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Eastern Idaho COVID-19 Economic Report | September 28, 2020

About the Report

The RBDC is tracking the economic impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on eastern Idaho. The report is compiled by RBDC student research teams and will be updated weekly. We hope you find the report helpful to you. We appreciate the organizations that have contributed funds to make this report available. Please contact Will Jenson (w.jenson@rbdcenter.org) if you would like to participate in our weekly industry surveys or would like to contribute to our report in some other way.

-Thank you

New This Week

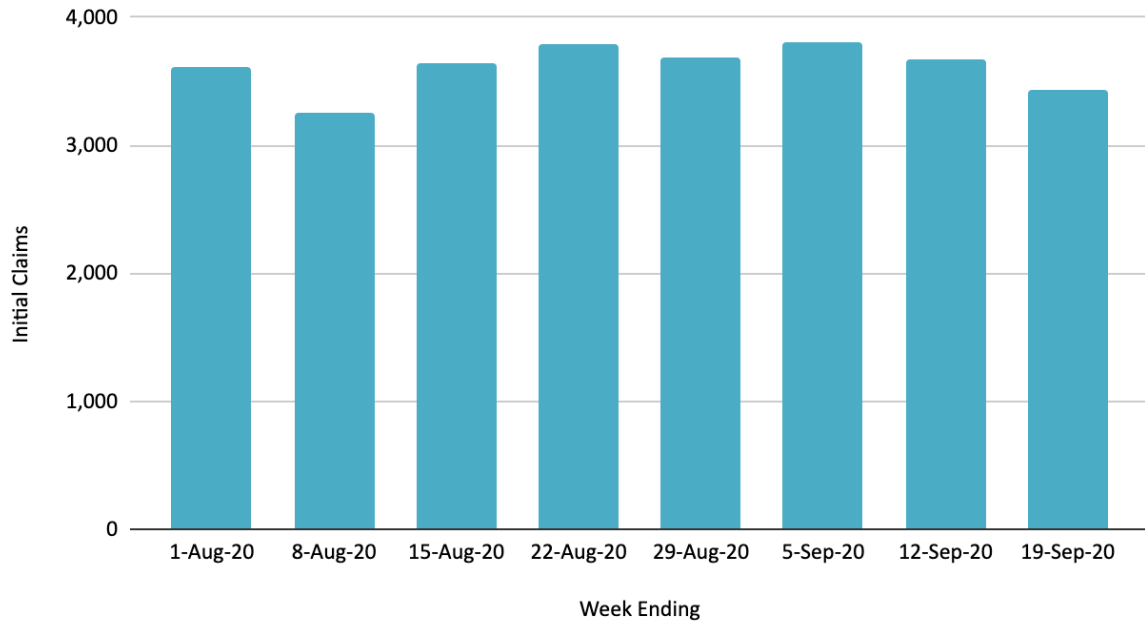
- Ada County Data is now included in this report.
- Initial Unemployment Claims rose slightly in Blaine, Bannock, and Bonneville Counties.
- Initial Unemployment Claims dropped in Madison and Ada Counties.
- Madison County's Building Permit Counts rose this week.
- State of Idaho Individual Income Tax dropped for the month of August.

Definitions

An **initial claim** is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

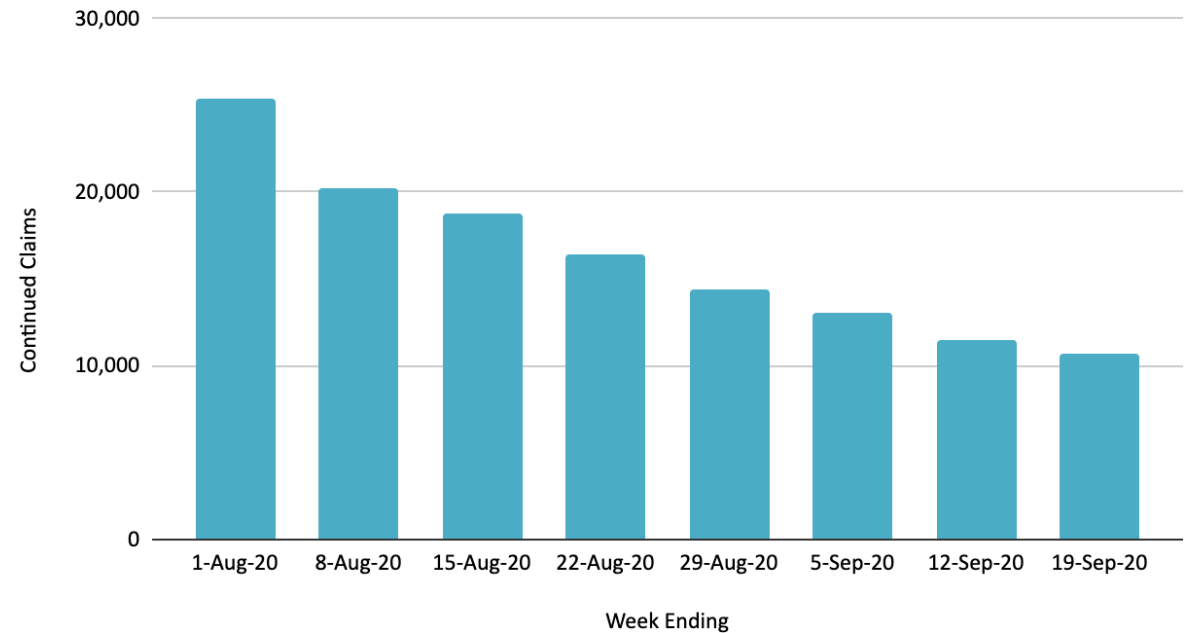
Weekly Unemployment Claims

Initial Claims Reported by Week Statewide



March 2020 High: 32,941

Continued Claims Reported by Week Statewide



May 2020 High: 71,794

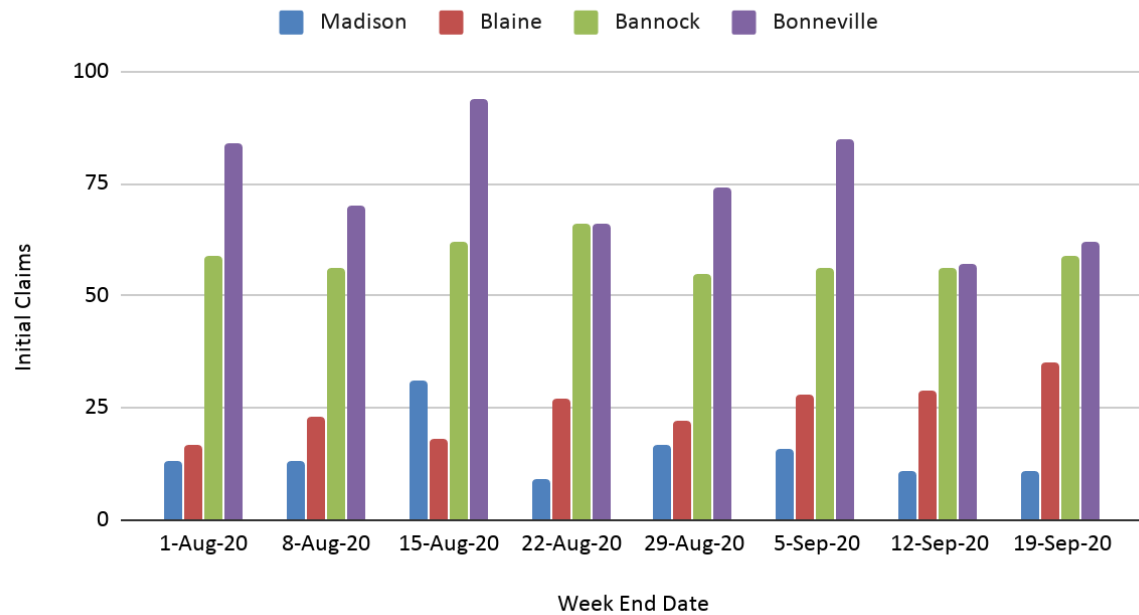
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

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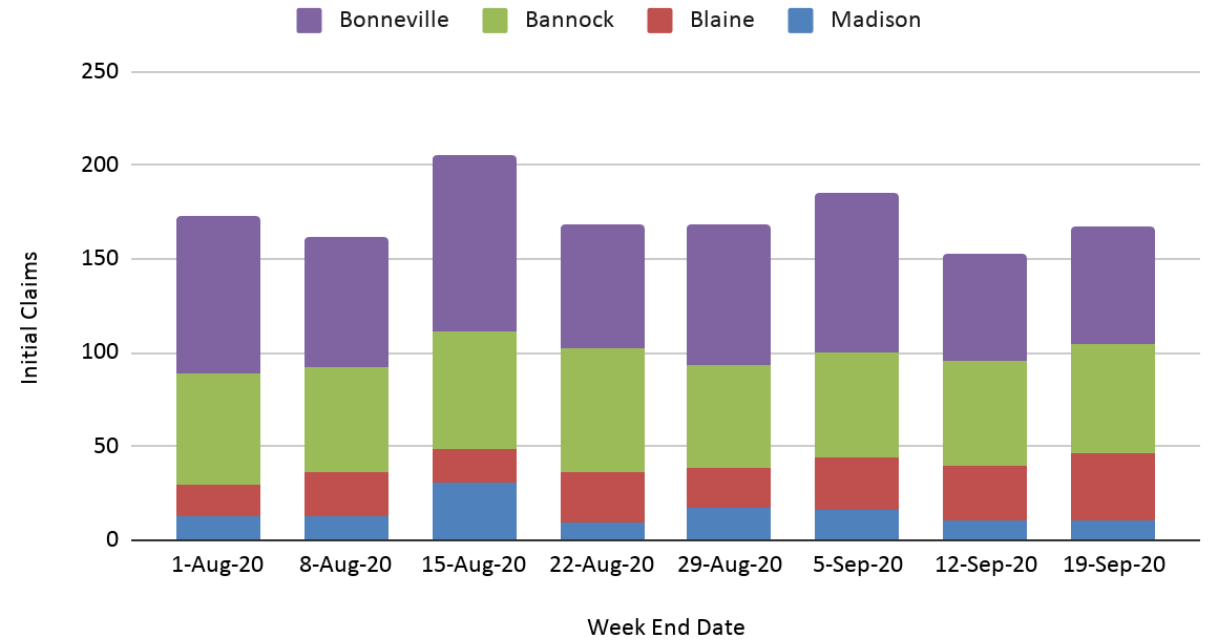


Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims

Initial Claims Reported per Week by County



Initial Claims per Week by County (Stacked)



