

ECONOMY



Lumberjack statue in Orofino dedicated to Idaho's timber workers

Photo Courtesy: Steve Lee

Labor Force and Wages

Average Annual Labor Force

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Civilian Labor Force	651,090	657,712	682,228	684,749	692,543
Unemployment	33,697	31,914	33,836	39,683	37,440
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%	5.8%	5.4%
Total Employment	617,393	625,798	648,392	645,066	655,103

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

Labor Force and Employment - 2002

Civilian Labor Force	684,800
Employment	645,100
Unemployment	39,700
Unemployment Rate	5.8%
Agricultural Employment	35,331
Non-Farm Payroll Jobs *	567,263
Goods Producing	104,920
Natural Resources & Mining	3,776
Construction	36,384
Manufacturing	64,759
Wood Product Manufacturing	7,561
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	3,647
Machinery Manufacturing	2,863
Computer and Electronic Product Mfg.	17,829
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	2,126
Food Manufacturing	16,307
Paper Manufacturing	1,694
Printing and Related Support Activities	2,031
Chemical Manufacturing	1,909
Other Manufacturing	8,792
Service Producing	462,343
Trade	97,249
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	18,583
Information	9,160
Financial Activities	25,648
Professional & Business Services	68,889
Educational & Health Services	59,752
Leisure & Hospitality	53,381
Other Services	17,808
Total Government	111,873

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

County Labor Force - 2002

Ada	180,204	Cassia	9,687	Lewis	1,456
Adams	1,598	Clark	558	Lincoln	1,987
Bannock	39,383	Clearwater	3,715	Madison	11,767
Bear Lake	2,832	Custer	2,020	Minidoka	9,615
Benewah	4,326	Elmore	9,727	Nez Perce	22,991
Bingham	22,424	Franklin	5,094	Oneida	1,697
Blaine	12,110	Fremont	5,057	Owyhee	4,378
Boise	2,710	Gem	6,075	Payette	9,544
Bonner	17,804	Gooding	7,027	Power	3,183
Bonneville	48,764	Idaho	6,448	Shoshone	6,417
Boundary	4,401	Jefferson	10,320	Teton	3,673
Butte	1,561	Jerome	9,339	Twin Falls	33,870
Camas	420	Kootenai	59,267	Valley	4,045
Canyon	70,514	Latah	15,572	Washington	4,199
Caribou	3,272	Lemhi	3,699		

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Idaho's Ranking in Employment & Labor

	Value	Ranking	
		US	NW*
2002 Average Annual Pay	\$28,163	45	6
2003 Unemployment Rate	4.8%	31	3
2002 Labor Force: % Women	62.0%	19	3
2002-2003 Job Growth	2.4%	5	1
2003% Emp: Government	19.3%	13	4
2003% Emp: Construction	6.5%	7	3
2003% Emp: Leisure & Hospitality	9.3%	20	6
2003% Emp: Manufacturing	10.6%	22	2
2003% Emp: Mining	0.3%	9	3
2003% Emp: Prof. & Business Services	12.7%	13	1
2003% Emp: Transportation & Public Utilities	20.6%	12	2

*NW Rank: Idaho's rank relative to the state's six neighbors: Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Values are Ranked from High to Low (Highest = 1)

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2004*, Legislative Services Office

Income - 2002

	Per Capita		Per Capita
Ada	\$34,072	Gem	19,753
Adams	23,189	Gooding	27,589
Bannock	22,754	Idaho	20,764
Bear Lake	19,320	Jefferson	20,619
Benewah	22,271	Jerome	24,787
Bingham	20,839	Kootenai	24,164
Blaine	44,641	Latah	24,141
Boise	22,309	Lemhi	21,645
Bonner	21,865	Lewis	25,154
Bonneville	25,815	Lincoln	21,184
Boundary	18,316	Madison	15,000
Butte	22,436	Minidoka	19,664
Camas	23,267	Nez Perce	26,578
Canyon	19,432	Oneida	17,620
Caribou	21,749	Owyhee	19,799
Cassia	24,324	Payette	20,016
Clark	25,950	Power	21,512
Clearwater	22,805	Shoshone	20,714
Custer	24,023	Teton	20,072
Elmore	22,138	Twin Falls	24,814
Franklin	19,610	Valley	30,351
Fremont	17,017	Washington	20,281

