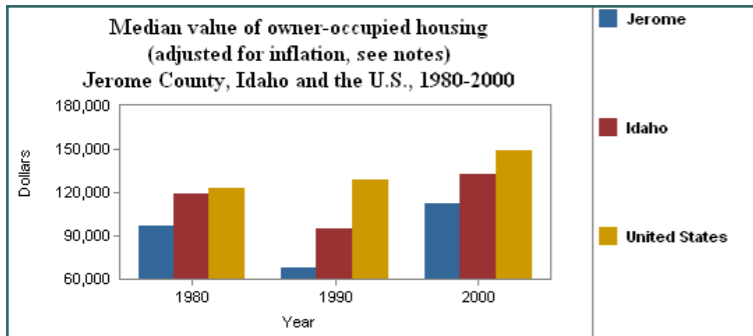


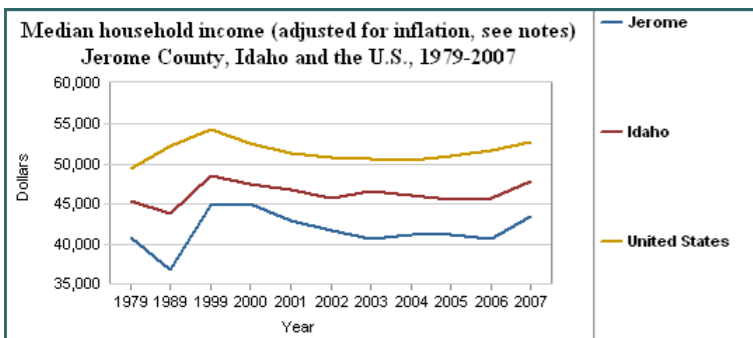
Housing

- ◆ The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) was \$112,278 in 2000, compared to \$132,908 in Idaho and \$149,537 in the US.
- ◆ The median value increased by 14.9% from 1980 to 2000, compared to a 10.8% increase in Idaho and a 21.0% increase in the US.
- ◆ The median value ranked 23rd – from highest to lowest – in 2000 out of Idaho's 44 counties.
- ◆ The number of housing units increased by 9.5% from 2000 to 2007, compared to an increase of 19.6% in Idaho.



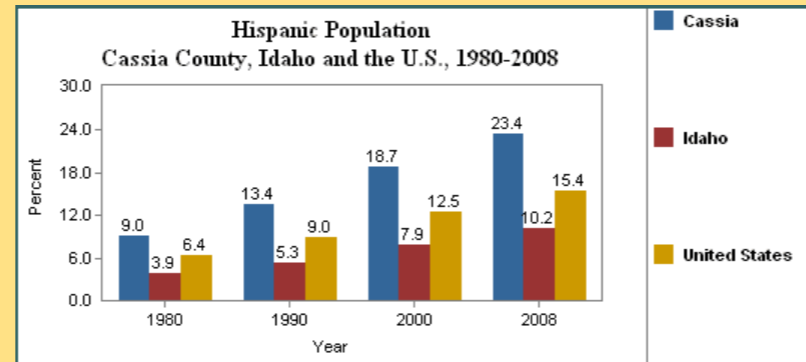
Income

- ◆ The county's per capita income in 2007 (adjusted for inflation) was \$32,647, compared with the state average of \$33,025 and the national average of \$40,098.
- ◆ Between 1997 and 2007 per capita income increased by 23.6% in Jerome, 19.2% in Idaho and 18.0% in the US.
- ◆ The median household income (adjusted for inflation) was \$39,605 in 2007 compared to \$47,907 in Idaho and \$52,688 in the US.



Hispanic Population

- ◆ The proportion of Hispanic residents grew from 4.1% in 1980, to 6.7% in 1990, to 27.3% in 2008.



Age Structure

- ◆ 30.7% of Jerome County's population was under 18 in 2007, in contrast to 27.2% in Idaho and 24.3% in the US.
- ◆ In 2007, 57.6% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 61.1% in Idaho and 63.0% in the US.
- ◆ Jerome County's median age in 2007 was 33.1, compared to 35.3 in Idaho and 36.6 in the US.

