

ABOUT OUR CITY

Boise, Idaho - - Quick Glance

JURSDICTIONAL STATISTICS

Date of Incorporation	1866
Area	79.4 Square Miles
Street Lights	10,693
Number of City Employees	1,565
Registered Voters	108,431

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Parks sites	129
Swimming pools	7
Recreation centers	6
Basketball courts	25
Tennis courts	81
Football fields	16
Soccer fields	49
Baseball / Softball fields	15
18-Hole municipal golf courses	1
Rounds played at municipal golf courses	49,242
Municipal ice rinks	1
Attendance at municipal ice rinks	365,729
Playgrounds / play areas	73
Skate parks	3
Greenbelt	22 miles
Foothill trails	137 miles
Volleyball courts	8
Archery range	1
Dog parks	5
Library locations	4
Library annual circulation	2,340,898
Citizens exposed to Art programs/publications	1,218,365

POPULATION BY RACE

White	84.0 %
Hispanics	6.6%
Black	1.4%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	0.8%
Asian	2.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%

PERSONAL INCOME

Income Per Capita (2009)	\$32,866
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EDUCATION

Elementary Schools	37
Jr. High Schools	13
High Schools	10
Colleges / Universities	9

ENVIRONMENTAL

Gallons of water treated and processed	9.9 billion
Metric tons of biosolids recycled	20,117
Number of geothermal customers	66
Percentage of solid waste recycled	14%
Acres maintained	1,892
Acres of City Farm	4,241
Roses maintained in Julia Davis Garden	2,600

POLICE PROTECTION

Sworn Police Positions	310
Police Dept Vehicles	293
Traffic violations written	29,547
Number of DUI arrests	1,395
Assistance Call Responses	92,456

FIRE / EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Staffed Fire Stations	17
Average response time in minutes	5.05
Fire hydrants	6,491

CONSTRUCTION

Commercial and Government Permits FY 2011	1,142
Residential permits FY 2011	1,744
Value of construction permits FY 2011	\$297,151,847

HOUSING

Total Affordable Housing Units	274
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AIR SERVICE

Number of transited passengers in FY 2011	2,787,284
Number of aircraft landings in FY 2011	23,267
Number of flight operations in FY 2011	120,780
Number of military operations in FY 2010	11,968

LOCATION

The largest city in Idaho, Boise is the capital of the Gem State and the county seat of Ada County. Boise is located in southwest Idaho, 430 miles from the seaport terminal of Portland, Oregon; 360 miles northwest of Salt Lake City, Utah; and 384 miles south of Spokane, Washington. Boise's location serves as a conduit to provide highway, air and rail access to the Northwest.

CLIMATE

Boise's geography and elevation (2,842 ft. above sea level), result in a moderate climate. It lies along the Boise River in the southwestern part of the state. The City's backdrop includes heavily forested mountains to the north and high desert rangeland to the south. The "Boise Valley" includes some of the state's most productive agricultural land.

Annual Average Temperature	50.9°
Maximum Average Temperature	62.8°
Minimum Average Temperature	39.1°
Average Days of Sunshine	120
Annual Average Precipitation	12.2"
Annual Average Snowfall	20.8"

The Boise area's climate is pleasant year-round, with just enough variation to make the change of seasons enjoyable.

The occasional extreme temperatures of cold and hot are still comfortable because of the typically low humidity,

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sparse snowfall in the winter, and frequent mild breezes.

together to provide stability and promise for more than 500,000 area residents.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Bureau of the Census designates Ada and Canyon counties as the Boise Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). The City's population in 2010 was 205,671. The City's population increased 10.7% from 2000 (185,787), at a compounded annual rate of 1.1%. Ada County grew at nearly three times the rate (30.4%) over the same period. As of the 2010 census, the City of Boise comprised 52.4% of the population of Ada County, the most populous county in Idaho, and Ada County comprised 25.0% of the population of the State of Idaho.

Boise has two regional hospitals and extensive associated medical services, and is the center of the State's governmental facilities, which comprise significant portions of the City's market value but are exempt from ad valorem taxation under Idaho Code. Also important to the city's economy are the activities of the federal and state government including the National Interagency Fire Center, which coordinates fire fighting on public lands throughout the United States.

Historical population statistics for Ada County and the City of Boise are shown below:

The Boise MSA is home to over 22,000 businesses including over a dozen corporate headquarters.