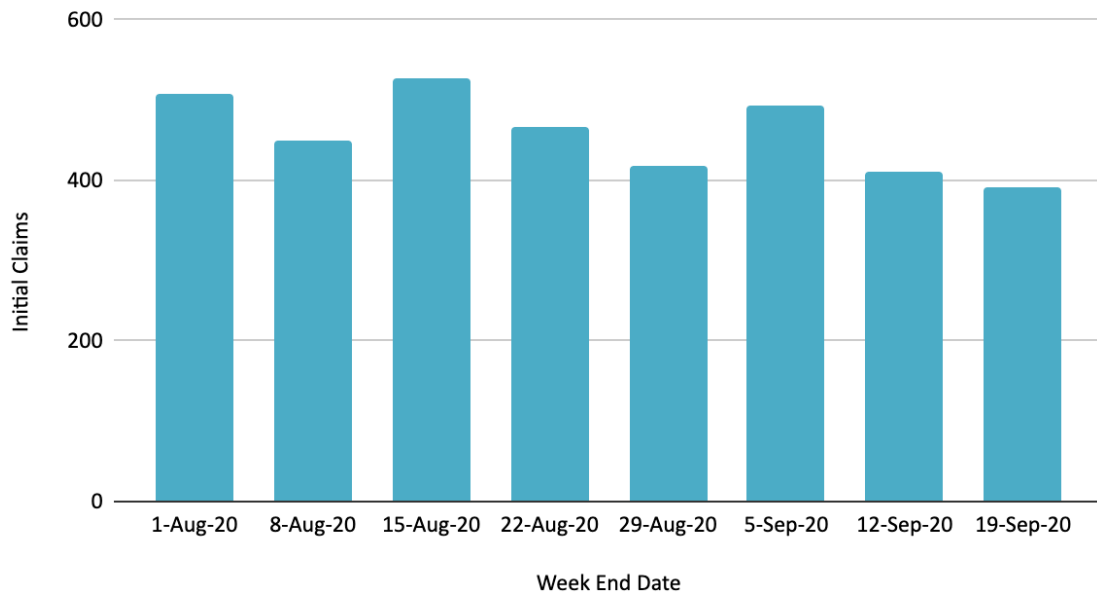
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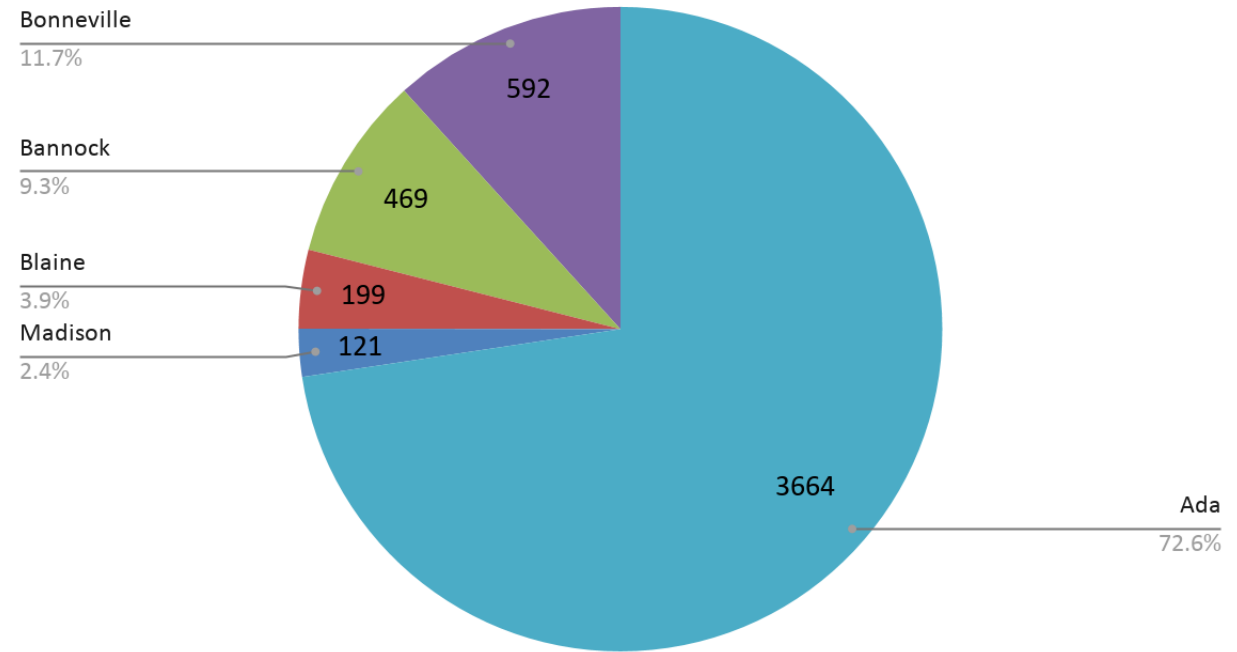


Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims

Initial Claims Reported per Week in Ada County



Initial Claims Reported since August by County

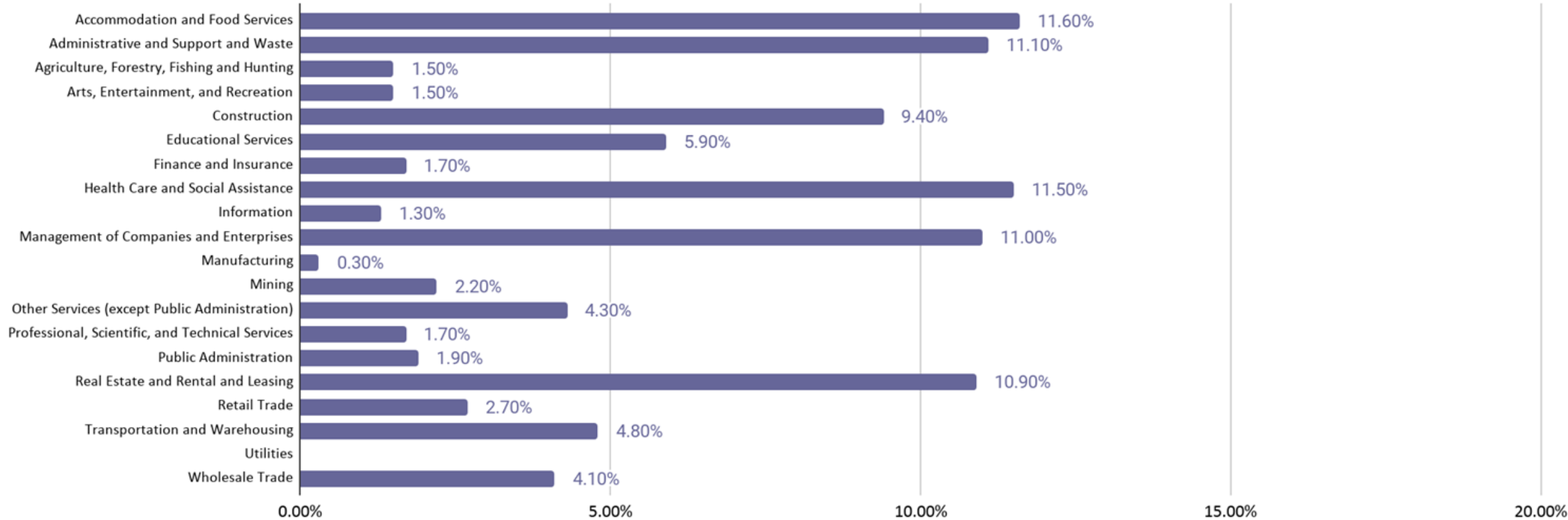


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New Claims By Industry

What Industries did the claimants work in? (Statewide)



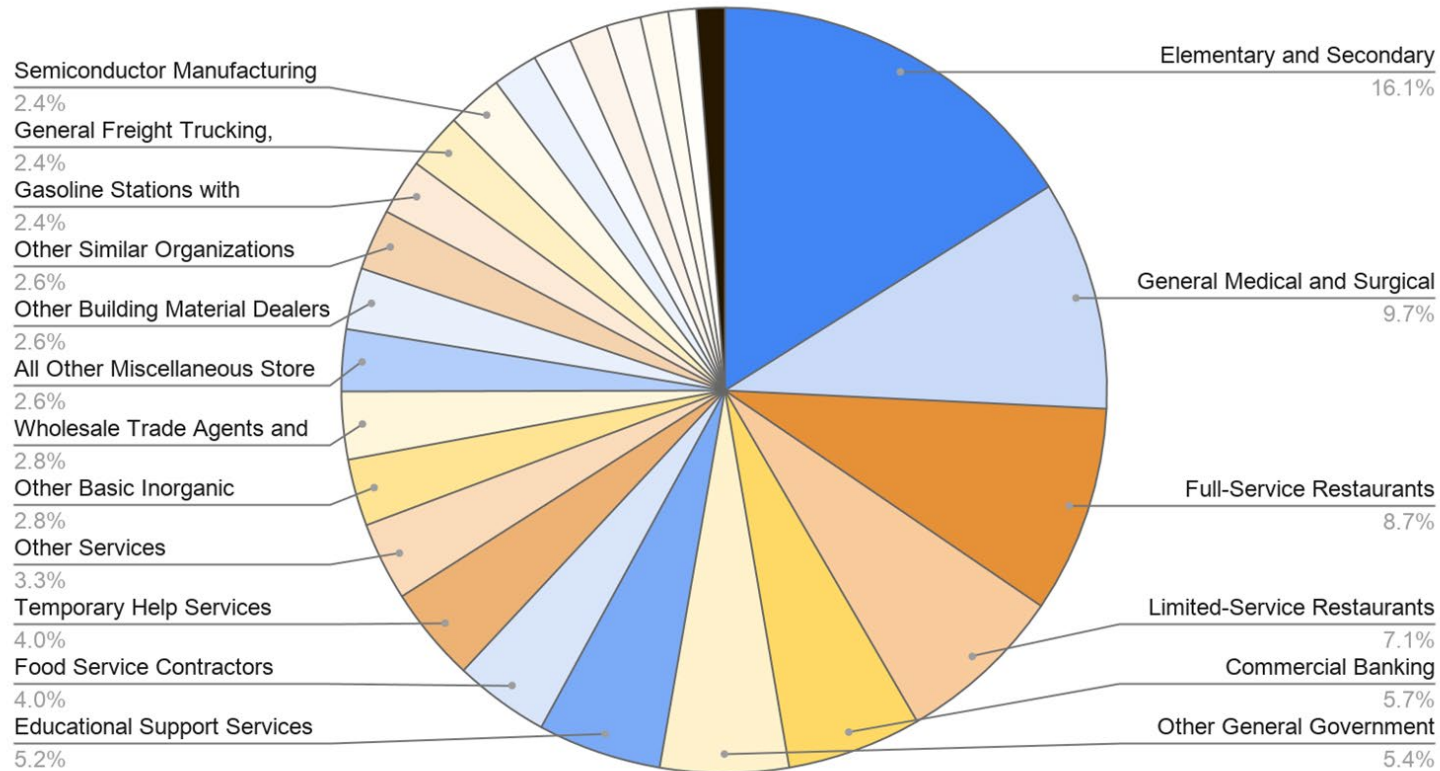
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Job Openings - Bannock County

As of September 28, 2020



Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](https://www.id.gov/department-of-labor)

Latest Job openings by Employer:

