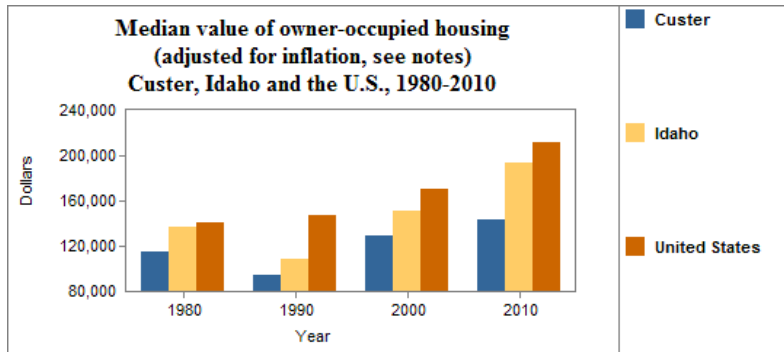


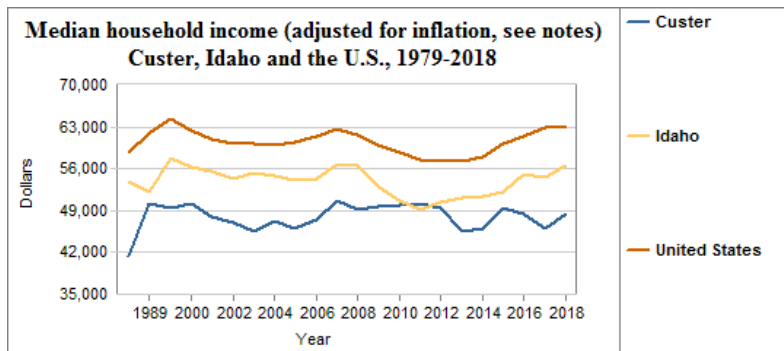
## Housing

- ◆ The median value of owner-occupied housing (adjusted for inflation) was \$180,513 between 2014 and 2018, compared to \$195,784 in Idaho and \$208,613 in the US.
- ◆ The median value was the 14th highest out of Idaho's 44 counties between 2014 and 2018.
- ◆ The number of housing units increased by 6.7% from 2000 to 2018, compared to an increase of 34.8% in Idaho.



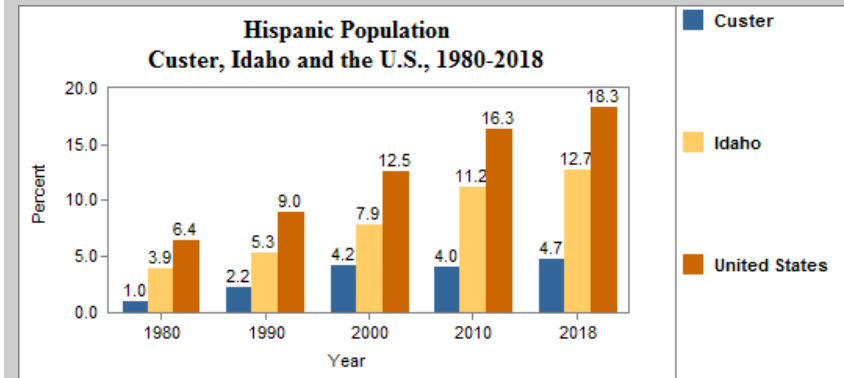
## Income

- ◆ The county's per capita income in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was \$43,968, compared to the state average of \$44,696 and the national average of \$55,433.
- ◆ Per capita income increased by 9.1% 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 \$48,546 in 2018 compared to \$56,530 in Idaho and \$63,059 in the US.



## Hispanic Population

- ◆ Custer County had 203 Hispanic residents in 2018.



## Age Structure

- ◆ 17.4% of Custer County's population was under 18 in 2018, in contrast to 25.5% in Idaho and 22.4% in the US.
- ◆ In 2018, 53.6% of the population was 18 to 64 years old, compared to 58.7% in Idaho and 61.5% in the US.
- ◆ Custer County's median age in 2018 was 52.7 compared to 36.6 in Idaho and 38.2 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 2019, which means all dollar values are in terms of 2019 dollars. For more information, see <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>

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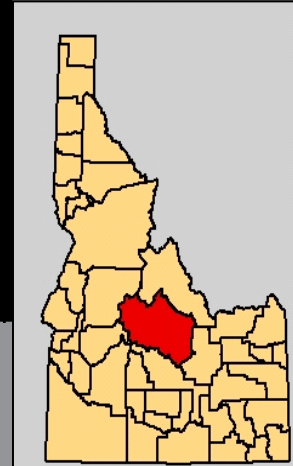
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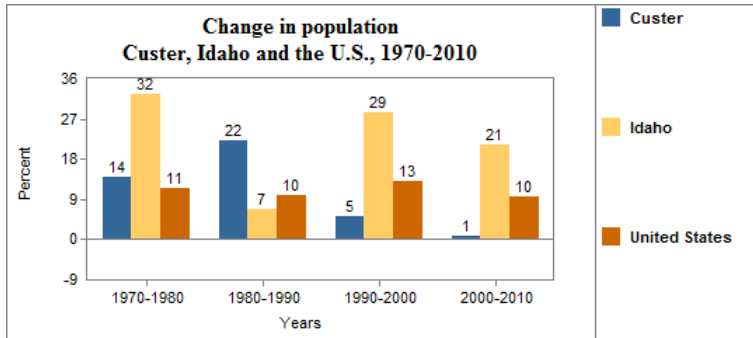
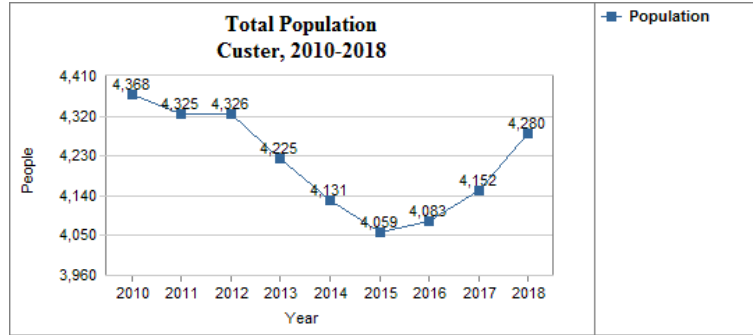
### COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Custer County's total population in 2018 was 4,280.
- ◆ In 2018, the median household income was \$48,546.
- ◆ Custer County's average annual unemployment rate was 4.0% in 2018.
- ◆ In 2018, Hispanic residents made up 4.7% of the population, compared to 12.7% in Idaho and 18.3% in the US.

