

**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 5<sup>th</sup> (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> /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 9<sup>th</sup> /44<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

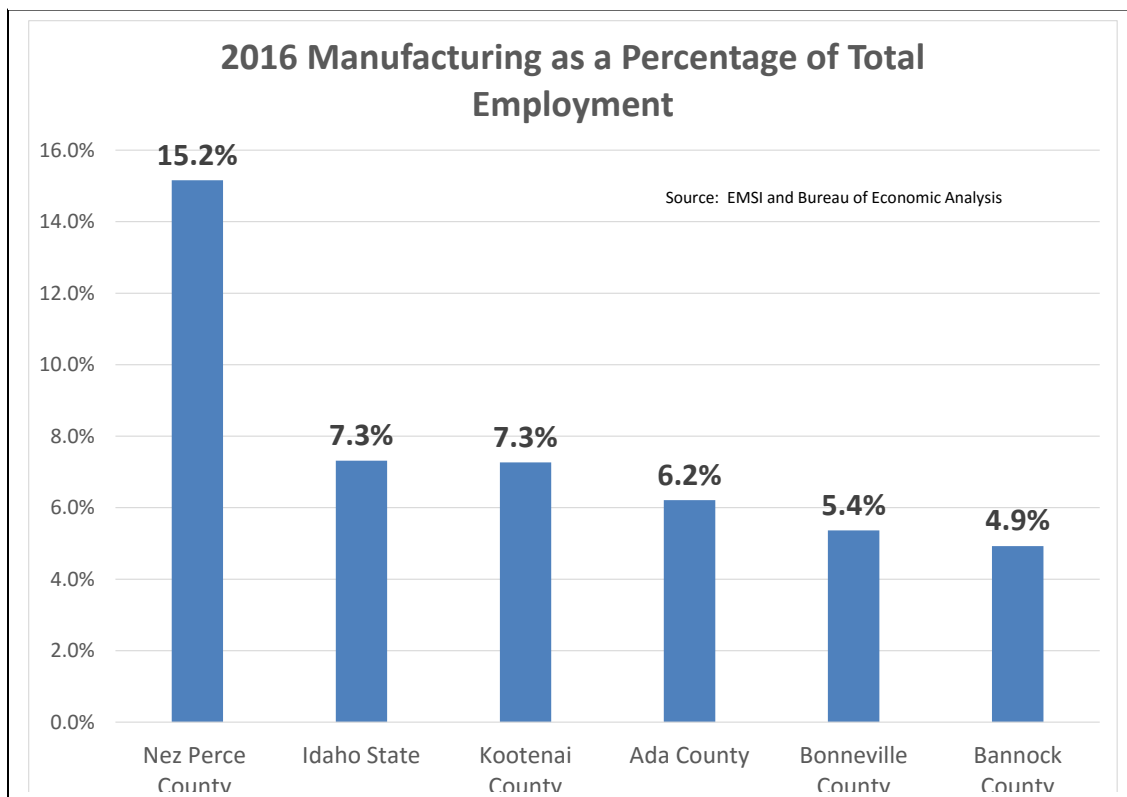


Figure 2

