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In 2018, Hispanic residents made up 8.4% of the population, compared to 12.7% in Idaho and 18.3% in the US.

Hispanic Population
- Gem County had 1,476 Hispanic residents in 2018.

![Graph showing Hispanic Population in Gem County, Idaho, and the US, 1980-2018]

Age Structure
- 22.8% of Gem County's population was under 18 in 2018, in contrast to 25.5% in Idaho and 22.4% in the US.
- In 2018, 55.2% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.7% in Idaho and 61.5% in the US.
- Gem County's median age in 2018 was 44.2 compared to 36.6 in Idaho and 38.2 in the US.

Income
- The county's per capita income in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was $38,481, compared to the state average of $44,696 and the national average of $55,433.
- Per capita income increased by 16.1% from 2008 to 2018, compared to an increase of 15.3% in Idaho and an increase of 14.1% in the US.
- The median household income (adjusted for inflation) was $50,760 in 2018 compared to $56,530 in Idaho and $63,059 in the US.

Housing
- The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) was $162,186 between 2014 and 2018, compared to $195,784 in Idaho and $208,613 in the US.
- The median value was the 23rd highest out of Idaho's 44 counties between 2014 and 2018.
- The number of housing units increased by 23.7% from 2000 to 2018, compared to an increase of 34.8% in Idaho.

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 2019, which means all dollar values are in terms of 2019 dollars.
For more information, see [https://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm](https://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm)
**Educational Attainment**

- In Gem County on average between 2014-2018...
  - 12.1% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 9.4% in Idaho and 12.3% in the US.
  - 14.8% had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 26.9% in Idaho and 31.5% in the US.

**Poverty**

- Gem County's overall poverty rate decreased from 14.8% in 2008 when the recession began to 13.4% in 2018.
- Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2018 was 11.7% and the US rate was 13.1%.
- Gem County's child poverty rate (for people under 18) remained the same from 20.1% in 2008 when the recession began to 20.1% in 2018.
- On average between 2014 and 2018, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 10.4 percent.

**Gem County Youth**

- The teen birth rate in 2017 was 3 per 1,000, compared to 6 per 1,000 in Idaho and 8 per 1,000 in the US.
- On average between 2014 and 2018, teens who were not working, looking for work, and not in school made up 10.4% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 6.8% in Idaho and 6.8% in the US.

**Crime and Law Enforcement**

- In Gem County in 2018...
  - The total number of crimes reported was 79 per 10,000 population, compared to 169 in Idaho and 258 in the US.
  - The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 1.5, compared to 1.6 in Idaho and 2.1 in the US.

**Population Change**

- Gem County had 17,634 residents in 2018, 915 more than 2010.
- Population increased by 5.5 percent between 2010 and 2018, compared to an increase of 11.9 percent in Idaho as a whole.
- Gem County was the 17th fastest growing county out of Idaho’s 44 counties between 2010 and 2018.
- Since 1970, Gem County has gained 8,247 residents.
- Gem County had migration & natural change rates that were below the state average between 2010 and 2018.

**Employment**

- The average annual unemployment rate in 2018 was 3.4%, compared to 2.8% for Idaho and 3.9% for the US. Gem County ranked 17th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho’s 44 counties.
- The largest number of jobs in 2018 were provided by government, farming, and health care and social assistance.
- The number of jobs was 7,130 in 2018, compared to 3,853 in 1969—an 85% increase.

**Social Trends**

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