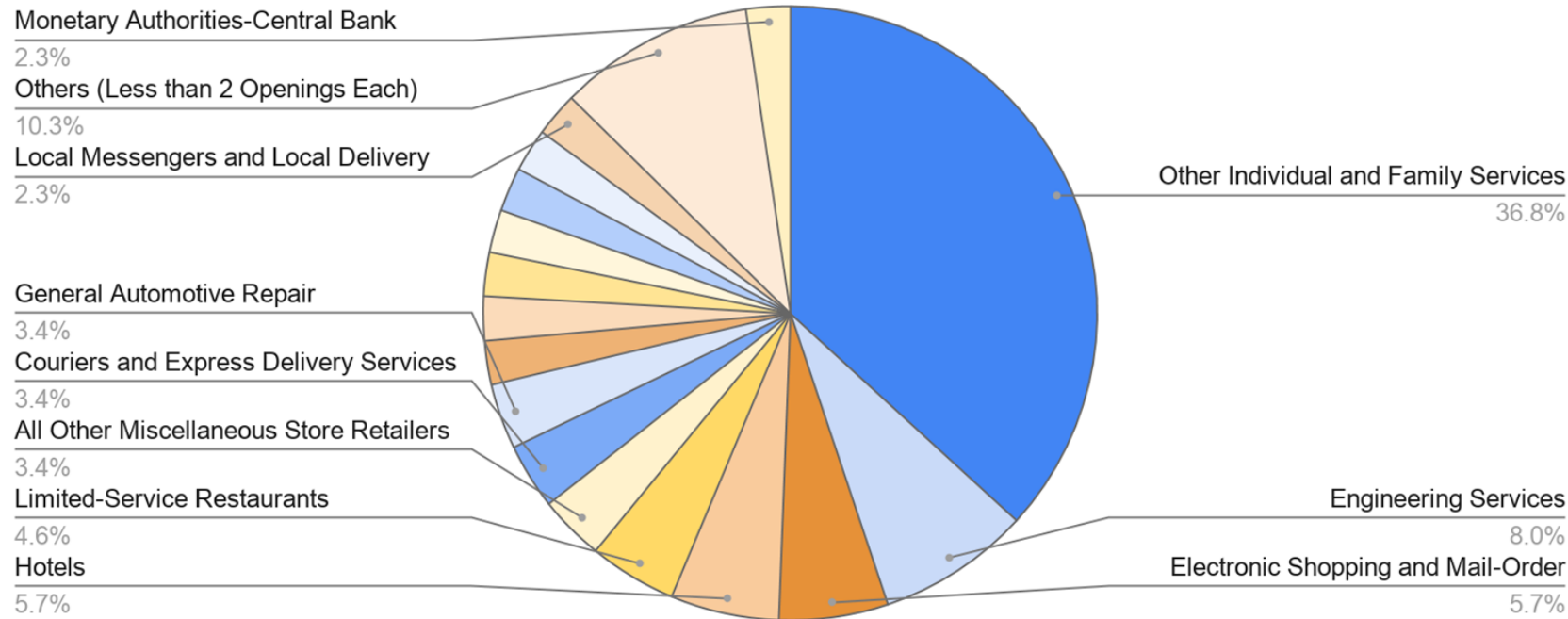
- Portneuf Medical Center (25)
- Idaho Division of Human Resources (18)
- American Staffing Inc. (15)
- Bannock County (12)
- Bayer (7)
- City of Pocatello (7)
- Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 (7)
- Kindred RehabCare (5)
- Sodexo (5)

Older Job Openings

- Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 (68)
- Portneuf Medical Center (41)
- Idaho Division of Human Resources (22)
- Idaho Central Credit Union (15)
- Bannock County (14)
- CDM Smith (14)

Job Openings - Blaine County

As of September 28, 2020



Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- [St. Luke's Health System](#) (14)
- [Power Engineer](#) (5)

Older Job Openings:

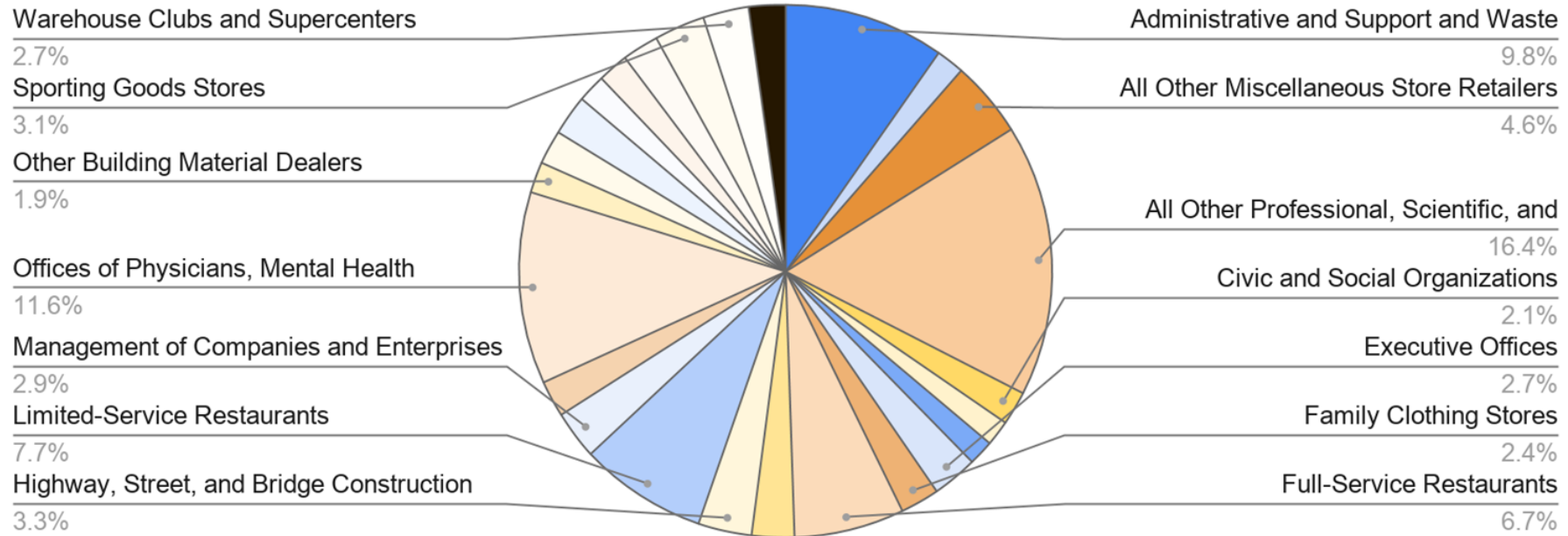
- [St. Luke's Health System](#) (18)
- [Power Engineers](#) (2)

***COVID-19 Essential Job
Companies listed in [blue](#) have 6 or more job offerings

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

Job Openings - Bonneville County

As of September 28, 2020



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Job Openings - Bonneville County

Newer Job Openings by Employer:

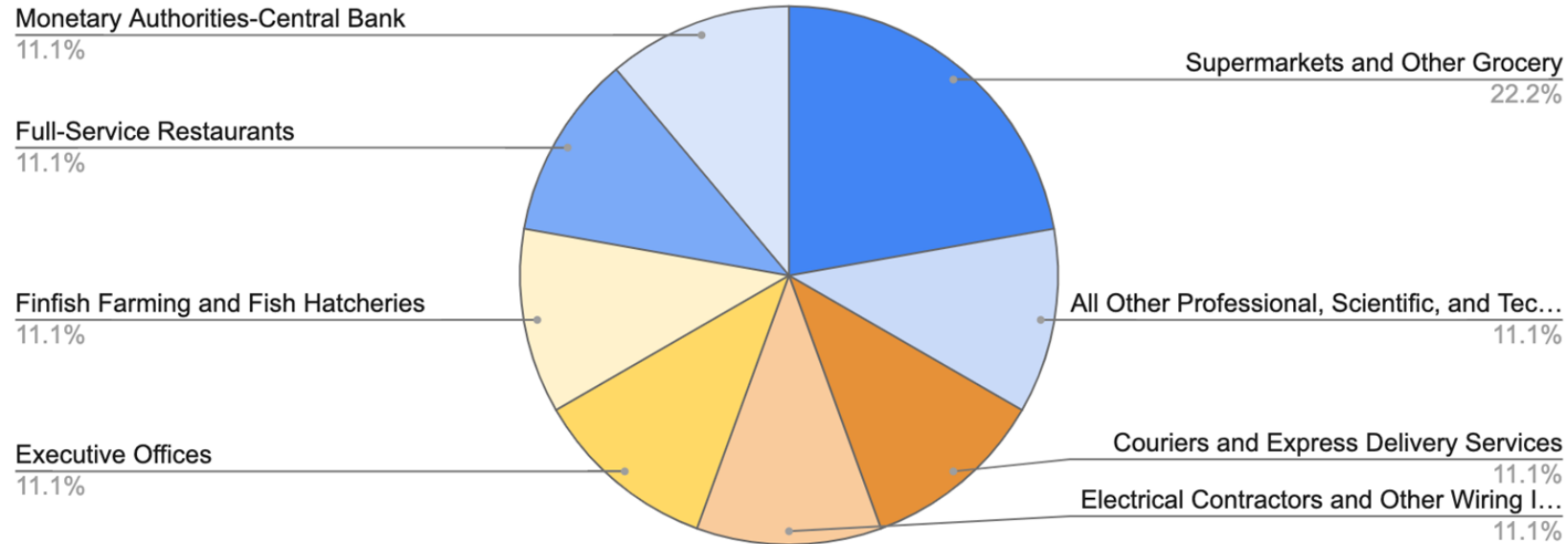
- Hospital Corporation of America (56)
- Melaleuca (50)
- Idaho National Laboratory (40)
- HCA, Hospital Corporation of America (39)
- BMPC (11)
- Cabela's (11)
- City of Idaho Falls (8)
- H&K Contractors Inc. (7)
- Fluor Idaho, LLC (6)
- Good Samaritan Society (6)
- Longhorn Steakhouse (6)

Older Job Openings by Employer:

- Melaleuca (45)
- HCA, Hospital Corporation of America (20)
- Idaho National Laboratory (16)
- Pizza Hut (18)
- American Staffing, Inc. (17)
- AutoZone, Inc. (16)
- Cabela's (4)
- McDonald's (15)
- CDM Smith (14)
- Walmart (14)
- Good Samaritan Society (7)
- Lowe's (13)
- PetSmart, Inc. (13)
- City of Idaho Falls (4)
- H&K Contractors Inc. (5)
- Home Depot (11)
- Northwest Cosmetic Labs (10)
- HealthTrust Workforce Solutions (9)
- Jacobs (9)
- Pilot Flying J (9)

Job Openings - Custer County

As of September 28, 2020



Job Openings by Employer:

- UPS

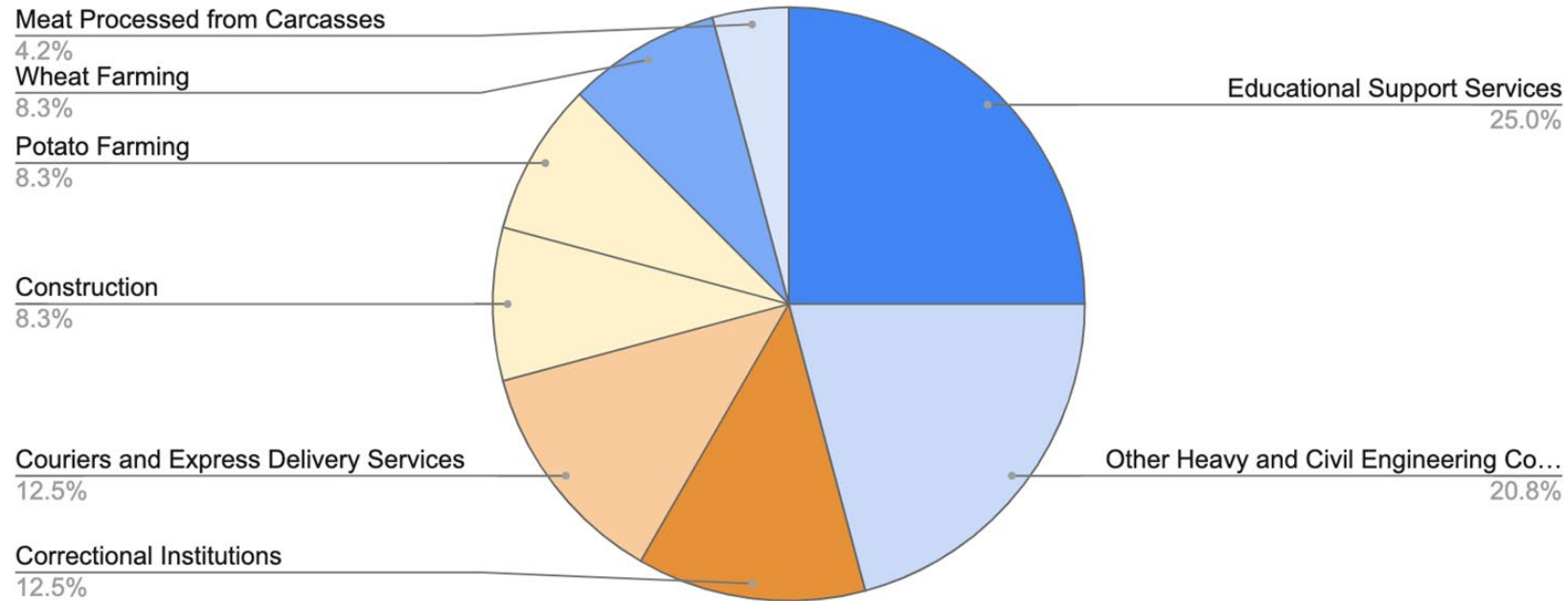
Older Job Openings by Employer

- Village Square
- Sawmill Station LP
- City of Challis
- Bridge St. Inc.