Source: Idaho Dept of Commerce & Labor

INCOME	1980	1990	1995	2001
Per Capita Personal Income	\$8,735	\$15,858	\$19,425	\$24,506
Percent of National Average	85.8%	81.0%	83.5%	80.6%
Percent of State Average	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Government Transfer Payments	\$933,484	\$1,971,463	\$3,012,026	\$4,227,279

Source: *County Profiles of Idaho*, Idaho Dept of Commerce & Labor

Annual Percent Labor Force Unemployed

1980	7.9
1990	5.9
2000	4.9
2001	5.0
2002	5.8

Percent Females (16+) in Labor Force

1970	39.0
1980	49.0
1990	56.1
2000	59.1

Source: *County Profiles of Idaho*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Average Hourly Earnings by Industry

	2001
Total Manufacturing	\$15.30
Food & Kindred Products	\$11.61
Lumber & Wood Products	\$14.62
Mining	\$15.94
Construction	\$16.51
Communications	\$18.10
Utilities	\$21.41
Wholesale Trade	\$14.17
Retail Trade	\$9.84

Source: *Idaho At A Glance*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Median Hourly Wage by Occupation - 2004

Financial Managers	\$30.26
General & operations managers	29.11
Computer Programmers	28.53
Computer systems analysts	29.06
Electrical engineers	35.12
Accountants & auditors	24.69
Retail salespersons	9.42
Office clerks, general	10.57
Cashiers	8.05
Executive secretaries & administrative assistants	14.30
Electrical & electronic equip. assemblers	8.81
Assemblers & Fabricators	11.00
Electricians	19.21
Helper-Construction Trades	11.30
Carpenters	14.05
Welders, cutters, solderers & brazers	14.29
Truck Drivers, heavy & tractor trailer	14.98
Logging equipment operators	18.70
Logging Tractor Operators	17.83
Crushing, grinding & polishing machine setters, operators & tender	12.96
Janitors & cleaners	8.96
Registered nurses	22.64
Child, family & school social workers	17.61
Medical & clinical lab technologists	15.35
Nursing aides, orderlies & attendants	8.88
Cooks, restaurant	8.98

Source: *Idaho Occupational Employment & Wage Survey*
Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Annual Average	2001	2003
Total	567,687	571,747
Mining	2,033	3,067
Construction	37,558	30,608
Manufacturing	75,490	72,909
Trans., Commun., & Public Utilities	28,322	23,409
Wholesale Trade	31,723	29,984
Retail Trade	109,301	96,189
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	24,174	25,183
Services	150,698	115,808
Government	110,416	97,765

Source: Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor

Agriculture

	Value	Ranking	
		US	NW*
2002 Number of Farms	24,000	33	4
2002 Average Acres per Farm	496	14	5
2003 Acres Planted	4,443,000	22	2
2003 Acres Harvested	4,238,000	22	2
2002 Farm Income: Gov't Pymts	\$163,322,433	25	3
2002 Farm Income: Crops	\$1,935,141,000	17	3
2002 Farm Income: Livestock	\$1,998,531,000	17	1

* NW Rank: Idaho's rank relative to the state's six neighbors: Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2004*, Legislative Services Office Budget & Policy Analysis

Number of Farms and Land in Farms

	Farms	Land in Farms
		Average Acres
1970	28,500	544
1980	24,400	623
1985	24,600	589
1987	23,000	600
1990	21,800	628
1991	21,400	631
1992	21,000	643
1993*	23,500	519
1994	23,500	519
1995	23,500	519
1996	24,000	504
1997	24,000	490
1998	24,500	490
1999	24,500	486
2000	24,500	486
2001 (preliminary)	24,000	496

*new definition of farm

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce



Barn near Genesee

Photo Courtesy: Steve Lee

Idaho's Position in the Nation's Agriculture

	U.S. Rank	Percent of U.S.	Production Value
CROPS			
Potatoes	1	29	133,385,000 cwt
Austrian Winter Peas	1	82	135,000 cwt
Wrinkled Seed Peas	2	34	157,000 cwt
Lentils	2	32	792,000 cwt
Barley	2	24	53,960,000 bu
Sugarbeets	2	18	5,103,000 ton
Dry Edible Peas	3	15	640,000 cwt
All Mint	3	18	1,618,000 lb
Hops	3	9	5,519,600 lb
Dry Edible Beans	5	6	1,907,000 cwt
All Wheat	6	5	87,660,000 bu
Sweet Cherries	6	1	1,700 ton
All Hay	8	4	5,608,000 ton
Apples	10	1	80,000,000 lb
Livestock & Livestock Products			
Trout	1	69	37,400,000 lb
American Cheese	4	13	482,841,000 lb
Milk	6	5	8,155 Mil. lb
Wool	8	5	2,115,000 lb
Sheep & Lambs	8	4	260,000 head
Honey	10	3	5,700,000 lb
Cattle & Calves	15	2	2,000,000 head

