

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Population Growth Continued in Idaho's Cities in 2012

Idaho's population growth continued to be concentrated in its cities during 2012, but that growth remained limited as the state economic recovery began to accelerate from a sluggish pace a year earlier.

The U.S. Census Bureau on Thursday estimated the combined population of Idaho's 200 cities rose 1 percent from 2011 to 2012, the same increase recorded between 2010 and 2011. Eighty-eight cities lost population while 107 gained and five went unchanged. Communities that lost population were up by one from 2011, but the cities were not all the same.

Statewide, Idaho's population was up 0.8 percent in 2012, unchanged from the increase in 2011 from 2010. That means rural population rose just 0.3 percent compared to an increase of 0.4 percent from 2010 to 2011.

The total population of Idaho's 200 cities was 1.1 million in 2012, or 69 percent of the state total. Rural Idaho's population totaled 494,000. In 1990 only 59 percent of the population lived in incorporated cities.

A third of the city population gain in 2012 came in Ada County, where the suburban community of Star posted a 3.4 percent increase. Coupled with population growth rates of 3.3 percent in Meridian and 2.9 percent in Eagle, those three cities accounted for nearly 3,400 of a 10,500-population increase posted by Idaho's cities.

Dubois in eastern Idaho recorded the largest population loss at 8.8 percent, dropping from 657 to 599. Salmon was the largest city to record a significant loss, falling 2.7 percent from 3,128 to 3,044.

Only three of the 22 cities with over 10,000 population posted losses - Rexburg, Mountain Home and Blackfoot.

### Idaho City Population

	2012	2011	2010	% Chg 2012	% Chg 2011
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>1,595,728</b>	<b>1,583,744</b>	<b>1,570,784</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Aberdeen</b>	1,969	1,996	1,998	-1.4%	-0.1%
<b>Acequia</b>	123	124	124	-0.8%	0.0%
<b>Albion</b>	270	269	268	0.4%	0.4%
<b>American Falls</b>	4,421	4,416	4,474	0.1%	-1.3%
<b>Ammon</b>	14,199	14,032	13,880	1.2%	1.1%
<b>Arco</b>	942	969	998	-2.8%	-2.9%
<b>Arimo</b>	360	359	354	0.3%	1.4%
<b>Ashton</b>	1,091	1,111	1,126	-1.8%	-1.3%
<b>Athol</b>	694	696	692	-0.3%	0.6%
<b>Atomic City</b>	29	29	29	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Bancroft</b>	368	370	377	-0.5%	-1.9%

<b>Basalt</b>	392	396	395	-1.0%	0.3%
<b>Bellevue</b>	2,281	2,289	2,318	-0.3%	-1.3%
<b>Blackfoot</b>	11,852	11,949	11,930	-0.8%	0.2%
<b>Bliss</b>	311	314	318	-1.0%	-1.3%
<b>Bloomington</b>	207	205	205	1.0%	0.0%
<b>Boise City</b>	212,303	209,226	206,349	1.5%	1.4%
<b>Bonnars Ferry</b>	2,610	2,622	2,685	-0.5%	-2.3%
<b>Bovill</b>	259	260	260	-0.4%	0.0%
<b>Buhl</b>	4,170	4,147	4,130	0.6%	0.4%
<b>Burley</b>	10,425	10,401	10,392	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Butte City</b>	70	72	74	-2.8%	-2.7%
<b>Caldwell</b>	47,668	47,210	46,487	1.0%	1.6%
<b>Cambridge</b>	322	324	328	-0.6%	-1.2%
<b>Carey</b>	594	594	602	0.0%	-1.3%
<b>Cascade</b>	902	911	930	-1.0%	-2.0%
<b>Castleford</b>	229	228	227	0.4%	0.4%
<b>Challis</b>	1,083	1,082	1,081	0.1%	0.1%
<b>Chubbuck</b>	14,166	14,101	13,994	0.5%	0.8%
<b>Clark Fork</b>	529	535	537	-1.1%	-0.4%
<b>Clayton</b>	7	7	7	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Clifton</b>	272	271	258	0.4%	5.0%
<b>Coeur d'Alene</b>	45,579	45,032	44,275	1.2%	1.7%
<b>Cottonwood</b>	920	915	902	0.5%	1.4%
<b>Council</b>	819	837	834	-2.2%	0.4%
<b>Craigmont</b>	511	499	500	2.4%	-0.2%
<b>Crouch</b>	157	161	161	-2.5%	0.0%
<b>Culdesac</b>	379	380	381	-0.3%	-0.3%
<b>Dalton Gardens</b>	2,353	2,352	2,335	0.0%	0.7%
<b>Dayton</b>	456	458	462	-0.4%	-0.9%
<b>Deary</b>	512	510	505	0.4%	1.0%
<b>Declo</b>	347	346	345	0.3%	0.3%
<b>Dietrich</b>	338	330	332	2.4%	-0.6%
<b>Donnelly</b>	141	142	145	-0.7%	-2.1%
<b>Dover</b>	549	555	557	-1.1%	-0.4%
<b>Downey</b>	628	627	626	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Driggs</b>	1,627	1,649	1,657	-1.3%	-0.5%
<b>Drummond</b>	16	16	16	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Dubois</b>	599	657	675	-8.8%	-2.7%
<b>Eagle</b>	21,025	20,433	19,953	2.9%	2.4%
<b>East Hope</b>	209	210	210	-0.5%	0.0%
<b>Eden</b>	402	405	406	-0.7%	-0.2%
<b>Elk River</b>	123	125	125	-1.6%	0.0%
<b>Emmett</b>	6,516	6,550	6,538	-0.5%	0.2%
<b>Fairfield</b>	398	408	413	-2.5%	-1.2%