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

Job Openings - Fremont County

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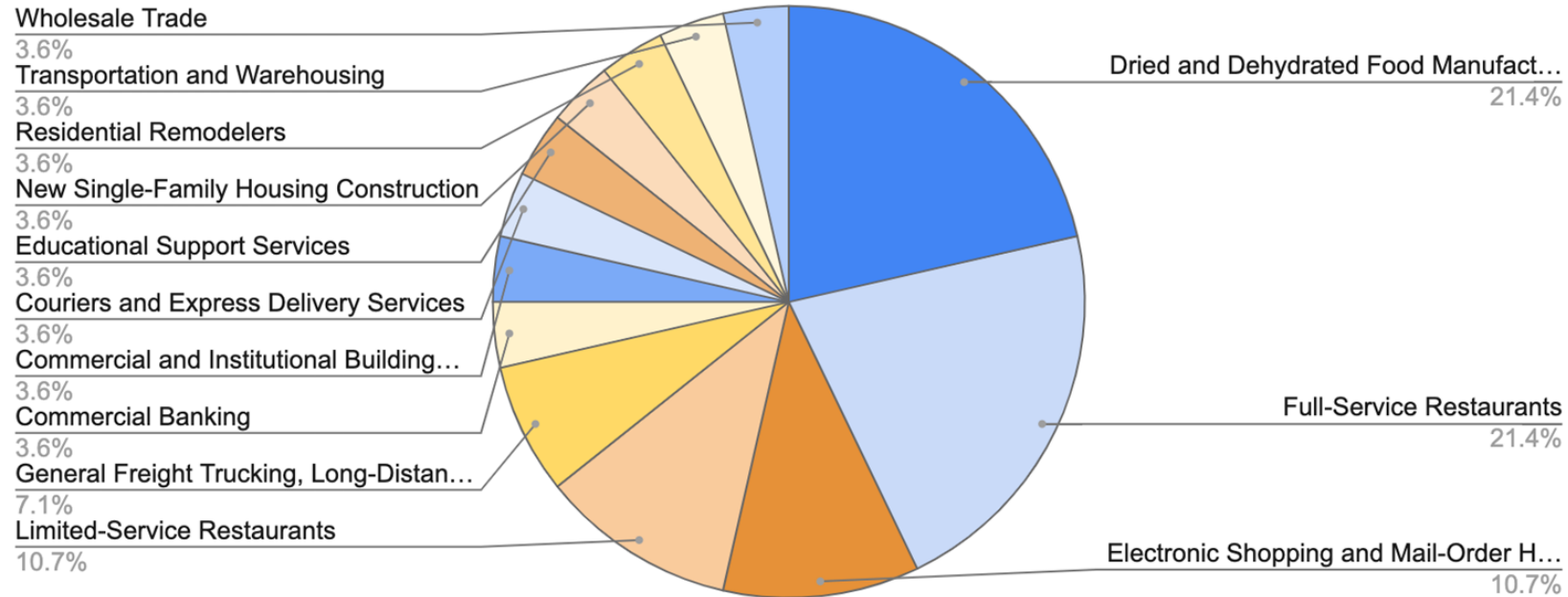
Job Openings by Employer:

- Idaho Division of Human Resources (6)
- Ashton Plumbing (1)
- UPS (2)
- Sunroc Corporation (5)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

Job Openings - Jefferson County

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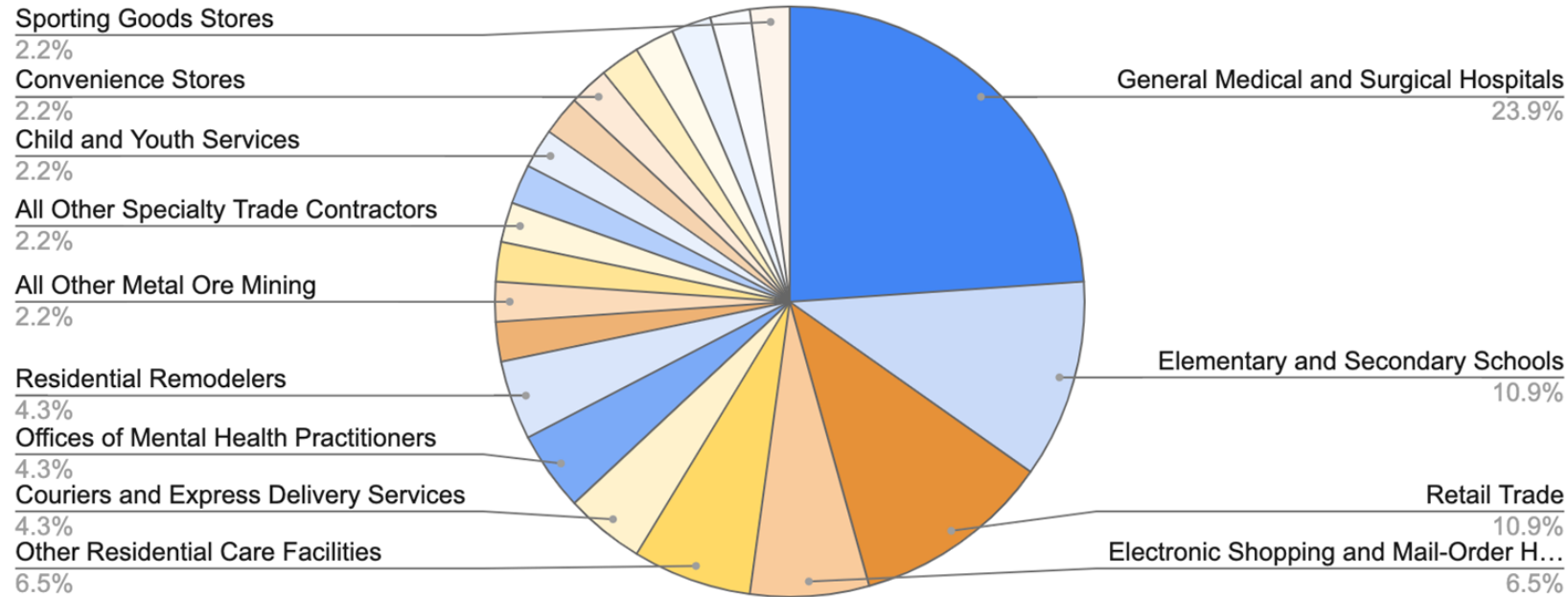
Job Openings by Employer:

- [Advanced Home Services \(15\)](#)
- [Pizza Hut \(6\)](#)
- [Idaho Pacific Corp \(5\)](#)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

Job Openings - Lemhi County

As of September 28, 2020



Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- Fast-N-Fluffy Laundromat
- Hayden Beverage Co.
- Accountable Healthcare Staffing (3)
- C&A Industries, LLC.
- Schneider
- Lemhi Valley Social Services
- Steele Memorial Medical Center (3)
- Main Street Exxon

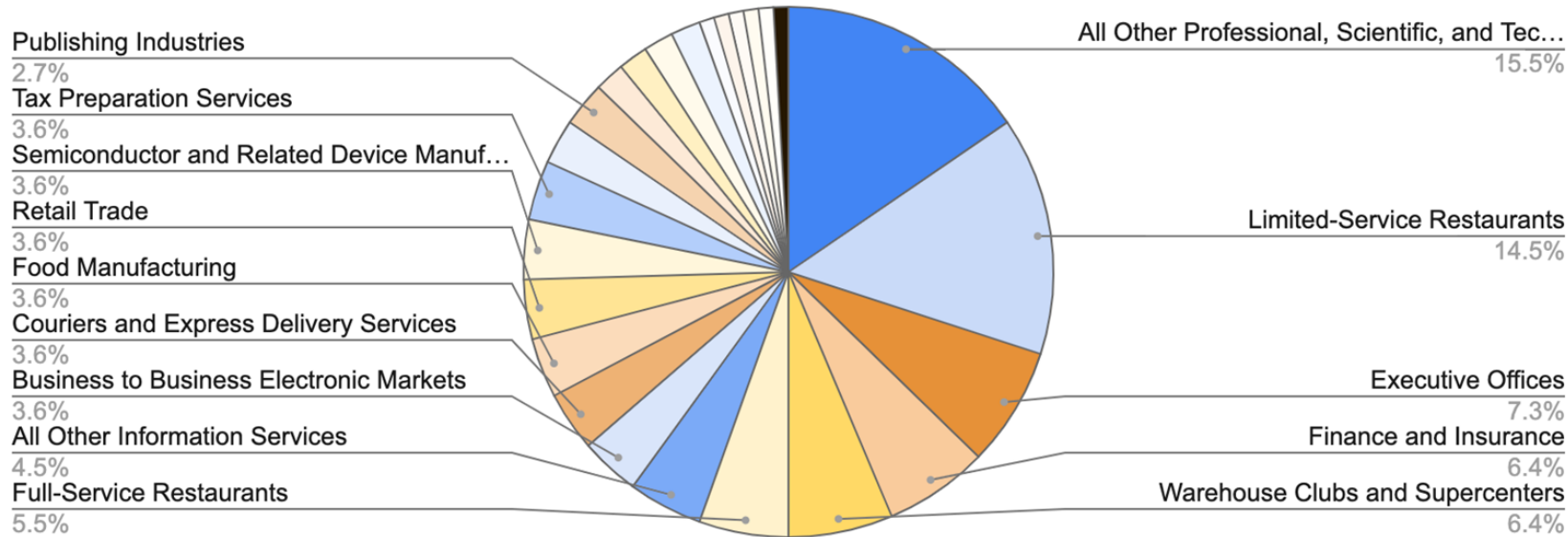
Older Job Openings:

- [Steele Memorial Medical Center \(8\)](#)
- [Salmon Public Schools District # 291 \(5\)](#)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

Job Openings - Madison County

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Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- [Melaleuca \(9\)](#)
- Duane Reade
- Walgreens (2)
- Maverik
- Advance Auto Parts (2)
- BMC
- Intuit
- Brightspring Health Services
- Applied Materials (2)
- Strategic Retail Solutions
- Grifols
- Progrexion (3)
- Floyd Wilcox and Sons, Inc. (4)
- C&B Operations, LLC (2)
- Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership
- Artco (2)
- Morton Buildings, Inc.
- ResCare
- Beehive FCU

Older Job Openings:

- [Melaleuca \(8\)](#)
- [AutoZone, Inc. \(8\)](#)
- [Beehive FCU \(7\)](#)
- [McDonald's \(7\)](#)
- [Walmart \(7\)](#)
- [Pizza Hut \(6\)](#)
- [Idaho Falls Progrexion has NLX account \(5\)](#)

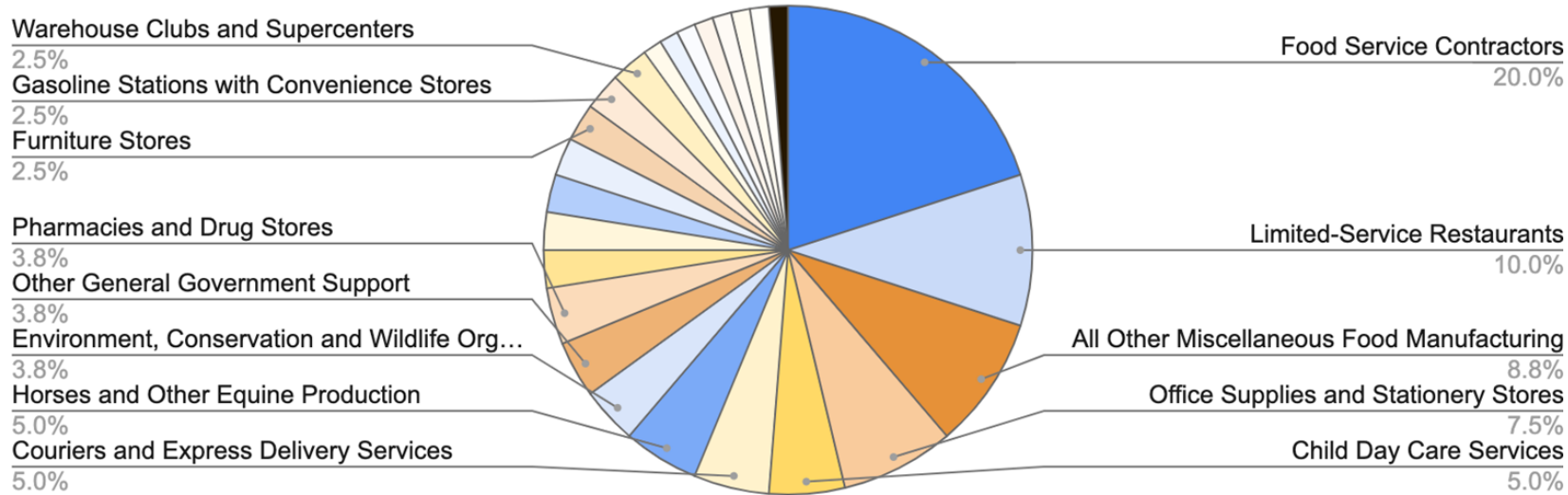
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Job Openings - Teton County

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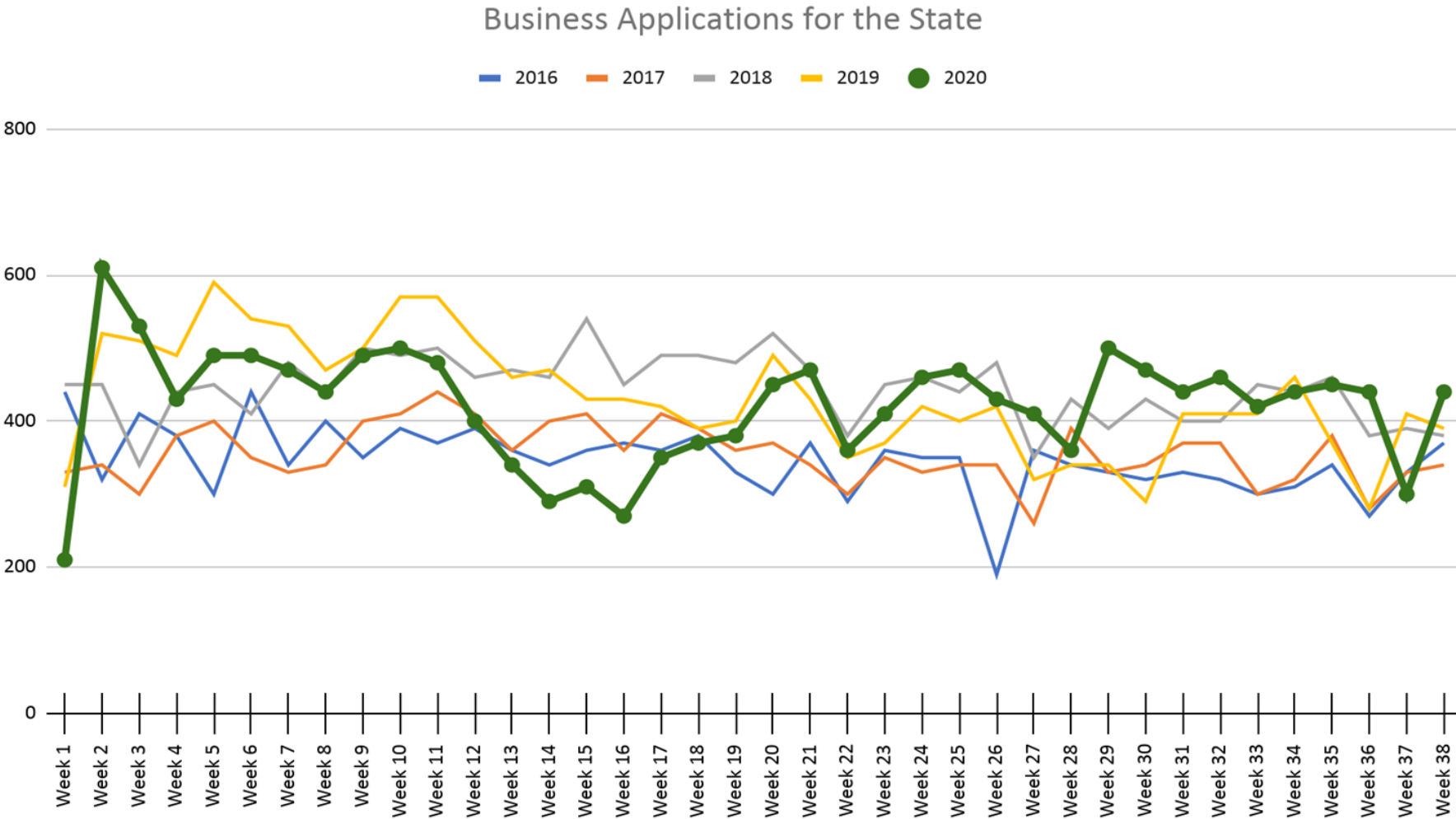
- ARAMARK (8)
- Staples (4)
- Adecco Staffing
- Serco
- State of Wyoming (2)
- Earth Elements Design Center
- TJX (2)
- System One Services
- National Park Service (3)
- Evoy Air, Inc.
- Vail Resorts
- DAL Global Services
- Napa Auto Parts

Older Job Openings:

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- Benchmark (7)
- Staples (2)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

Business Formation Statistics (BFS Applications)

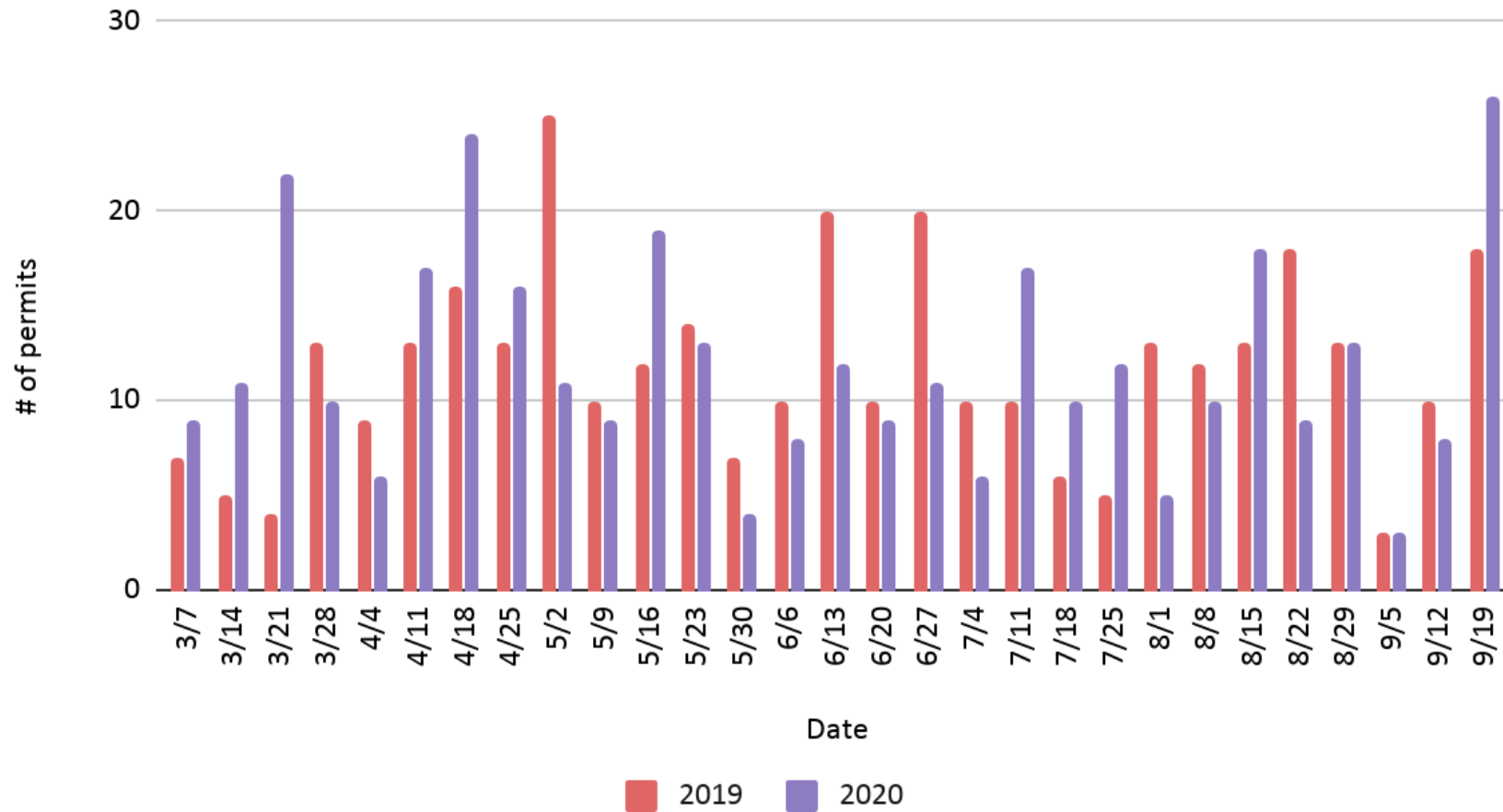


Source: <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/bfs-weekly-business-applications.html>



