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Idaho Median Income Increased in 2014, Poverty Declined

As Idaho's median income grew by 2 percent, the number of people living at the poverty level decreased slightly from 15.6 percent to 14.8 percent in 2014, the U.S. Census Bureau reported this week.

Statewide median income grew by \$951 to \$47,572. Thirty counties experienced an increase in median income with the largest increase in Benewah County, up by \$6,747 to \$46,277. Fourteen counties saw declines in median income. Blaine County had the largest decrease, down \$4,446 to \$63,490.

The number of people living in poverty statewide decreased 9,104 to 237,604. Twenty-six counties saw a drop in the number of people living in poverty while 18 counties saw increases. Ada County had the largest decrease, down 7,188 to 48,083. Bonneville County had the largest increase, up 3,851 to 16,643.

The data comes from the Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates program, which provides the only up-to-date, single-year income and poverty rates for all counties and school districts across the nation.

County details for the years 2012-2014 can be found at <http://lmi.idaho.gov/Census>

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