<b>Ferdinand</b>	160	161	159	-0.6%	1.3%
<b>Fernan Lake Village</b>	171	170	169	0.6%	0.6%
<b>Filer</b>	2,562	2,542	2,522	0.8%	0.8%
<b>Firth</b>	475	479	478	-0.8%	0.2%
<b>Franklin</b>	716	699	648	2.4%	7.9%
<b>Fruitland</b>	4,723	4,679	4,690	0.9%	-0.2%
<b>Garden City</b>	11,251	11,116	10,982	1.2%	1.2%
<b>Genesee</b>	965	961	953	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Georgetown</b>	465	473	475	-1.7%	-0.4%
<b>Glenns Ferry</b>	1,264	1,270	1,317	-0.5%	-3.6%
<b>Gooding</b>	3,519	3,543	3,570	-0.7%	-0.8%
<b>Grace</b>	897	904	917	-0.8%	-1.4%
<b>Grand View</b>	447	446	450	0.2%	-0.9%
<b>Grangeville</b>	3,151	3,180	3,146	-0.9%	1.1%
<b>Greenleaf</b>	861	854	847	0.8%	0.8%
<b>Hagerman</b>	865	866	873	-0.1%	-0.8%
<b>Hailey</b>	7,920	7,875	7,935	0.6%	-0.8%
<b>Hamer</b>	51	50	50	2.0%	0.0%
<b>Hansen</b>	1,160	1,154	1,147	0.5%	0.6%
<b>Harrison</b>	208	208	205	0.0%	1.5%
<b>Hauser</b>	678	674	673	0.6%	0.1%
<b>Hayden</b>	13,549	13,482	13,316	0.5%	1.2%
<b>Hayden Lake</b>	585	584	580	0.2%	0.7%
<b>Hazelton</b>	749	751	755	-0.3%	-0.5%
<b>Heyburn</b>	3,124	3,118	3,093	0.2%	0.8%
<b>Hollister</b>	278	277	273	0.4%	1.5%
<b>Homedale</b>	2,610	2,608	2,621	0.1%	-0.5%
<b>Hope</b>	85	86	86	-1.2%	0.0%
<b>Horseshoe Bend</b>	680	704	705	-3.4%	-0.1%
<b>Huetter</b>	101	101	100	0.0%	1.0%
<b>Idaho City</b>	466	482	484	-3.3%	-0.4%
<b>Idaho Falls</b>	57,899	57,527	57,042	0.6%	0.9%
<b>Inkom</b>	869	867	858	0.2%	1.0%
<b>Iona</b>	1,860	1,834	1,811	1.4%	1.3%
<b>Irwin</b>	220	221	220	-0.5%	0.5%
<b>Island Park</b>	277	281	284	-1.4%	-1.1%
<b>Jerome</b>	11,027	10,994	10,932	0.3%	0.6%
<b>Juliaetta</b>	582	582	578	0.0%	0.7%
<b>Kamiah</b>	1,316	1,290	1,294	2.0%	-0.3%
<b>Kellogg</b>	2,110	2,104	2,113	0.3%	-0.4%
<b>Kendrick</b>	303	304	302	-0.3%	0.7%
<b>Ketchum</b>	2,680	2,682	2,709	-0.1%	-1.0%
<b>Kimberly</b>	3,333	3,308	3,280	0.8%	0.9%
<b>Kooskia</b>	608	614	608	-1.0%	1.0%

