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Idaho's Larger Counties Continue to Add Population in 2017

The steady shift of Idaho's population from rural to urban counties continued between July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2017, according to estimates released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Six urban counties – Ada, Canyon, Kootenai, Bonneville, Bannock and Twin Falls – had a combined population of 1,116,173, accounting for 75 percent of the growth in the state's population and 65 percent of overall population. The state's total population was estimated at 1,716,943.

Adams had the highest percentage gain at 5 percent, but less than 200 new people. Fifteen counties had a percent increase larger than the state's 2.2 percent gain. Clark County's population increased at the same rate as the state. Forty-two counties showed population increases ranging from 12,580 people in Ada County to 18 additional people for Camas County. Six counties reported growth in excess of 1,000 – Ada (12,580), Canyon (5,588), Kootenai (4,493), Bonneville (2,570), Twin Falls (1,588) and Bonner (1,217).

Two counties experienced a decrease in population – Clearwater's population decreased by nine people and Power's population dropped by 61 people.

Population estimates show the net migration in Idaho was 26,525, or 1.5 percent of total population. Nearly 93 percent of the state's population growth was due to people moving into the state. More people moved into 40 of Idaho counties than moved out, adding 27,334 people. The increase from net migration ranged from 10,268 in Ada County to 11 in Cassia County. Four counties – Gooding, Madison, Minidoka and Power - experienced losses in net migration – 809 more people left than moved in. The 12 counties that make up Idaho's five Metropolitan Statistical Areas accounted for 60 percent of the state's net migration.

Births and deaths are two other major components in population changes, commonly referred to as natural increases. Statewide there were 22,981 births between July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2017, and 12,653 deaths resulting in a gain of 10,328 people. Ada County reported the largest number of births - 5,170 - and deaths - 2,899 - for a net gain of 2,271 people.

Clark County experienced the smallest number of births, numbering eight with the fewest deaths at two. Three Idaho counties had a natural increase (births minus deaths) of more than 1,000 – Ada

(2,271), Canyon (1,763), and Bonneville (1,147). Seven counties experienced net losses – Lemhi (4), Benewah (7), Bonner (7), Idaho (11), Boise (12), Shoshone (19) and Clearwater (37).

**Idaho 2017 Population Components
By County**

	Population Estimate 2017	# Chg Pop 7/2016- 7/2017	% Chg Pop 7/2016- 7/2017	Births 7/1/16- 6/30/17	Deaths 7/1/16- 6/30/17	Net Migration 7/1/16- 6/30/17	% of Net Migration To Population
Idaho	1,716,943	36,917	2.2%	22,981	12,653	26,525	1.5%
Ada	456,849	12,580	2.8%	5,170	2,899	10,268	2.2%
Adams	4,147	198	5.0%	30	24	191	4.6%
Bannock	85,269	890	1.1%	1,210	662	344	0.4%
Bear Lake	6,028	86	1.4%	80	59	66	1.1%
Benewah	9,184	162	1.8%	106	113	168	1.8%
Bingham	45,927	672	1.5%	702	363	337	0.7%
Blaine	22,024	283	1.3%	222	104	164	0.7%
Boise	7,290	202	2.8%	42	54	212	2.9%
Bonner	43,560	1,217	2.9%	415	422	1,222	2.8%
Bonneville	114,595	2,570	2.3%	1,975	828	1,422	1.2%
Boundary	11,922	272	2.3%	161	126	237	2.0%
Butte	2,602	29	1.1%	29	15	15	0.6%
Camas	1,102	18	1.7%	10	5	13	1.2%
Canyon	216,699	5,588	2.6%	3,206	1,443	3,808	1.8%
Caribou	7,034	128	1.9%	87	61	103	1.5%
Cassia	23,664	202	0.9%	365	173	11	0.0%
Clark	873	19	2.2%	8	2	13	1.5%
Clearwater	8,546	-9	-0.1%	62	99	28	0.3%
Custer	4,172	63	1.5%	39	29	53	1.3%
Elmore	26,823	733	2.8%	448	185	468	1.7%
Franklin	13,564	217	1.6%	214	86	92	0.7%
Fremont	13,094	206	1.6%	177	98	128	1.0%
Gem	17,379	400	2.4%	220	194	373	2.1%
Gooding	15,124	30	0.2%	211	124	-57	-0.4%
Idaho	16,369	141	0.9%	160	171	154	0.9%
Jefferson	28,446	639	2.3%	477	154	316	1.1%
Jerome	23,627	370	1.6%	418	161	113	0.5%
Kootenai	157,637	4,493	2.9%	1,856	1,388	4,010	2.5%
Latah	39,333	541	1.4%	453	225	312	0.8%
Lemhi	7,875	143	1.8%	82	86	148	1.9%
Lewis	3,887	44	1.1%	41	35	38	1.0%
Lincoln	5,318	51	1.0%	69	30	14	0.3%

Madison	39,141	360	0.9%	1,092	111	-618	-1.6%
Minidoka	20,729	146	0.7%	307	151	-10	0.0%
Nez Perce	40,385	289	0.7%	488	461	264	0.7%
Oneida	4,427	106	2.5%	53	29	81	1.8%
Owyhee	11,628	265	2.3%	136	89	219	1.9%
Payette	23,215	295	1.3%	286	193	202	0.9%
Power	7,600	-61	-0.8%	125	63	-124	-1.6%
Shoshone	12,542	129	1.0%	155	174	148	1.2%
Teton	11,381	295	2.7%	164	41	170	1.5%
Twin Falls	85,124	1,588	1.9%	1,219	755	1,125	1.3%
Valley	10,687	270	2.6%	96	79	252	2.4%
Washington	10,121	57	0.6%	115	89	32	0.3%

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, March 22, 2018