cwt = hundredweight; bu = bushel

Source: *2003 Idaho Agricultural Statistics Bulletin*,
Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Dept of Agriculture

Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings - 2001

By commodities (thousands of dollars)

	Value*	% All Commodities
Crops	\$1,787,513	46.5%
Livestock & Livestock Products	2,060,413	53.5%
Total Production Value	\$3,847,926	100.0%

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Health and Education - 2003

Health

Number of Licensed Hospitals	47
Number of Optometrists	339
Number of Chiropractic Physicians	411
Number of Physicians	2,444
Number of Dentists	898

Education

Public Schools	
Elementary Schools	362
Secondary Schools	295
Non-Public Schools	
Elementary Schools	50
Secondary Schools	31
Colleges and Universities	11
Number of Public Libraries (includes outlets, branches & bookmobiles)	149

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Transportation

	Value	Ranking	
		US	NW*
Transportation			
Per Capita Federal Highway Fund (2004)	\$152	8	3
Percent Federally Funded Road & Street Miles (2002)	22.2%	35	4
Public Road & Street Mileage (2002)	46,731	35	4
Highway Fatalities Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles (2002)	1.9	13	4
Alcohol Related Fatalities as a % of all Highway Fatalities (2002)	34	43	6
Vehicle Registrations (2002)	1,385,820	38	4
Railroad Mileage Operated (2001)	1,642	37	5

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Source: *Idaho Fiscal Facts 2004*, Idaho Legislative Services Office

Revenue and Expenditures

General Fund Revenue

(Millions)

<i>By Revenue Source</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 1995	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 2005	<i>Annual</i> % Change	<i>Total</i> %Change
Individual Income Tax	\$596.5	\$953.4	4.8%	59.8%
Corporate Income Tax	131.6	115.8	(1.3%)	(12.1%)
Sales Tax	481.6	902.7	6.5%	87.5%
All Other Taxes	78.4	164.8	7.7%	110.0%
Projected Revenues	\$1,288.1	\$2,136.7	5.2%	65.9%

Numbers may not add due to rounding

Annual %Chg is the annual compound rate at which they FY1995 actual collections would have to change to reach the FY 2005 projections.

Source: *Fiscal Facts 2004*, Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis

General Fund Appropriations

(Millions)

<i>By Functional Area</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 1995	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 2005	<i>Annual</i> % Change	<i>Total</i> % Change
All Education Agencies	\$872.8	\$1,326.3	4.3%	52.0%
Health & Human Services	234.0	429.2	6.3%	83.4%
Public Safety	80.7	184.4	8.6%	128.4%
Natural Resources	22.6	37.3	5.1%	65.1%
Economic Development	7.1	20.8	11.4%	194.4%
General Government	47.0	84.1	6.0%	78.8%
Total Appropriations	\$1,264.2	\$2,082.1	5.1%	64.7%

Numbers may not add due to rounding

Source: *Fiscal Facts 2004*, Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis

All Funds Revenue Sources of Revenue

(Millions)

<i>By Fund Source</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 1995	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 2005	<i>Annual</i> %Change	<i>Total</i> %Change
General Fund	\$1,264.2	\$2,082.1	5.1%	64.7%
Dedicated Funds	566.6	814.1	3.7%	43.7%
Federal Funds	697.5	1,516.5	8.1%	117.4%
Total Revenues	\$2,528.3	\$4,412.7	5.7%	74.5%

Numbers may not add due to rounding

Source: *Fiscal Facts 2004*, Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis

All Funds Appropriations

(Millions)

