Hispanic Population

- Gooding County had 4,305 Hispanic residents in 2014.

Age Structure

- 28.2% of Gooding County’s population was under 18 in 2014, compared to 26.4% in Idaho and 23.1% in the US.
- In 2014, 55.3% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 59.3% in Idaho and 62.4% in the US.
- Gooding County’s median age in 2014 was 36.4 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

- Gooding Co. had 15,064 residents in 2014, 400 less than in 2010.
- Population decreased by 2.6 percent between 2010 and 2014, compared to an increase of 4.5 percent in the state.
- Gooding County was the 34th fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2014.
- Since 1970, Gooding County has gained 6,419 residents.

Employment

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2014 was 4.0%, compared to 4.8% for Idaho and 6.2% for the US. Gooding County ranked 39th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2013 were provided by farming, government, and manufacturing.
- The number of jobs was 8,864 in 2013, compared to 7,822 in 2001—a 10.8% increase.

### Employment by Industry

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- In 2013, the self-employment rate was 24.2%, compared to 25.7% for Idaho and 22.0% for the US.
- The average wage per job in 2013 (adjusted for inflation) was $35,150, up from $30,626 a decade earlier. The average was $38,413 in Idaho and $50,823 in the US.

Social Trends

Educational Attainment

- In Gooding County on average between 2009-2013...
  - 25.5% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 11.2% in Idaho and 13.9% in the US.
  - 12.1% had a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 25.0% in Idaho and 28.8% in the US.

Poverty

- Gooding County’s overall poverty rate increased from 13.2% in 2007 when the recession began to 16.3% in 2013.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2013 was 15.6%, and the US rate was 15.8%.
- Gooding County’s child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 19.7% in 2007 to 22.9% in 2013.
- On average between 2009 and 2013, the poverty rate for people aged 65 and over was 14.5 percent.

Gooding County Youth

- The teen birth rate in 2013 was 28 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 4.4% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 5.4% in Idaho and 5.4% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

- In Gooding County in 2013...
  - The total number of crimes reported was 83 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 2.6 in the US.