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Idaho Long-Term Job Growth to Outpace the Nation

New long-term job projections by the Idaho Department of Labor anticipate annual job growth of 1.5 percent between 2012 and 2022, more than twice as strong as the economic growth the state experienced between 2002 and 2012 and a half percentage point higher than the projected growth rate for the nation.

The forecast for an increase of 109,000 jobs to 781,000 in 2022, however, is fractionally lower than the long-term projection for 2010 through 2020 issued by the department two years ago, reflecting a fractionally more moderate but sustainable growth rate.

The 2010-2020 jobs projection anticipated annual growth at 1.6 percent.

The projection predicts an end to the contraction of the state's goods-producing sector, where paychecks average \$10,000 a year more than in the service sector. The recession claimed tens of thousands of jobs in that sector, reducing its share of total jobs from 16.2 percent in 2002 to 13.2 percent in 2012. Goods-production should pick up nearly 18,000 jobs by 2022 to account for 13.6 percent of all jobs in the state.

Construction, health care, leisure and hospitality and retail trade should be the fastest growing sectors of the Idaho economy, all expanding by annual rates of 2 percent or more. Construction is rebounding from being hit the hardest by the recession while health care is continuing growth that was uninterrupted during the recession.

Idaho Employment by Major Industry Sector

Industry Sector	Employment			Net Change		Percent Distribution			Annual Percent Change	
	2002	2012	2022	2002-12	2012-22	2002	2012	2022	2002-12	2012-22
All Jobs	635,024	672,015	781,021	36,991	109,006	100%	100%	100%	0.6%	1.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	20,903	22,481	25,930	1,578	3,449	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	0.7%	1.4%
Nonagriculture wage and salary workers	614,121	649,534	755,091	35,413	105,557	96.7%	96.7%	96.7%	0.6%	1.5%
Nonagriculture self-employed and unpaid family	62,869	54,934	56,815	-7,935	1,881	9.9%	8.2%	7.3%	-1.3%	0.3%

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Goods-production, excluding agriculture	102,748	88,552	106,292	-14,196	17,740	16.2%	13.2%	13.6%	-1.5%	1.8%
Mining	1,765	2,675	2,798	910	123	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	4.2%	0.5%
Construction	36,467	29,534	41,136	-6,933	11,602	5.7%	4.4%	5.3%	-2.1%	3.4%
Manufacturing	64,516	56,343	62,358	-8,173	6,015	10.2%	8.4%	8.0%	-1.3%	1.0%
Services	448,504	506,048	591,984	57,544	85,936	70.6%	75.3%	75.8%	1.2%	1.6%
Utilities	2,420	2,826	3,316	406	490	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	1.6%	1.6%
Wholesale trade	24,441	26,936	30,562	2,495	3,626	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%	1.0%	1.3%
Retail trade	72,351	76,526	93,309	4,175	16,783	11.4%	11.4%	11.9%	0.6%	2.0%
Transportation and warehousing	16,588	18,389	20,691	1,801	2,302	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	1.0%	1.2%
Information	9,069	9,256	9,827	187	571	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	0.2%	0.6%
Financial activities	23,959	26,828	31,325	2,869	4,497	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	1.1%	1.6%
Professional and business services	67,532	74,416	86,233	6,884	11,817	10.6%	11.1%	11.0%	1.0%	1.5%
Educational Services (private & public)	49,479	55,310	60,982	5,831	5,672	7.8%	8.2%	7.8%	1.1%	1.0%
Health care and social assistance	60,387	82,317	104,120	21,930	21,803	9.5%	12.2%	13.3%	3.1%	2.4%
Leisure and hospitality	53,259	60,845	75,553	7,586	14,708	8.4%	9.1%	9.7%	1.3%	2.2%
Other Services (except Gov't	14,595	15,078	16,429	483	1,351	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	0.3%	0.9%
Total Federal Gov't	14,389	13,829	14,322	-560	493	2.3%	2.1%	1.8%	-0.4%	0.4%
State and local Gov't	40,035	43,492	45,315	3,457	1,823	6.3%	6.5%	5.8%	0.8%	0.4%

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

Details of the projections are available at <http://lmi.idaho.gov/Occupations/LongTermProjections/tabid/815/Default.aspx>.

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