<i>By Functional Area</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 1995	<i>Fiscal Year</i> 2005	<i>Annual</i> % Change	<i>Total</i> % Change
All Education Agencies	\$1,060.3	\$1,697.8	4.8%	60.1%
Health & Human Services	712.1	1,454.5	7.4%	104.3%
Public Safety	109.6	254.2	8.8%	132.0%
Natural Resources	109.2	219.2	7.2%	100.8%
Economic Development	350.2	564.6	4.9%	61.2%
General Government	187.0	222.5	1.8%	19.0%
Total Appropriations	\$2,528.3	\$4,412.7	5.7%	74.5%

Numbers may not add due to rounding

Source: *Fiscal Facts 2004*, Legislative Services Office Budget and Policy Analysis

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- Fiscal Year: The accounting year used by the state which runs from July 1 of a given year through June 30 of the following year.
- Appropriation: 1. Annual fixed budgets that state officers, departments and institutions may not exceed. 2. That portion of the total state budget allocated by the Legislature to a state agency or program for one fiscal year.
- Classification of funds:
 1. General: The state's primary source of revenue. In round numbers, one-half of the General Fund comes from the personal income tax, one-third from the sales tax, and one-tenth from the corporate income tax. The remainder comes from taxes on alcohol and tobacco and a variety of other taxes and certain licenses and fees not specifically appropriated to any other fund. General tax revenues are used to finance the operations of state government, such as education and prisons, that do not have their own dedicated source of revenue.
 2. Dedicated/Other: Represents revenue received from a specified source or sources, and disbursed for a specific function or government as required by law. For example, the Department of Fish & Game receives no General Fund money. Instead, the revenue generated by the sale of fishing and hunting licenses and tags is dedicated exclusively to paying for the department's fish and wildlife management and activities.
 3. Federal: Identifies moneys from the federal government for specified state administered services.
- Annual Percent Change: The rate at which the 1995 appropriation would have to change on an annual basis to reach the 2005 appropriation.
- Total Percent Change: The quantity of the 2005 appropriation minus the 1995 appropriation divided by the 1995 appropriation.

Tax Burden

Type of Tax	<u>Based on Income</u>		<u>Based on Population</u>		No. of States* With Tax
	% of U.S. Average	Rank	% of U.S. Average	Rank	
Individual Income	108.9	22	89.0	30	44
Corporate Income	71.5	30	58.5	34	47
Sales	93.7	27	76.6	39	47
Motor Vehicles	172.8	3	141.3	8	51
Property	90.1	31	73.6	37	51
Overall	95.4	38	78.0	44	51

*includes Washington D.C.

Source: *Fiscal Facts 2004*, Idaho Legislative Services Budget and Policy Analysis

Resources/Land Use

Land Use*

	Acres (Thousands)	Percent
Urban or Built-up Land	214,700	0.4
Agricultural Land	7,788,500	14.6
Range Land	21,985,700	41.1
Forest Land	20,636,600	38.6
Water	525,600	1.0
Wetland	262,100	0.5
Barren Land	2,058,000	3.8
Tundra	11,400	0.0
Perennial Snow or Ice	0	0.0
TOTAL	53,482,600	100.0

*U.S.G.S. land use/cover classification system. The water category and the rounding and estimating of satellite-based data usually results in slightly higher totals of land use.
Source: *County Profiles of Idaho*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Land Ownership

	Acres
Federal Land	33,412,277
BLM	11,836,481
National Forests	20,458,276
Other	1,117,520
State Land	2,693,260
Endowment Land	2,458,405
Fish & Game	187,769
Parks & Recreation	38,407
University of Idaho Land	8,679
Private	16,735,756
County Land	96,311
Municipal Land	22,972
TOTAL	52,960,576

Percent of Land Ownership

Federal	63.1%
State	5.1%
City and County	0.2%
Private	31.6%

Source: *County Profiles of Idaho*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Economy and Industry

Total Housing Units - 2001

Idaho State - 541,255

Ada	123,429	Gem	6,026
Adams	2,035	Gooding	5,611
Bannock	29,381	Idaho	7,579
Bear Lake	3,337	Jefferson	6,430
Benewah	4,268	Jerome	6,780
Bingham	14,465	Kootenai	48,048
Blaine	12,634	Latah	13,993
Boise	4,446	Lemhi	4,210
Bonner	19,645	Lewis	1,800
Bonneville	31,181	Lincoln	1,673
Boundary	4,136	Madison	7,740
Butte	1,292	Minidoka	7,530
Camas	624	Nez Perce	16,363
Canyon	50,476	Oneida	1,787
Caribou	3,217	Owyhee	4,517
Cassia	7,917	Payette	8,089
Clark	522	Power	2,884
Clearwater	4,221	Shoshone	7,061
Custer	2,999	Teton	2,885
Elmore	10,782	Twin Falls	25,992
Franklin	3,954	Valley	8,238
Fremont	6,974	Washington	4,154