POPULATION

Year	Ada County	Boise
2010	392,365	205,671
2009	408,190	215,630
2008	402,550	214,490
2007	395,974	213,503
2006	383,314	211,473
2005	361,484	208,219
2004	346,212	200,062
2003	333,809	195,931
2002	323,161	193,085
2001	311,400	192,290
2000	300,904	185,787
1990	205,775	125,738
1980	173,036	102,451
1970	112,230	74,990
1960	93,460	34,481

Populations are

estimates. Sources: Community Planning Association and Bureau of the Census.

As the availability of land for residential development has diminished in Boise over the last few years, population growth has moved into other Ada County cities and west into Canyon County.

Employer	Employees	% Total City Employment
State of Idaho (Includes BSU)	14,300	4.88%
Micron Technology	9,000	3.07%
US Federal Government	5,250	1.79%
St Luke's Regional Medical Center	4,544	1.55%
Boise School District	4,000	1.36%
Hewlett Packard	3,980	1.36%
JR Simplot	3,500	1.19%
St Alphonsus Regional Medical Center	3,143	1.07%
Meridian School District	2,900	0.99%
Albertsons	2,730	0.93%
Boise MSA total employment (Aug09)	260,446	

ECONOMY

Boise is the center of business and government activity within the State of Idaho, serving as the economic hub. The City provides financial, medical and commercial services for southern Idaho and portions of eastern Oregon.

Corporate headquarters of several major firms contribute to the Boise economy with a mix of business, technology,

education, healthcare, retail, manufacturing, government and the military and professional communities - all working

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COST OF LIVING (Boise MSA)

2011

97.0*

*100 = National Average

Vitality

Forbes magazine ranked Boise number nine in its 2009 report of Best Places for Business and Careers. The study considers the income and job growth, cost of doing business, and regional attractiveness as factors to rank US cities. Since Forbes began its Best Places study in 1999, Boise has ranked among the top nine "best" places in seven of the last twelve years.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Boiseans enjoy a variety of special events that celebrate the community's livability. They include Art in the Park, Kids for Art, Western Idaho State Fair, Boise Music Week, The Race to Robie Creek, Women's Fitness Challenge, Beaux Arts Christmas Sale, and the Festival of Trees; as well as weekly summer events such as Alive after Five and The Capital City Market.

Art and cultural experiences are highly valued by Boiseans and include a resident ballet company, theater organizations such as the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, the Boise Philharmonic, the Boise Art Museum and many other arts associations. The Boise Art Museum was established in 1937 and holds 3,000 pieces. Boise State University's Taco Bell Arena (which seats 12,833), the state-of-the-art Morrison Center, and the Bank of America Centre provide venues for entertainment.

The state of Idaho is reported to have the highest concentration of persons of Basque descent outside of their native region of Spain. Boise has also experienced a steady growth in the number of emigrating refugees, primarily from Bhutan, Burma, and Iraq.

Other Activities of Interest

Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial
Basque Museum and Cultural Center
Birds of Prey
Boise Art Museum
Boise Burn Arena Football
Boise Hawks Single A baseball
Boise River Greenbelt
Discovery Center of Idaho
Idaho Steelheads ECHL hockey
Lucky Peak State Park
Morrison – Knudsen Nature Center
Old Idaho Penitentiary
Ridge to Rivers trail system
World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame
Zoo Boise

AWARDS (NATIONAL RECOGNITION)

Boise has many distinct attributes which have been recognized by a variety of sources, including:

One of BusinessWeek magazine's "America's 50 Best Places to Live", September 2011.

No. 18 Best Places for Business and Careers, Forbes Magazine, June 2011

No. 1 largest geothermal heating district in the United States, www.cityofboise.org/Departments/Public_Works, May 2009

No. 5 Best Market for Small Businesses, Bizjournal.com, February 2009

No. 14 Most Secure Place to Live in the US Among Large Metropolitan Areas, Farmers Ins. Group, December 2008

No. 2 Best Place for Business and Careers, Forbes Magazine, March 2008

No. 2 Best States for Jobs, Monster.com, February 2008

100 Best Communities for Young People, America's Promise Alliance, January 2008

Top Spot for women to Start a New Career, More Magazine, September 2007

No. 7 Best Minor Pro-Sports Market, Street and Smith's Sports Business Journal, August 2007

No. 10 of 375 Best Places to Live, Cities Ranked and Rated, 2nd edition, May 2007

No. 3 Best Place for Business and Careers, Forbes Magazine, April 2007

No. 6 of 72 Major Cities for Environmental Quality, Earth Day Network, February 2007.

A Top Retirement Spot, Where to Retire magazine, September 2006

No. 8 Best Place to Live, Money Magazine, July 2006

4th Best Walking City in the US, Prevention magazine, April 2006