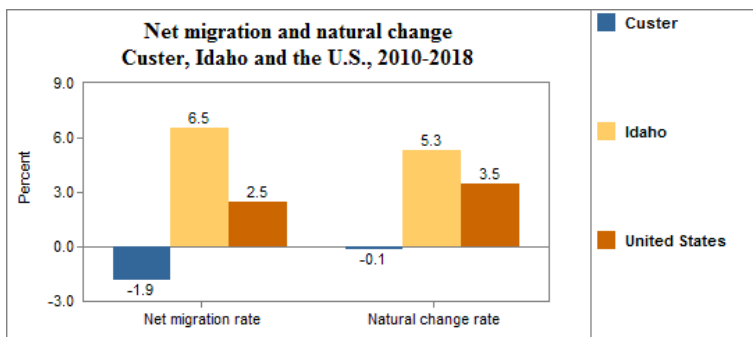


# Population Change

- ◆ Custer County had 4,280 residents in 2018, 88 less than 2010.
- ◆ Population decreased by 2.0 percent between 2010 and 2018, compared to an increase of 11.9 percent in Idaho as a whole.



- ◆ Custer County was the 42nd fastest growing county out of Idaho's 44 counties between 2010 and 2018.
- ◆ Since 1970, Custer County has gained 1,313 residents.
- ◆ Custer County had migration & natural change rates that were below the state average between 2010 and 2018.

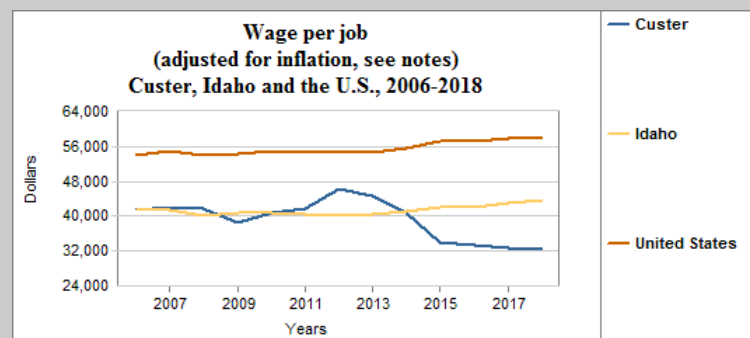


# Employment

- ◆ The average annual unemployment rate in 2018 was 4.0%, compared to 2.8% for Idaho and 3.9% for the US. Custer County ranked 12th—from highest to lowest—out of Idaho's 44 counties.
- ◆ The largest number of jobs in 2018 were provided by government, farming, and accommodation and food services.
- ◆ The number of jobs was 2,809 in 2018, compared to 1,286 in 1969—a 118% increase.

	2010	2014	2018
<b>Total Employment</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>2,809</b>
Farm	11.3%	12.7%	12.9%
Construction	6.3%	6.1%	5.8%
Manufacturing	2.0%	NA	NA
Retail trade	9.7%	8.7%	8.7%
Professional and technical services	3.0%	4.1%	4.7%
Educational services	0.4%	NA	NA
Health care and social assistance	3.3%	NA	NA
Accommodation and food services	10.3%	10.5%	12.0%
Government	17.3%	16.5%	15.6%
Other	NA	NA	NA

- ◆ In 2018, the self-employment rate was 42.4%, compared to 25.7% for Idaho and 23.1% for the US.
- ◆ The average wage per job in 2018 (adjusted for inflation) was \$32,363, down from \$41,618 a decade earlier. The average was \$43,659 in Idaho and \$58,304 in the US.



# Social Trends

## Educational Attainment

In Custer County on average between 2014-2018...

- ◆ 10.6% of the population 25 years and older had no high school diploma, compared to 9.4% in Idaho and 12.3% in the US.
- ◆ 23.0% had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 26.9% in Idaho and 31.5% in the US.

## Poverty

- ◆ Custer County's overall poverty rate increased from 13.3% in 2008 when the recession began to 14.7% in 2018.
- ◆ Statewide, the overall poverty rate in 2018 was 11.7% and the US rate was 13.1%.
- ◆ Custer County's child poverty rate (for people under 18) increased from 19.9% in 2008 when the recession began to 23.2% in 2018.
- ◆ On average between 2014 and 2018, the poverty rate for people 65 and over was 11.4 percent.

## Custer County Youth

- ◆ The teen birth rate in 2016 was 18 per 1,000, compared to 10 per 1,000 in Idaho and 9 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 12.2% of all youth aged 16-19, compared to 6.8% in Idaho and 6.8% in the US.

## Crime and Law Enforcement

In Custer County in 2017...

- ◆ The total number of crimes reported was 58 per 10,000 population, compared to 186 in Idaho and 236 in the US.
- ◆ The number of sworn police officers per 1,000 population was 1.9, compared to 1.7 in Idaho and 2.1 in the US.