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Average Single-Family Housing Cost - 2000

Community	Median \$Value	Mean \$Value
Boise	130,000	151,842
Burley/Rupert	62,546	73,584
Coeur d'Alene	109,458	130,307
Idaho Falls	91,401	103,865
Ketchum/Sun Valley	317,398	488,305
Lewiston	87,791	97,512
Nampa/Caldwell	89,079	100,089
Pocatello	88,104	97,893
Sandpoint	126,181	153,879
Twin Falls	81,129	94,336

Source: *Idaho At A Glance*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Major Idaho Companies - 2003

*Advanced Input Devices	Keyboards
Agrium Conda Phosphate	Phosphate Mining, Processing
*Albertsons	Food Retailing
Amalgamated Sugar	Beet Sugar, Prepared Food
AMI Semiconductors	Semiconductor Devices
Argonne National Laboratory West	Nuclear Research
Armour Fresh Foods, Inc.	Food Processing
*Artco	Commercial Printing
Avista Corp.	Elect. Power & Natural Gas/Transmitter
ATK	Ammunition Devices
Ballard Medical Products	Medical Devices
Basic American Foods	Dehydrated Foods
Bechtel BWXT Idaho	Nuclear Eng/Environmental Research
*Bennett Lumber Products	Wood Products
*BMC West	Building Supplies Seller
*Boise Cascade Corp.	Wood Products
*Clear Springs Food, Inc.	Food Processing
Coeur d'Alene Mines	Metal Mining
*Coldwater Creek	Retail Mail-Order Selling
Convergys	Customer Order/Support
Dell Computer	Technical Support Center
Direct TV	Call Center
Doubletree Hotels	Hotel Management
*Hagadone Hospitality Corporation	Hotel/Restaurant Mgr/Publishing
Hewlett-Packard	Laser Printers
*Idaho Power Co./IdaCorp.	Electric Power Generator/Transmitter
*Intermountain Gas Co.	Energy Transporter/Seller
Kimball International/Harpers, Inc.	Office Furniture
Lamb-Weston, Inc.	Frozen, Dehydrated Foods
Louisiana Pacific Corporation	Wood Products
McCain Foods USA	Food Processing
*Melaleuca	Cosmetics, Vitamins, Soap
*MPC Computers	Computer Manufacturing & E-Services
*Micron Technology, Inc.	Memory Devices/Semiconductors
Monsanto	Phosphate Mining, Processing
*Nonpareil	Food Processing
Plexus	Electronic Mfg. Services
Potlatch	Paper & Wood Products Mfg.
*Power Engineers	Engineering Services
*Preco	Electronic Motor Vehicle Safety
QWest	Communications
SCP Global Technologies	Semiconductor Fab. Equipment
Sears Boise Reg. Credit Card Op. Ctr.	Credit Card Call Center
*J.R. Simplot Co.	Food Proc., Fert., Chem. Mfg.
*Stimson Lumber	Wood Products
Sun Valley Company	Recreation Services, Hotel Mgr/Real Estate Developer
Trus Joist, A Weyerhaeuser Business	Structural Wood Products
Union Pacific Railroad	Rail Transportation

United Parcel Service
 *Washington Group Int
 *Woodgrain Millworks
 *Corporate Headquarters

Package Delivery
 Const./Engineering Contractor
 Millwork, Wood Moulding

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Idaho Exports 2002

(Millions of Dollars)

	Export Totals	% of Total
	\$1,967.0	
High-Tech	1,269.1	64.0
Food & Agriculture	312.1	16.0
Wood & Building Materials	143.9	7.0
Others	75.8	4.0
Raw Materials	54.0	3.0
Fertilizers	48.1	2.0
Hides & Leather Goods	30.1	2.0
Transportation Equipment	18.6	1.0
Fabricated Metal Products	15.3	1.0

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Cost of Living

On the basis of average housing costs, utilities, health care, transportation, groceries, and other services, Idaho's cost of living is the second lowest of the eleven western states. Boise's cost of living is 97.1% of the national average, Idaho Falls' is 99.4%, Pocatello's is 100.2%, and Twin Falls' is 99.0%. The following chart provides a comparison of the relative cost of living in the western states averaged over four consecutive quarters for the participating cities within those states.

