

**2016 Report on
Nez Perce County**

Key Indicators of Nez Perce County

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- Nez Perce County is a regional manufacturing powerhouse. In 2016 the county's manufacturing sector stood at an estimated 3,989 jobs with average annual earnings of \$65,754 (i.e. living wage jobs).
- Nez Perce County has exhibited robust *sustainable* growth over the last 40 years consistent with its geography, history, natural resource industries, manufacturing base, and its wide array of tourism and recreation amenities.
- Nez Perce County ranked 5th (out of 44 Idaho counties) in 2016 in total manufacturing jobs behind Ada County (18,357), Canyon County (9,670), Kootenai County (5,965), and Twin Falls County (4,352).
- Nez Perce County ranked 3rd in the state in the total *percentage* of manufacturing jobs at 15.3%, just below Power County (21.4%), and Caribou County (15.5%). Nez Perce County ranked 1st place among the larger counties in the state (Figure 1).
- Nez Perce County manufacturing jobs increased 40.1% cumulatively from 2001 to 2016, as compared to Idaho State (-2.2%), U.S. (-22%), Ada County (-25.2%), Spokane County (-21%), Washington State (-6%), and Oregon State (-9%). Nez Perce County ranked 2nd place among the larger Idaho counties (Figure 2).
- The Nez Perce County manufacturing sector includes wood and paper products (*approximately*) 1,684 jobs, an ammunition and gun manufacturing cluster led by Vista Outdoor (1,800 jobs), Schweitzer Engineering (130 jobs), and smaller manufacturing firms such as boat manufacturing and other small enterprises.
- Nez Perce County ranks 7th /44 in the state (2016) in total jobs (26,317), a ranking it has held since 1976. Only Ada County (295,663), Canyon County (87,902), Kootenai County (82,071), Bonneville (67,116), Twin Falls Count (50,017), and Bannock County (46,105), have more jobs.
- Nez Perce County population was 40,048, ranking 9th /44th behind Ada County (434,211), Canyon County (207,478), Kootenai County (150,346), Bonneville County (110,089), Bannock County (83,744), Twin Falls County (82,375), Bingham County (44,990) and Bonner County (41,859).
- The Nez Perce County population *ranking* has been relatively consistent over the last 40 years as Nez Perce County ranked 7th place in population in 1969. Except for Bonner County, all of the other larger counties are connected by the east-

west/north-south freeway system running in the southern and northern parts of the state. Nez Perce County is geographically isolated.

- **Nez Perce County has demonstrated a remarkable economic resilience and growth despite being geographically isolated with a limited transportation infrastructure. Population rose a cumulative 33% from 1969 to 2015.**

Figure 1

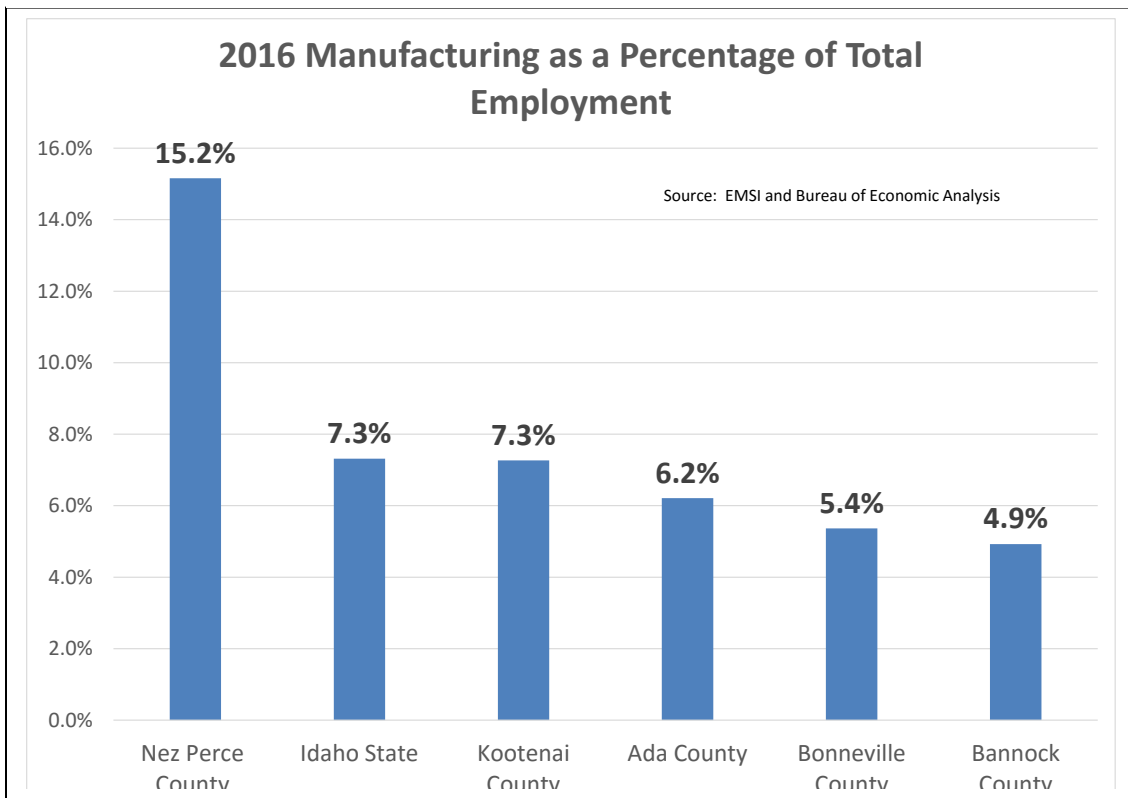


Figure 2