Building Permits – Madison County

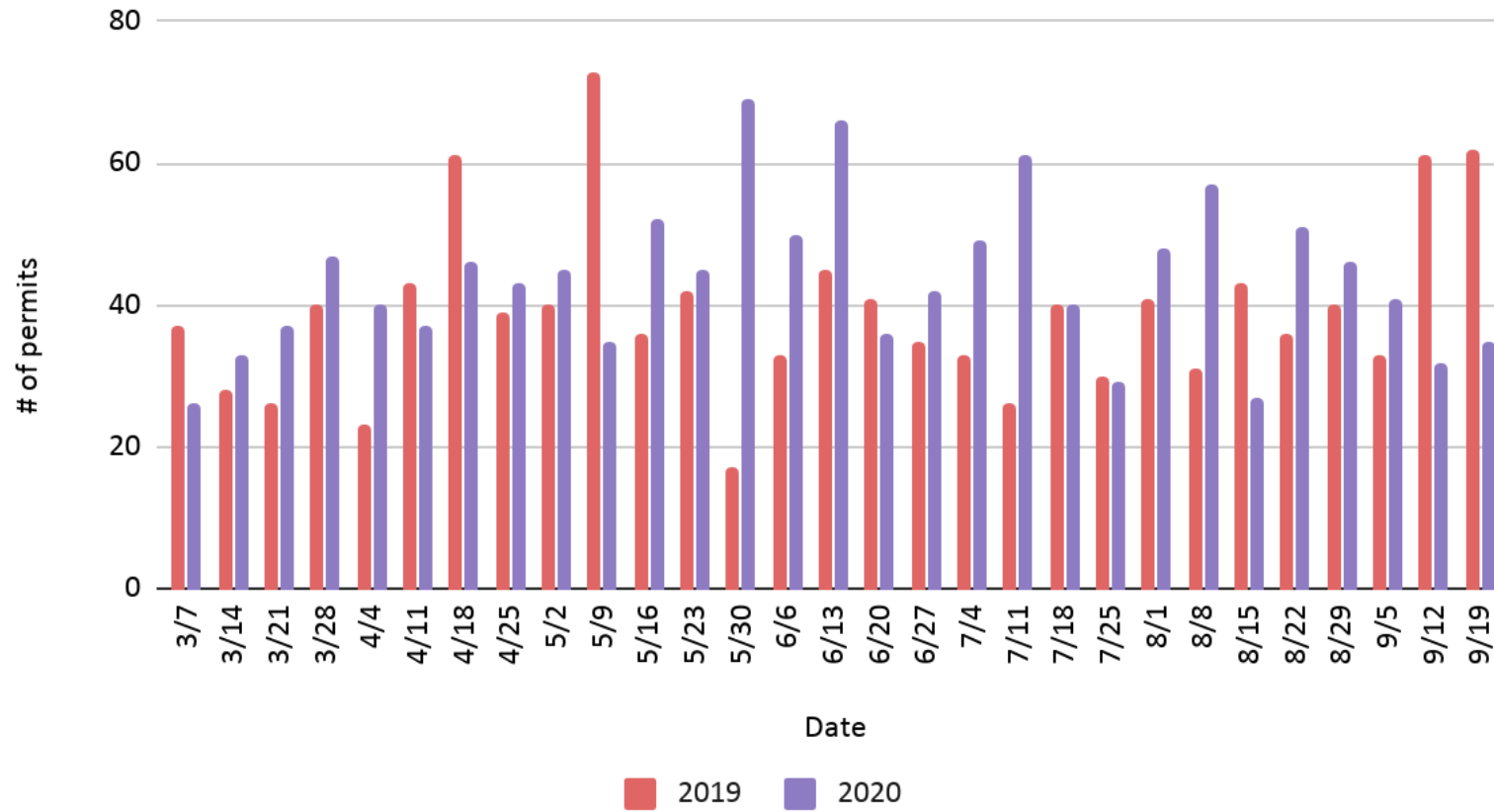
Madison Building Permits



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Building Permits – Bonneville County

Bonneville Building Permits

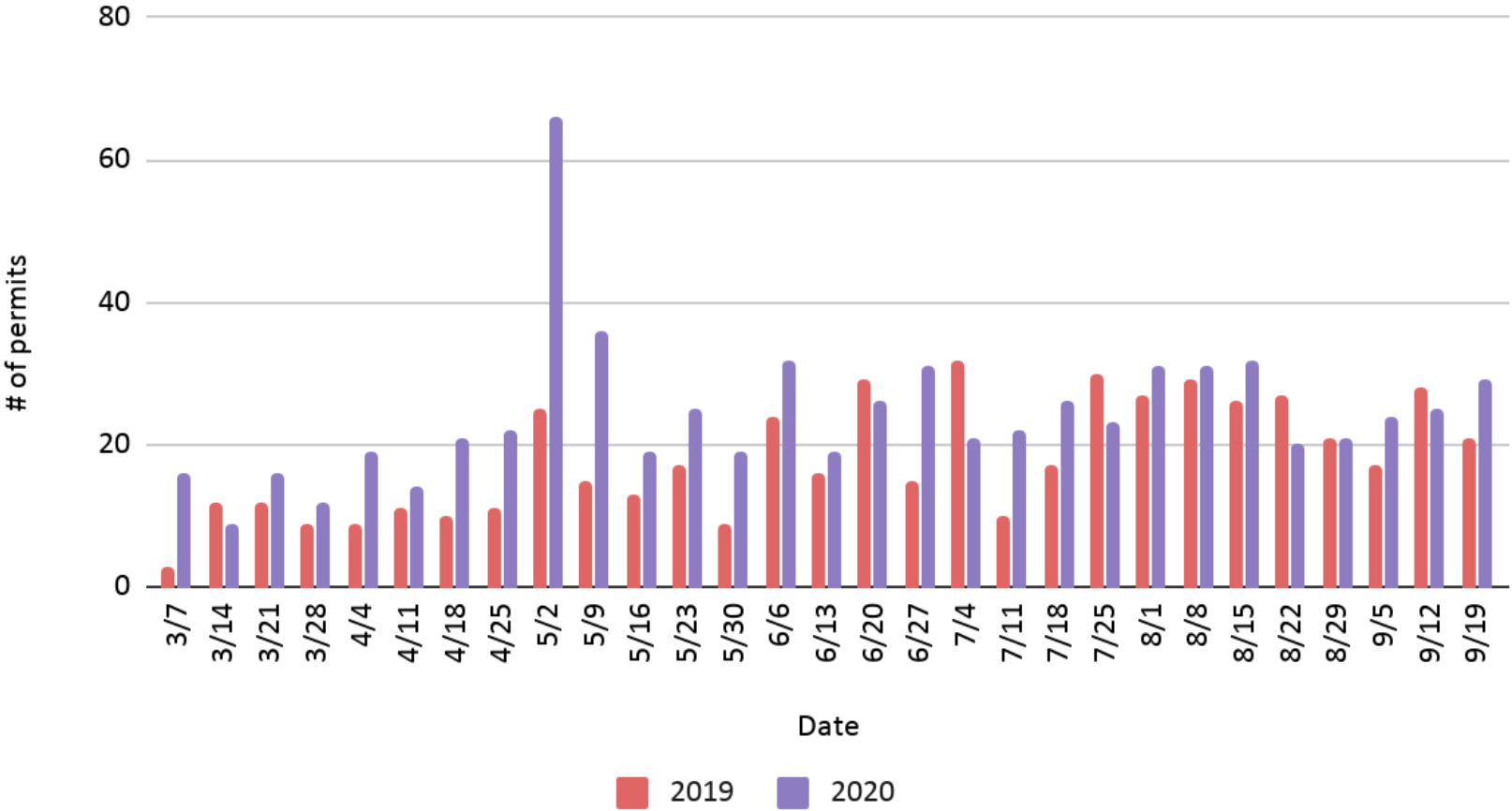


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Building Permits – Bannock County

