 15.8%.

- Gem County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 19.0% in 2007 when the recession began to 26.2% in 2013.

- On average between 2009 and 2013, the poverty rate for people aged 65 and over was 8.3 percent.

Gem County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2013 was 3 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 3.7% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 5.4% in Idaho and 5.4% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

In Gem County in 2013...

- The total number of crimes reported was 52 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 1.5, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.0 in the US.