

Southern Idaho Fast Facts

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IMPORTANT FACTS:

- Southern Idaho was designated as a Top U.S. Manufacturing Community by the U.S. Department of Commerce—one of four U.S. regions in the Food Manufacturing category. (July 2015)
- Southern Idaho leads the state’s agribusiness industry by contributing nearly half of the state’s nearly \$9.7 billion agriculture receipts for 2016.
- Idaho Power customers pay some of the lowest prices in the country for electricity – second lowest in the Pacific Northwest.
- 58% of electricity comes from renewable energy sources – hydroelectric, wind, and geothermal.
- Idaho ranks #14 of Top U.S. States for Business, #3 for cost of living, and #6 for cost of doing business. (CNBC 2015)

LOCATION:

Located in south-central Idaho, the mighty Snake River and its magnificent canyon etch the boundary of Southern Idaho’s numerous cities. Boise, the state capital, is about a 1.5 hour drive west and Pocatello, the state’s third largest city, is a 1.5 hour drive east. Salt Lake City is about 3 hours southeast and northern Nevada is less than 1 hour south. Ideal interstate availability, local goods and products are only one day via truck to Oregon, Washington (and their seaports), Utah, and Nevada; and two days to California, Colorado, and Arizona. The topographic, geographic location, and seasonal variation in climate create a unique and varied natural environment which ranges from the scenic high alpine country in the north to the desolate lava plains and desert mountains in the south, including world-famous ski resort, Sun Valley.

POPULATION:

	Twin Falls	Jerome	Burley/Cassia	Rupert/Minidoka	
<i>City</i>	47,468	11,184	10,436	5,705	
<i>County</i>	83,375	22,814	23,506	20,461	
	Glenns Ferry	Gooding	Wendell	Buhl	Filer
<i>City</i>	1,336	3,509	2,782	4,250	2,655
<i>County</i>		15,284			

Southern Idaho is made up of eight counties called the “Magic Valley.” Twin Falls serves as the hub for a population of almost 200,000. Populations for the other three counties:

Camas – 1,066 Lincoln – 5,297 Blaine – 21,592

Total population for the State of Idaho in 2015 was 1,654,930

*Idaho Department of Labor - 2016

PER CAPITA INCOME:

City	Income	State Rank
<i>Twin Falls</i>	\$34,545	17th in Idaho
<i>Jerome</i>	\$37,198	11th
<i>Cassia</i>	\$41,492	7th
<i>Gooding</i>	\$46,244	2nd
<i>Minidoka</i>	\$33,795	24th

*Idaho Department of Labor- December 2016

TWIN FALLS METRO-COST OF LIVING:

<i>Composite</i>	92.2
<i>Grocery</i>	83.6
<i>Housing</i>	76.2
<i>Utilities</i>	98.9
<i>Transportation</i>	102.7
<i>Healthcare</i>	97.1
<i>Misc Goods & Services</i>	103.1

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HEALTH CARE:

Southern Idaho provides a full spectrum of health care facilities and treatment programs to meet the needs of a growing region.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is a 224-bed hospital serving the healthcare needs of people in eight southern Idaho counties and northern Nevada with a full range of medical services. St. Luke's also operates a medical facility in the neighboring community of Jerome.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

St. Luke's Jerome Medical Center

Minidoka Memorial Hospital is one of Minidoka County's largest employers. Minidoka Memorial provides a full range of medical and related healthcare services to residents of Minidoka and neighboring Cassia county.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital

Cassia Regional Medical Center is a 25 bed critical access hospital provider offering a complete range of high-quality diagnostic and treatment services to the Burley-Rupert area.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

North Canyon Medical Center is located in Gooding, Idaho, that provides a broad range of state-of-the-art healthcare services for the residents of Gooding County and surrounding communities.

North Canyon Medical Center

The Walker Center, also located in Gooding is a well-known treatment center for alcohol and substance abuse.

The Walker Center

St. Luke's Elmore Medical Center located in Mountain Home is a 25 bed critical access hospital founded in 1955.

St. Luke's Elmore's Medical Center

Glenns Ferry Health Center has delivered quality care for communities in Elmore and Owyhee Counties for 32 years. Incorporated in 1982, GFHC has grown its primary and behavioral health care services to meet the needs of the community. The health center is equipped with a Heliport pad for Life Flight.

Glenns Ferry Health Center

EDUCATION:

Education in the region includes numerous excellent public, private, parochial and charter schools.

Twin Falls School District

Jerome School District

Cassia County School District

Minidoka County School District

Gooding School District

Kimberly School District

Filer School District

Wendell School District

Castleford School District

Buhl School District

Glenns Ferry School District

Idaho Digital Learning Academy

College of Southern Idaho

Private Schools:

Agape Christian School

Clover Trinity Luthern School

Hilltop Adventist

Immanuel Luthern

Lighthouse Christian

St. Edward Catholic School

Twin Falls Christian Academy

ARTEC Professional Tech

Charter Schools:

Xavier Charter School

Heritage Academy Charter School

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