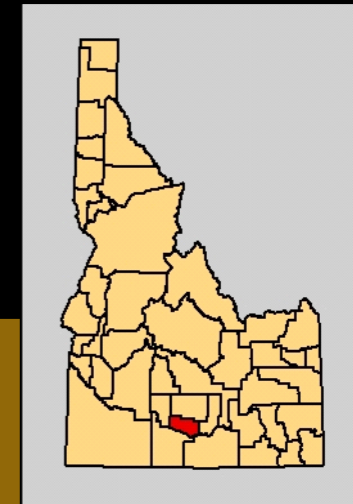
Note: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of inflation. Using the CPI to put dollar values in "real" terms makes it easier to see "inflation-free" change over time. Our base year is 2008, which means all dollar values are in terms of 2008 dollars. For more information, see <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>

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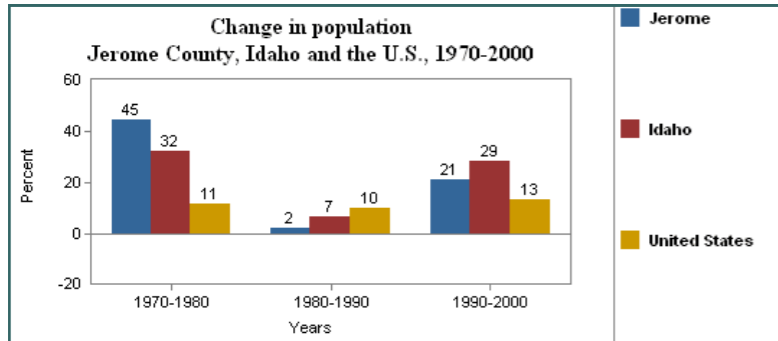
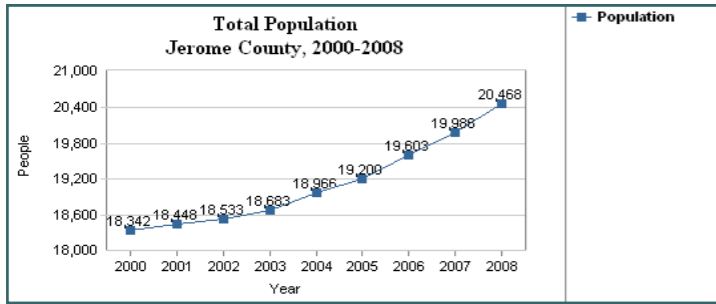
COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Jerome County's total population in 2008 was 20,468.
- ◆ The 2007 self-employment rate was 26.6% compared to 25.2% for Idaho and 20.0% for the US.
- ◆ In 2007, the median household income was \$43,395.
- ◆ Jerome County's average annual unemployment rate was 4.0% in 2008.
- ◆ The crime rate was lower than both state and national rates.

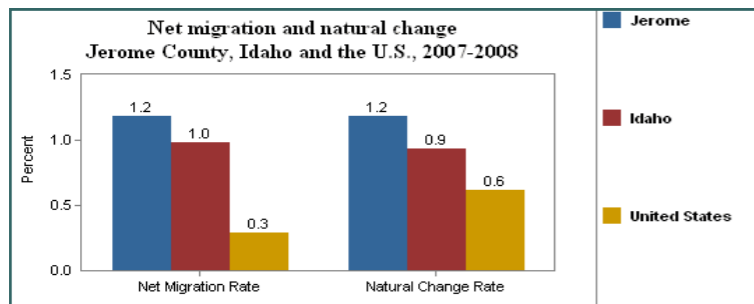
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Population Change

- ◆ Jerome County gained 2,126 residents between 2000 and 2008.
- ◆ Population grew by 11.6 percent between 2000 and 2008, compared to an increase of 17.8 percent in the state as a whole.