<b>Kootenai</b>	739	747	750	-1.1%	-0.4%
<b>Kuna</b>	16,189	15,841	15,404	2.2%	2.8%
<b>Lapwai</b>	1,140	1,141	1,138	-0.1%	0.3%
<b>Lava Hot Springs</b>	410	409	408	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Leadore</b>	102	105	105	-2.9%	0.0%
<b>Lewiston</b>	32,051	31,983	31,926	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Lewisville</b>	469	461	459	1.7%	0.4%
<b>McCall</b>	2,871	2,884	2,931	-0.5%	-1.6%
<b>McCammon</b>	811	811	810	0.0%	0.1%
<b>Mackay</b>	506	507	511	-0.2%	-0.8%
<b>Malad City</b>	2,037	2,046	2,097	-0.4%	-2.4%
<b>Malta</b>	195	194	194	0.5%	0.0%
<b>Marsing</b>	1,311	1,310	1,313	0.1%	-0.2%
<b>Melba</b>	519	515	514	0.8%	0.2%
<b>Menan</b>	744	739	742	0.7%	-0.4%
<b>Meridian</b>	80,386	77,827	75,579	3.3%	3.0%
<b>Middleton</b>	5,801	5,677	5,552	2.2%	2.3%
<b>Midvale</b>	167	168	169	-0.6%	-0.6%
<b>Minidoka</b>	111	112	112	-0.9%	0.0%
<b>Montpelier</b>	2,537	2,574	2,589	-1.4%	-0.6%
<b>Moore</b>	180	184	190	-2.2%	-3.2%
<b>Moscow</b>	24,499	24,298	23,866	0.8%	1.8%
<b>Mountain Home</b>	13,791	13,807	14,245	-0.1%	-3.1%
<b>Moyie Springs</b>	701	705	723	-0.6%	-2.5%
<b>Mud Lake</b>	366	362	359	1.1%	0.8%
<b>Mullan</b>	690	688	690	0.3%	-0.3%
<b>Murtaugh</b>	116	116	115	0.0%	0.9%
<b>Nampa</b>	83,930	82,606	81,859	1.6%	0.9%
<b>Newdale</b>	314	319	323	-1.6%	-1.2%
<b>New Meadows</b>	484	495	493	-2.2%	0.4%
<b>New Plymouth</b>	1,527	1,524	1,538	0.2%	-0.9%
<b>Nezperce</b>	472	464	465	1.7%	-0.2%
<b>Notus</b>	537	534	532	0.6%	0.4%
<b>Oakley</b>	777	771	767	0.8%	0.5%
<b>Oldtown</b>	179	183	184	-2.2%	-0.5%
<b>Onaway</b>	189	188	187	0.5%	0.5%
<b>Orofino</b>	3,078	3,102	3,019	-0.8%	2.7%
<b>Osburn</b>	1,544	1,541	1,549	0.2%	-0.5%
<b>Oxford</b>	47	48	48	-2.1%	0.0%
<b>Paris</b>	504	508	511	-0.8%	-0.6%
<b>Parker</b>	297	301	305	-1.3%	-1.3%
<b>Parma</b>	2,020	2,002	1,989	0.9%	0.7%
<b>Paul</b>	1,183	1,183	1,171	0.0%	1.0%
<b>Payette</b>	7,451	7,429	7,477	0.3%	-0.6%