State	Cost of Living Index
Utah	96.7
<i>Idaho</i>	97.6
New Mexico	99.6
National Average	100.0
Montana	100.6
Washington	102.0
Wyoming	102.0
Arizona	102.9
Colorado	104.4
Oregon	104.9
Nevada	108.4
California	115.4

Source: *Idaho At A Glance*, Idaho Department of Commerce
 ACCRA Cost of Living Index
 4th quarter 2000 to 3rd quarter, 2001

Total Sales by County - Fiscal Year 2001

Ada	\$11,617,767,441	Gooding	102,160,488
Adams	31,537,221	Idaho	148,971,384
Bannock	880,322,592	Jefferson	181,704,154
Bear Lake	53,522,384	Jerome	350,001,883
Benewah	103,778,101	Kootenai	1,885,510,893
Bingham	416,284,150	Latah	351,935,065
Blaine	585,295,452	Lemhi	127,585,766
Boise	26,039,452	Lewis	62,471,713
Bonner	846,184,067	Lincoln	18,305,984
Bonneville	1,572,434,774	Madison	242,716,619
Boundary	106,517,082	Minidoka	315,017,889
Butte	19,922,892	Nez Perce	1,576,863,245
Camas	5,648,033	Oneida	35,507,347
Canyon	2,719,601,662	Owyhee	59,038,471
Caribou	168,116,235	Payette	256,378,091
Cassia	359,687,854	Power	92,808,748
Clark	5,350,492	Shoshone	287,406,984
Clearwater	79,052,519	Teton	83,639,553
Custer	43,861,996	Twin Falls	1,402,635,710
Elmore	180,397,178	Valley	90,165,689
Franklin	127,900,422	Washington	153,330,382
Fremont	81,172,769	Multiple Counties	5,287,910,942
Gem	501,357,665	Other States	9,465,346,324

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

TOTALSALES

Fiscal Year	
1980	11,580,120,847
1981	12,258,244,459
1982	12,437,096,307
1983	12,302,305,273
1984	13,897,961,723
1985	14,310,387,656
1986	13,846,859,262
1987	13,798,706,142
1988	15,142,382,806
1989	16,962,202,986
1990	19,058,174,864
1991	20,240,448,933
1992	22,277,249,041
1993	24,866,264,060
1994	26,911,404,690
1995	29,615,897,538
1996	32,338,305,367
1997	34,900,773,918
1998	36,572,933,795
1999	38,350,198,200
2000	43,017,074,157
2001	43,069,166,179

Source: *Idaho Facts*, Idaho Department of Commerce

Economic Highlights

Idaho: A Healthy and Diversified Economy

- Idaho's personal income increased nearly 22 percent between 1999 & 2003, ranking the state 10th nationally, exceeding the national average (*BEA, 4/2003*).
- Idaho exports increased 6.5% in value during 2003, reversing two years of decline. Top export products include high tech, food & agriculture and wood & building materials. (*U.S. Department of Commerce*)
- Idaho is number one in the nation in the production of potatoes, trout and winter peas. The state ranks in the top 10 in 22 other products.
- Idaho is 7th in the nation in population growth rate. (*U.S. Census*)

Idaho: A Great Place to Do Business

- Idaho has the 14th lowest overall cost of doing business in U.S., 4th lowest in West (*Economy.com, 11/ 2003*).
- Idaho's overall tax burden per capita is the 2nd lowest in the West.
- Idaho has the 2nd lowest state and local per capita debt in the nation.
- Between 1997-2004, Idaho ranks fourth in growth of women-owned businesses, first in the nation in employment growth and 3rd in sales. (*Center for Women's Business Research*).
- *Forbes* recently named Idaho the fourth best state in the country for "economic freedom," based on a study it did in conjunction with the Pacific Research Institute.
- "The Gold Guide," published by the National Policy Research Council in Washington, D.C., placed Idaho 13th among all states in the "Best of the Best" ranking. We ranked third in the nation for infrastructure costs and resources (public services and facilities that support business activity), seventh for low crime rate, 14th for economic dynamism and quality of life, and 16th for entrepreneurial climate.

