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Gem County Profile

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Population	Number	Percent	Rank*
Total population 2020	18,703	--	19
Population change 2010-2020	1,984	11.9	12
Race 2020			
White	17,752	94.9	13
African-American	50	0.3	43
Native American	218	1.2	32
Asian & Pacific Islander	239	1.3	14
Two or more races	444	2.4	19
Hispanic (may be any race) 2020	1,642	8.8	21
Age 2020			
Under 18 years old	4,231	22.6	27
18-64 years old	10,214	54.6	28
65 years and older	4,258	22.8	16
Median age (years)	43.9	--	17
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Male	--	--	--
Female	--	--	--

Employment	Number	Percent	Rank*
Unemployment rate 2020	--	5.9	15
Self-employment rate 2020	2,980	41.1	7
Average wage per job 2020	\$38,662	--	35
Total jobs 2021	7,809	100.0	22
Employment by industry:			
Farm	898	11.5	16
Forestry, fishing & mining	--	--	--
Construction	824	10.6	8
Manufacturing	416	5.3	26
Retail & wholesale trade	1,018	13.0	17
Transportation & utilities	--	--	--
Finance, insur., & real estate	419	5.4	27
Health care & social assist.	888	11.4	6
Other services	--	--	--
Government	1,014	13.0	28
Change in # of jobs 2010-2020	1,028	16.5	12

Poverty & Income	Number	Percent	Rank*
People in poverty:			
Total 2020	2,036	11.0	30
Children 2020	649	15.6	21
Elderly 2015-2019 avg.	451	12.4	3
Income:			
Median household income 2020	\$63,370	--	13
Per capita income 2020	\$42,561	--	29

Education	Number	Percent	Rank*
Population age 25+ 2015-2019 avg.	11,962	100.0	--
No high school diploma	1,458	12.2	16
High school diploma or equiv.	4,420	37.0	7
Some college, no degree	2,894	24.2	34
Associate degree	1,098	9.2	19
Bachelor's degree	1,491	12.5	30
Graduate/professional degree	601	5.0	28

Health	Number	Percent	Rank*
Physicians/1,000 people 2013	0.6	--	24
Infant deaths/1,000 births 2019	10.6	--	5
No health insur. (age 0-64) 2019	2,034	14.7	21

Housing	Number	Percent	Rank*
Total housing units 2020	7,563	--	22
Change in # of units 2010-2020	464	6.5	13

NOTE: For definitions, view individual indicators at Indicators Idaho: <http://www.indicatorsidaho.org>

* Shaded values for Idaho's 44 counties are ranked: "1" is the highest value and "44" is the lowest.

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