<b>Peck</b>	199	198	197	0.5%	0.5%
<b>Pierce</b>	493	498	507	-1.0%	-1.8%
<b>Pinehurst</b>	1,616	1,607	1,615	0.6%	-0.5%
<b>Placerville</b>	52	53	53	-1.9%	0.0%
<b>Plummer</b>	1,028	1,032	1,047	-0.4%	-1.4%
<b>Pocatello</b>	54,777	54,610	54,305	0.3%	0.6%
<b>Ponderay</b>	1,117	1,132	1,138	-1.3%	-0.5%
<b>Post Falls</b>	28,651	28,338	27,750	1.1%	2.1%
<b>Potlatch</b>	812	809	803	0.4%	0.7%
<b>Preston</b>	5,145	5,163	5,197	-0.3%	-0.7%
<b>Priest River</b>	1,716	1,737	1,745	-1.2%	-0.5%
<b>Rathdrum</b>	7,024	6,973	6,865	0.7%	1.6%
<b>Reubens</b>	73	71	71	2.8%	0.0%
<b>Rexburg</b>	25,732	25,952	25,548	-0.8%	1.6%
<b>Richfield</b>	485	476	481	1.9%	-1.0%
<b>Rigby</b>	4,016	3,974	3,971	1.1%	0.1%
<b>Riggins</b>	419	424	420	-1.2%	1.0%
<b>Ririe</b>	639	634	637	0.8%	-0.5%
<b>Roberts</b>	581	578	581	0.5%	-0.5%
<b>Rockland</b>	294	293	296	0.3%	-1.0%
<b>Rupert</b>	5,514	5,544	5,557	-0.5%	-0.2%
<b>St. Anthony</b>	3,470	3,512	3,543	-1.2%	-0.9%
<b>St. Charles</b>	133	133	132	0.0%	0.8%
<b>St. Maries</b>	2,351	2,366	2,399	-0.6%	-1.4%
<b>Salmon</b>	3,044	3,128	3,119	-2.7%	0.3%
<b>Sandpoint</b>	7,403	7,387	7,377	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Shelley</b>	4,413	4,453	4,427	-0.9%	0.6%
<b>Shoshone</b>	1,482	1,450	1,464	2.2%	-1.0%
<b>Smelterville</b>	623	621	626	0.3%	-0.8%
<b>Soda Springs</b>	2,973	3,000	3,057	-0.9%	-1.9%
<b>Spencer</b>	33	36	37	-8.3%	-2.7%
<b>Spirit Lake</b>	1,998	1,980	1,944	0.9%	1.9%
<b>Stanley</b>	67	67	64	0.0%	4.7%
<b>Star</b>	6,194	5,989	5,812	3.4%	3.0%
<b>State Line</b>	38	38	38	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Stites</b>	223	224	221	-0.4%	1.4%
<b>Sugar City</b>	1,469	1,488	1,511	-1.3%	-1.5%
<b>Sun Valley</b>	1,394	1,392	1,404	0.1%	-0.9%
<b>Swan Valley</b>	212	209	206	1.4%	1.5%
<b>Tensed</b>	121	121	123	0.0%	-1.6%
<b>Teton</b>	718	728	734	-1.4%	-0.8%
<b>Tetonia</b>	265	268	268	-1.1%	0.0%
<b>Troy</b>	888	877	861	1.3%	1.9%
<b>Twin Falls</b>	45,158	44,848	44,505	0.7%	0.8%

<b>Ucon</b>	1,119	1,116	1,111	0.3%	0.5%
<b>Victor</b>	1,902	1,921	1,925	-1.0%	-0.2%
<b>Wallace</b>	780	779	782	0.1%	-0.4%
<b>Wardner</b>	189	187	188	1.1%	-0.5%
<b>Warm River</b>	3	3	3	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Weippe</b>	419	424	432	-1.2%	-1.9%
<b>Weiser</b>	5,425	5,470	5,503	-0.8%	-0.6%
<b>Wendell</b>	2,751	2,762	2,785	-0.4%	-0.8%
<b>Weston</b>	436	435	436	0.2%	-0.2%
<b>White Bird</b>	93	93	92	0.0%	1.1%
<b>Wilder</b>	1,560	1,545	1,535	1.0%	0.7%
<b>Winchester</b>	347	340	340	2.1%	0.0%
<b>Worley</b>	260	259	257	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Source: U.S. Census Bureau</b>					

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