- ◆ Jerome County was the 15th fastest growing county out of Idaho's 44 counties.
- ◆ Since 1970, Jerome County has gained 10,215 residents.
- ◆ Jerome County had a net migration rate below the state average and a natural change rate above the state average 2008.



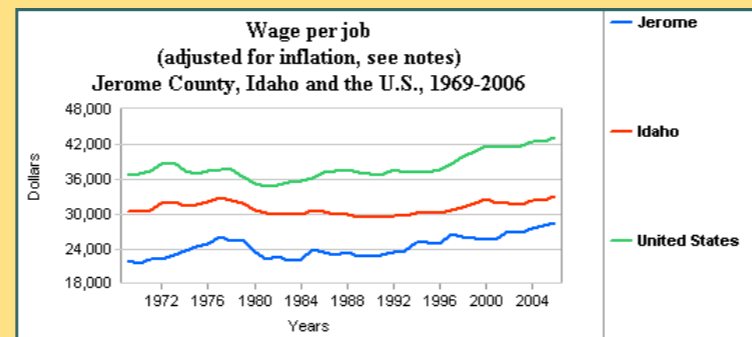
Employment

- ◆ The average annual unemployment rate in 2008 was 4.0%, compared to 4.9% for Idaho and 5.8% for the US. Jerome County ranked 26th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho's 44 counties.
- ◆ The largest number of jobs in 2007 were provided by government, retail trade, health care and social assistance, and manufacturing.
- ◆ The number of jobs was 11,575 in 2007, compared to 4,371 in 1969—a 165% increase.

Employment by Industry

	1969	1979	1989	2007
Total Employment	4,371	6,762	6,489	11,575
Farm	38.8%	21.4%	25.0%	15.1%
Ag services, forestry, fishing & other	2.8%	3.1%	6.0%	4.6%
Mining	0.3%	NA	NA	0.1%
Construction	3.3%	6.4%	3.9%	7.1%
Manufacturing	4.3%	15.3%	6.9%	11.2%
Transportation & public utilities	4.0%	3.9%	6.9%	9.1%
Wholesale & retail trade	17.0%	20.7%	18.7%	15.3%
Finance, insurance & real estate	4.4%	4.8%	4.0%	6.3%
Services	13.0%	14.4%	16.6%	19.5%
Government	11.9%	9.8%	11.9%	9.3%

- ◆ In 2007 the self-employment rate was 26.6%, compared to 25.2% for Idaho and 20.0% for the US.
- ◆ The average wage per job in 2007 (adjusted for inflation) was \$29,514, up from \$25,178 a decade earlier. The average was \$34,492 in Idaho and \$45,574 in the US.



Social Trends

Educational Attainment

- ◆ In 2000, 24.9% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 15.3% in Idaho and 19.6% in the US.
- ◆ In 2000, 14.0% had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 21.7% in Idaho and 24.4% in the US.

Poverty

- ◆ Jerome County's overall poverty rate has declined from 12.7% in 1989, to 13.9% in 1999 and 13.9% in 2007.
- ◆ Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2007 was 12.0% and the US rate was 13.0%.
- ◆ Jerome County's child poverty rate (for people under 18) was 17.9% in 2007, 17.9% in 1999, and 20.7% in 1989.
- ◆ The poverty rate for people 65 and over was 9.9 percent in 1999 and 13.6 percent in 1989.

Jerome County Youth

- ◆ The teen birth rate in 2007 was 38 per 1,000, compared to 19 per 1,000 in Idaho and 22 per 1,000 in the US.
- ◆ Teens who were not working, looking for work, and not in school made up 10.4% of all youth age 16-19 in 2000, compared to 7.8% in Idaho and 8.9% in the US.

Crime and Law Enforcement

- ◆ The total number of crimes reported in 2007 was 226 per 10,000 population, compared to 249 in Idaho and 373 in the US.
- ◆ The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 1.5, compared to 1.8 in Idaho and 2.3 in the US in 2007.