Idaho's Emerging Science & Technology Economy:

- Idaho is number one in the nation for patents issued per capita. Idaho companies such as Micron, Hewlett-Packard and the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Lab account for a large percentage of the patents issued (*US Patent Trademark Office, 2001*).
- Science and technology employ one out of every ten workers and represents nearly 25% of Idaho's economy (\$9.3 billion)
- Idaho's high-tech industry is one of the state's largest employers.
- Idaho ranks 5th in the nation in semiconductor employment with 12,000 jobs.
- Idaho is 14th in the nation in per capita research and development spending.
- Idaho ranks third in the US in percentages of exports coming from high-tech firms (60 percent), behind New Mexico and Vermont (*AEA 11/2003*)
- Micron Technology and AMI Semiconductors are two of Idaho's largest

semiconductor manufacturers. Micron Technology is the largest manufacturer of DRAM semiconductor chips in the U.S. and the 2nd largest in the world.

- Idaho ranks 4th in the nation in growth of venture capital investments. (*AEA, 2003*)
- Idaho is #3 on Business Facilities' list of Top 10 High Tech Rapid Growth States, 2000-2010. (*Business Facilities, August, 2003*)
- Pocatello is number one in high tech growth for smaller metros, and Boise is first in high-tech growth for larger metros in the Milken Institute's annual survey of the nation's best performing cities. (*Milken Institute, November, 2004*)

Idaho is Well-Connected:

- Idaho is eighth in the nation for being consumer friendly for Internet transactions. (*The Washington D.C.-based Progressive Policy Institute, March 2002*).
- In 2000, Idaho ranked 3rd among states for 'digital government' (*Center for Digital Government*).
- In 1999, 97 percent of Idaho's schools had Internet access; 86 percent had access from more than one classroom (*Tech Counts '99; EdWeek, 2000*).

Idaho's Quality of Life:

- Idaho has the 14th lowest crime rates in the U.S. (*FBI - Crime in U.S., 2002*).
- In 2000, more than 86 percent of Idaho's population were high school graduates, compared to the national percentage of almost 82 percent (*US Bureau of the Census, Supplemental Survey, 6/2001*).
- Modern Maturity lists Coeur d'Alene number five and Boise number ten in its list of the most "Green and Clean" cities in America (*Modern Maturity, 6/2000*).
- Idaho's low prevalence of smoking, low incidence of infectious disease and low violent crime rate makes it 18th in the nation of the country's healthiest states. ñ (*America's Health: State Health Rankings, 2004*).

What They're Saying About Idaho:

- "Tamarack Ski Resort: One of America's Hottest Destinations in 2004" – *Washington Post, 2004*
- Boise, Idaho: One of the Top 25 Cities for Doing Business in America (*Inc., 2004*)
- Idaho Falls: #10 on USA Today's Top 10 "Emerging Cities List" (*USA Today, 2004*)
- Coeur d'Alene: #5 on USA Today's Top 10 "Emerging Cities List" (*USA Today, 2004*)
- "The Boise MSA: The second best place in America to do business." (*Forbes, 2003*)
- "The Boise MSA: The fifth best place in America for business costs." (*Forbes, 2003*)

- “Teton Ridge Ranch: Top Ten Great Escape Travel List” (*Chicago Tribune, 2004*)
- Sun Valley: Skiing North America Top Ten Travel List” (*Chicago Tribune, 2004*)
- Sun Valley, Idaho: The most romantic ski / snowboard resorts in the West (· skisnowboard.com, 2004)
- 10 Great places to see Lewis and Clark sites: Lemhi Pass (#7), and Lolo Pass and Lochsa River (*USA Today, 2004*)
- “Driggs, Idaho: 1st of 50 Best Places to Live” (*Men’s Journal, 2002*)
- “Boise: America’s 5th Most Creative Small City” (*Carnegie Mellon University, 2002*)
- “Boise: A Top Metro area for Doing Business in America (*Inc. Magazine, 2004*)
- “Pocatello: The 8th Best Place in America for Business and Careers” (*Forbes, 2002*).
- “Boise, One of the Hottest High Tech Cities” (*Newsweek, 1999*)
- “Boise: #1 for Mountain Biking” (*Bike Magazine, 2003*)

Source: Idaho Department of Commerce & Labor