Bannock Building Permits

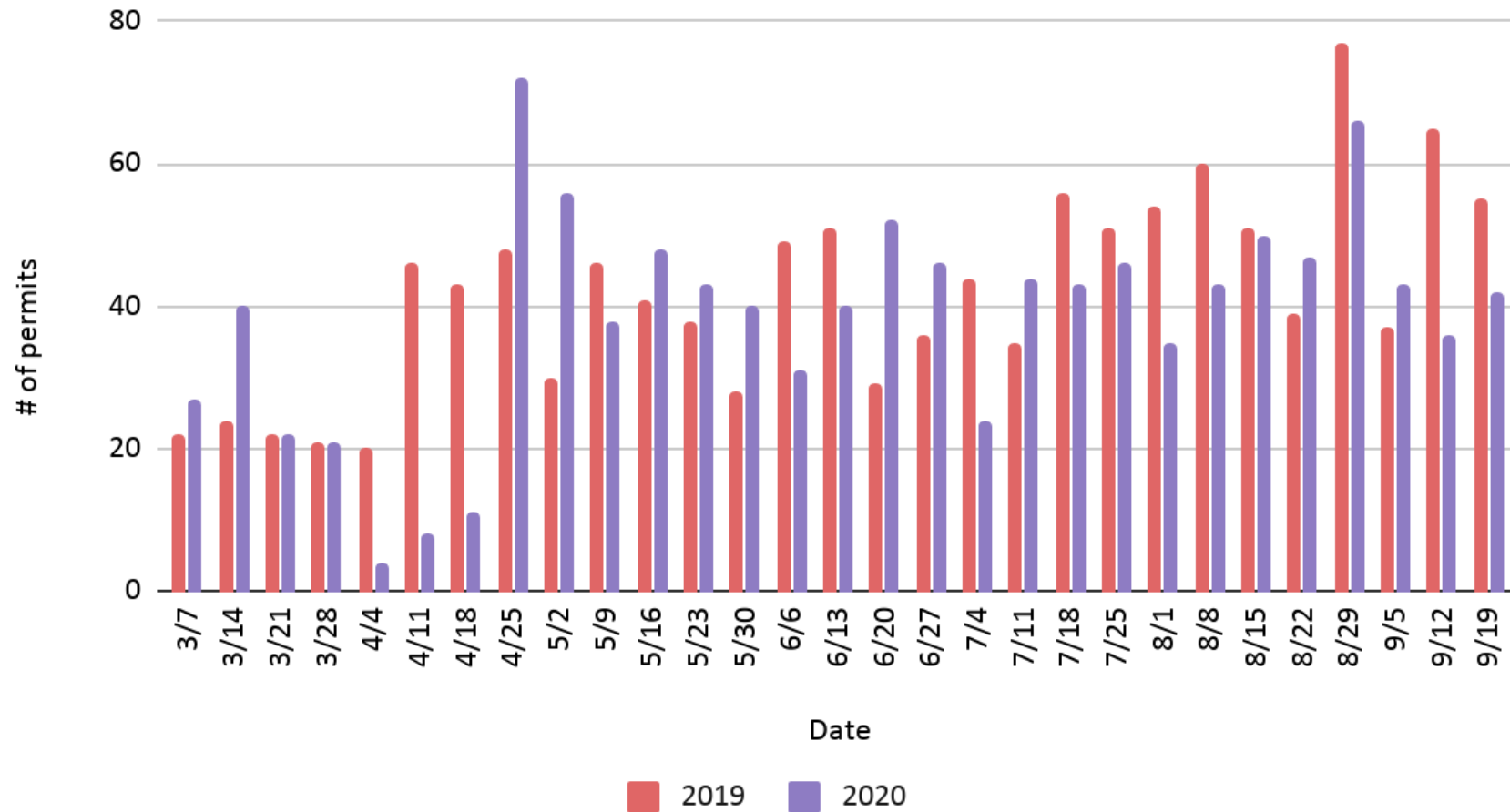


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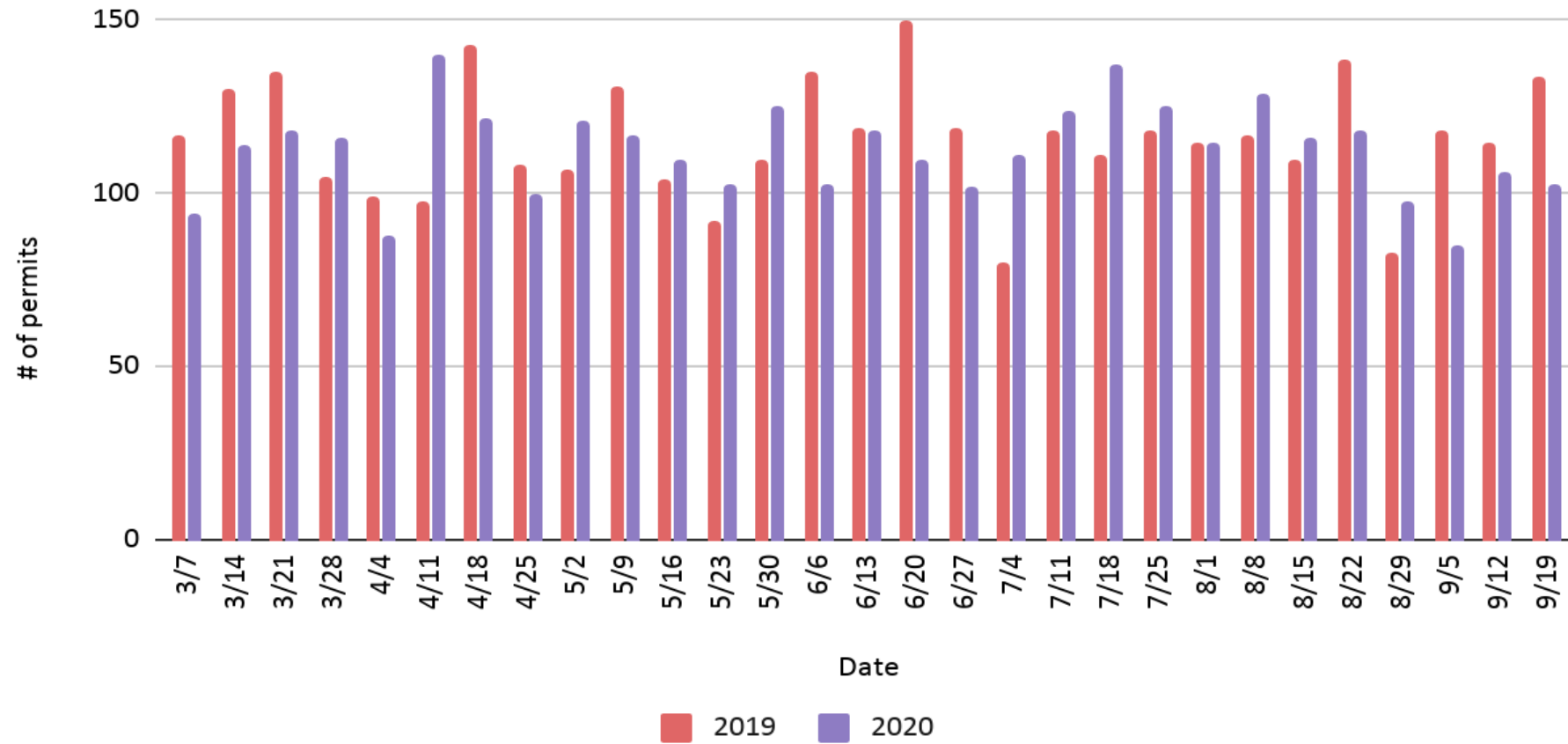
Building Permits - Blaine County

Blaine Building Permits



Building Permits - Ada County

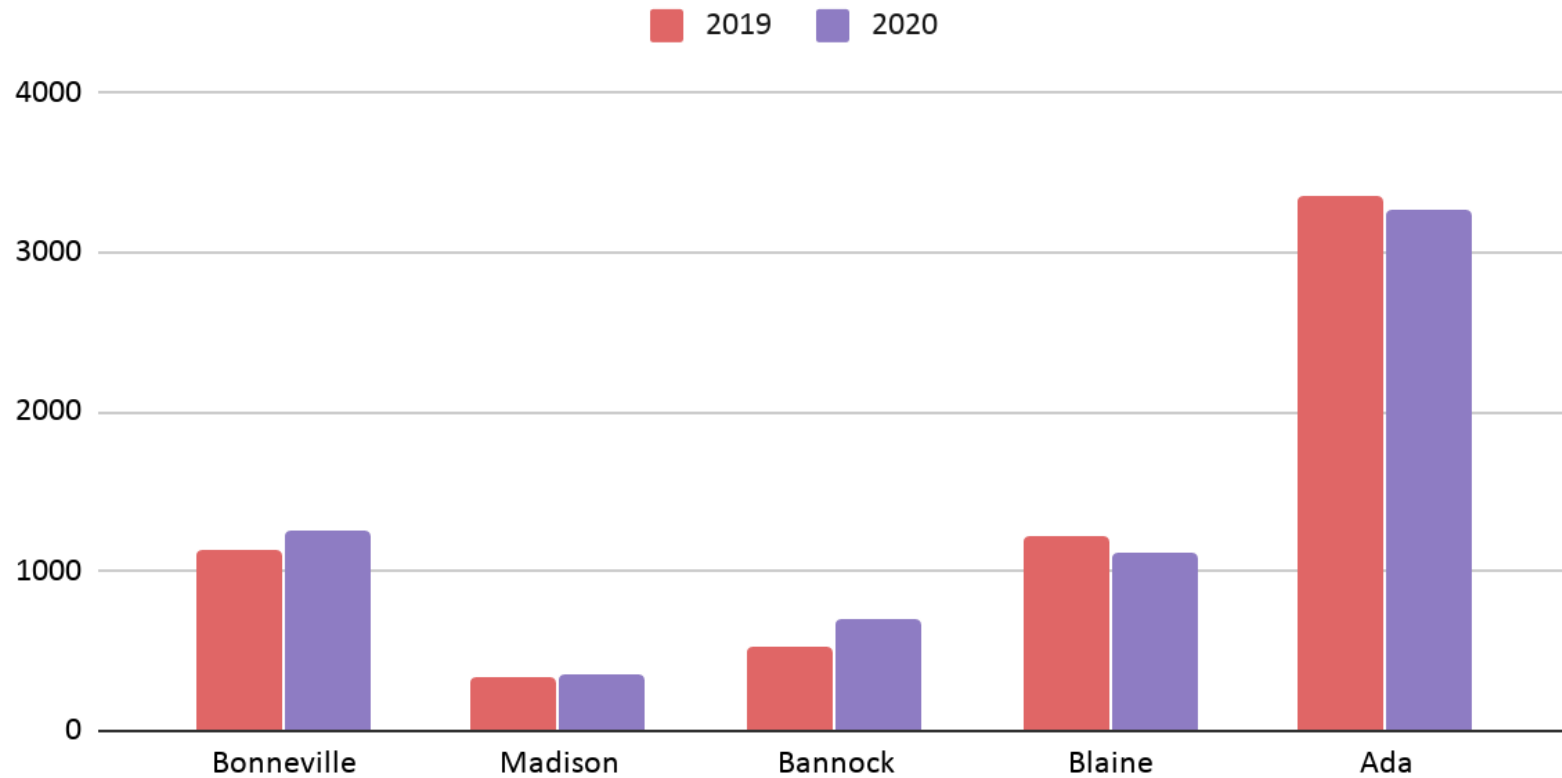
Ada Building Permits



Cumulative Building Permits

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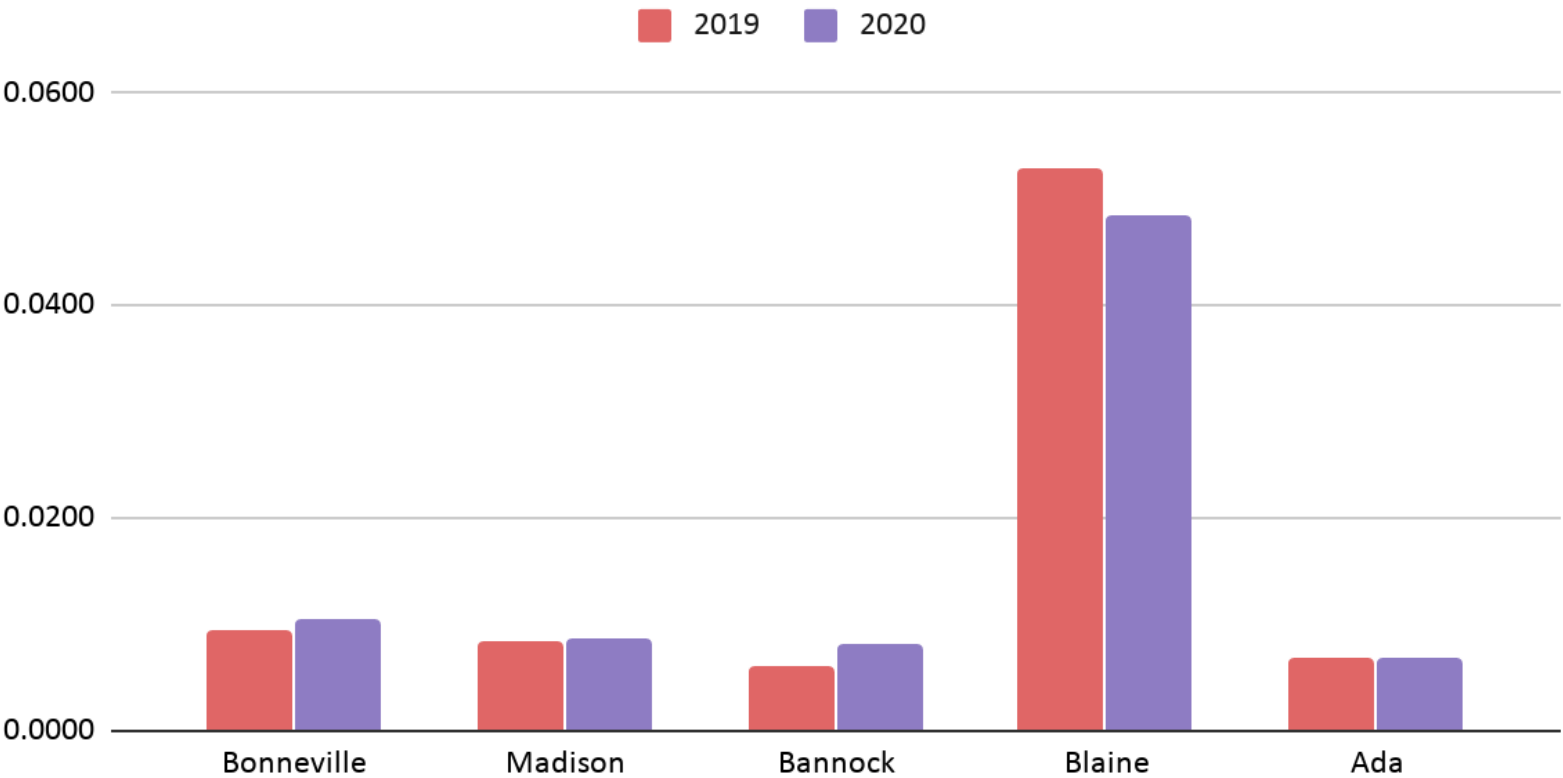
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Cumulative Building Permits Per Capita

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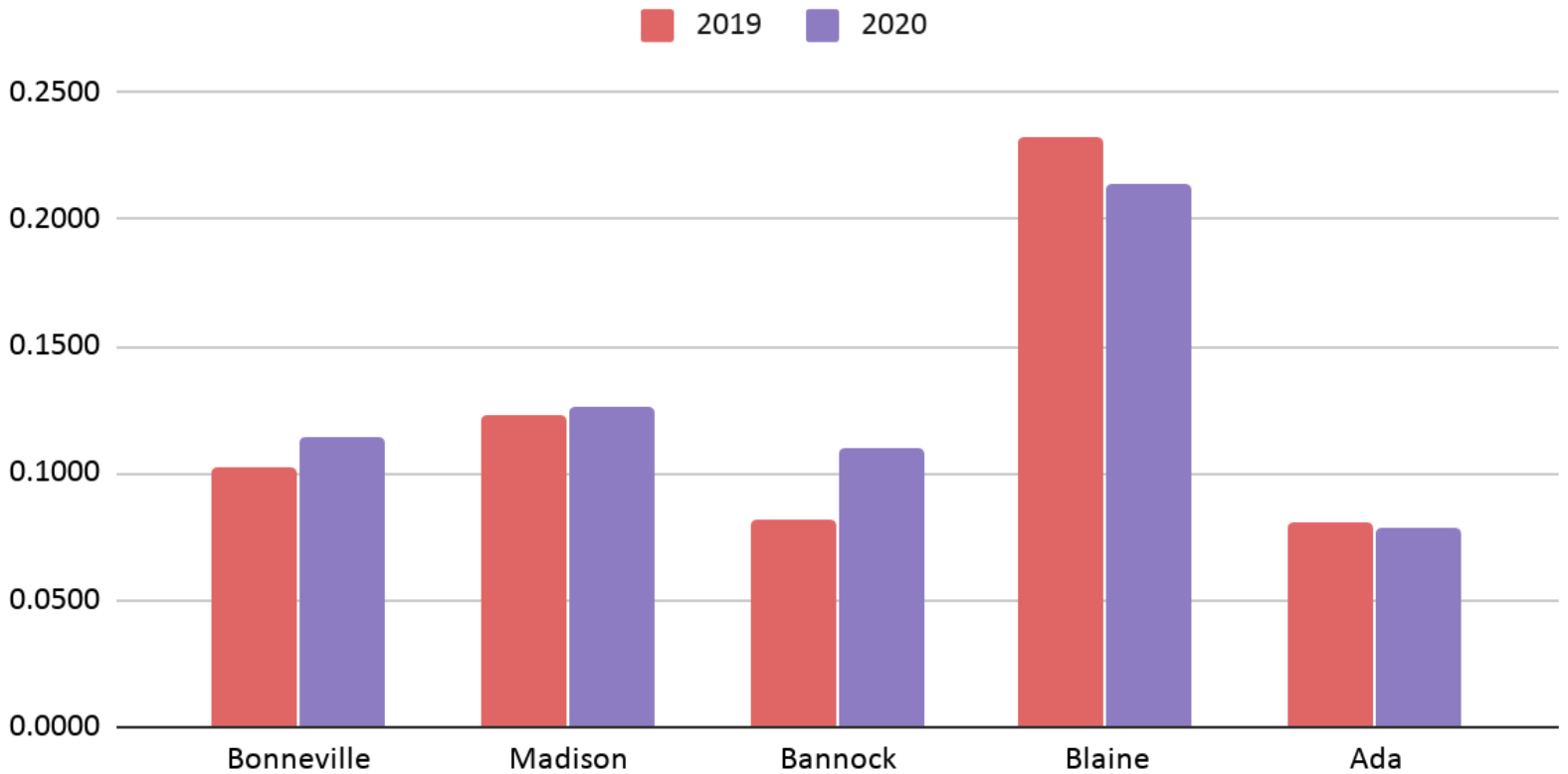
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Cumulative Building Permits Per County Firms

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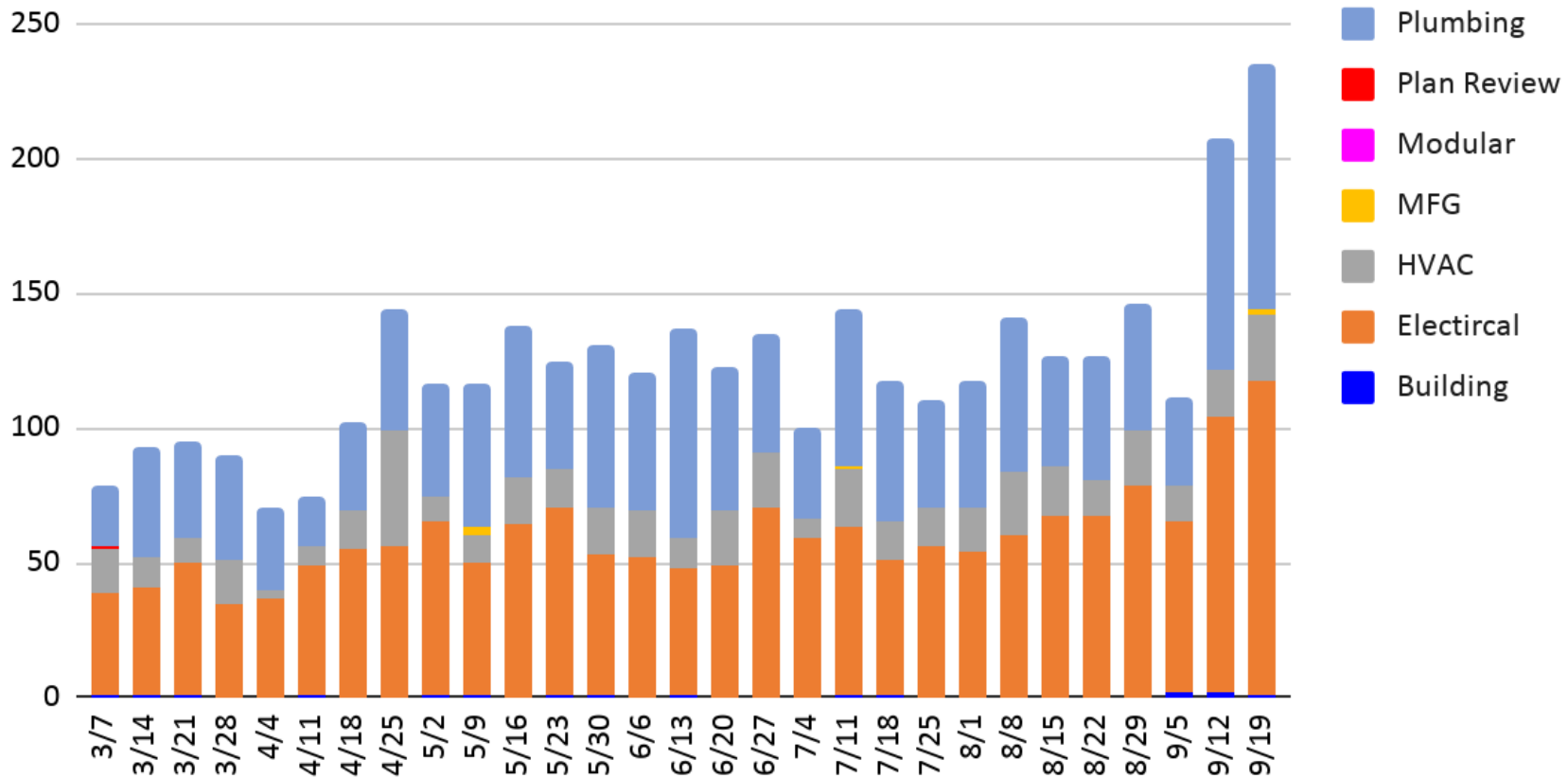


* Cumulative number of building permits per total number of businesses in the county.

Building Permits – Madison, Blaine, Bannock, Bonneville & Ada Counties

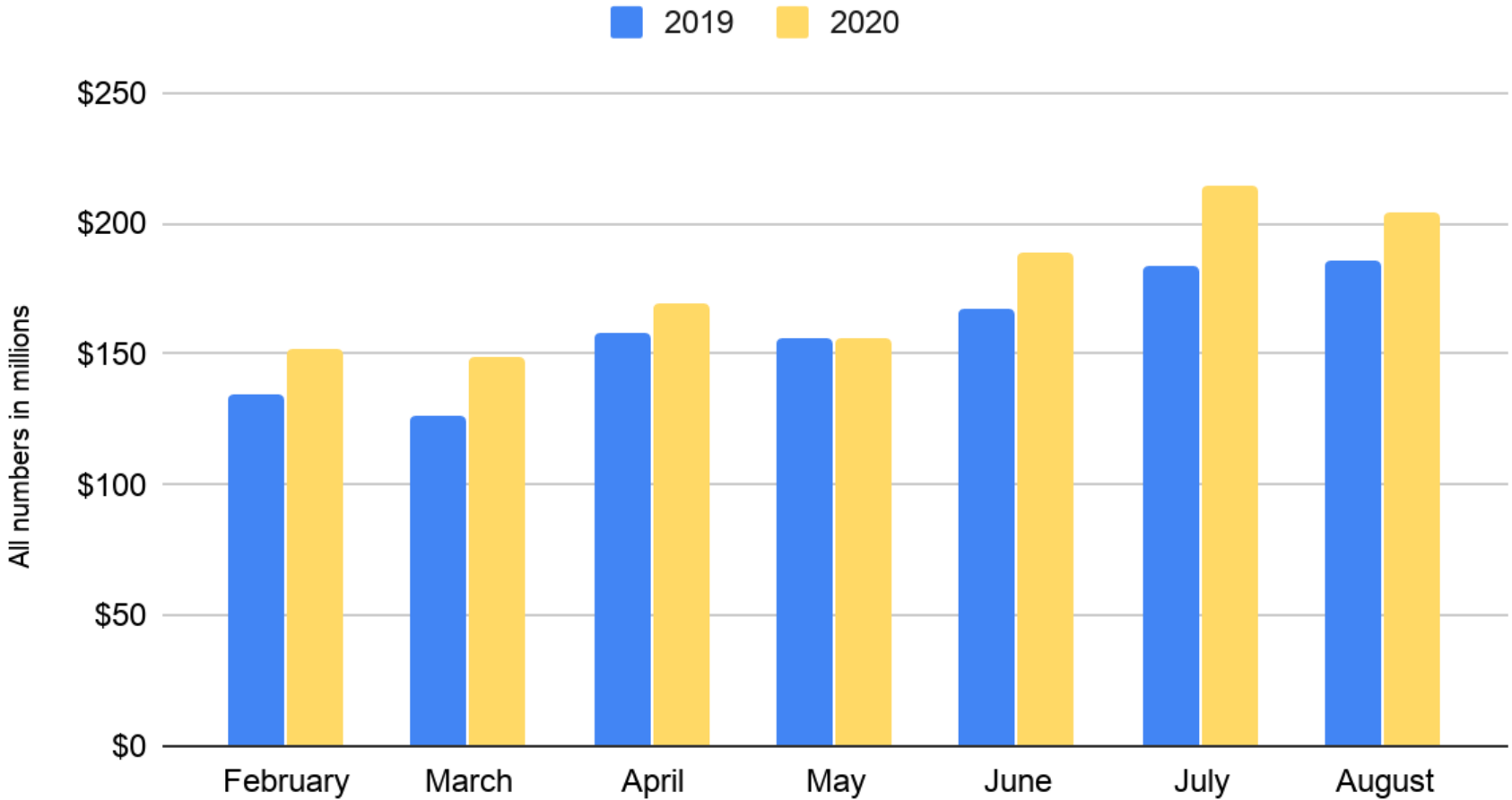
Building Permits by Type

Madison, Blaine, Bannock, Bonneville & Ada



State of Idaho Sales Tax

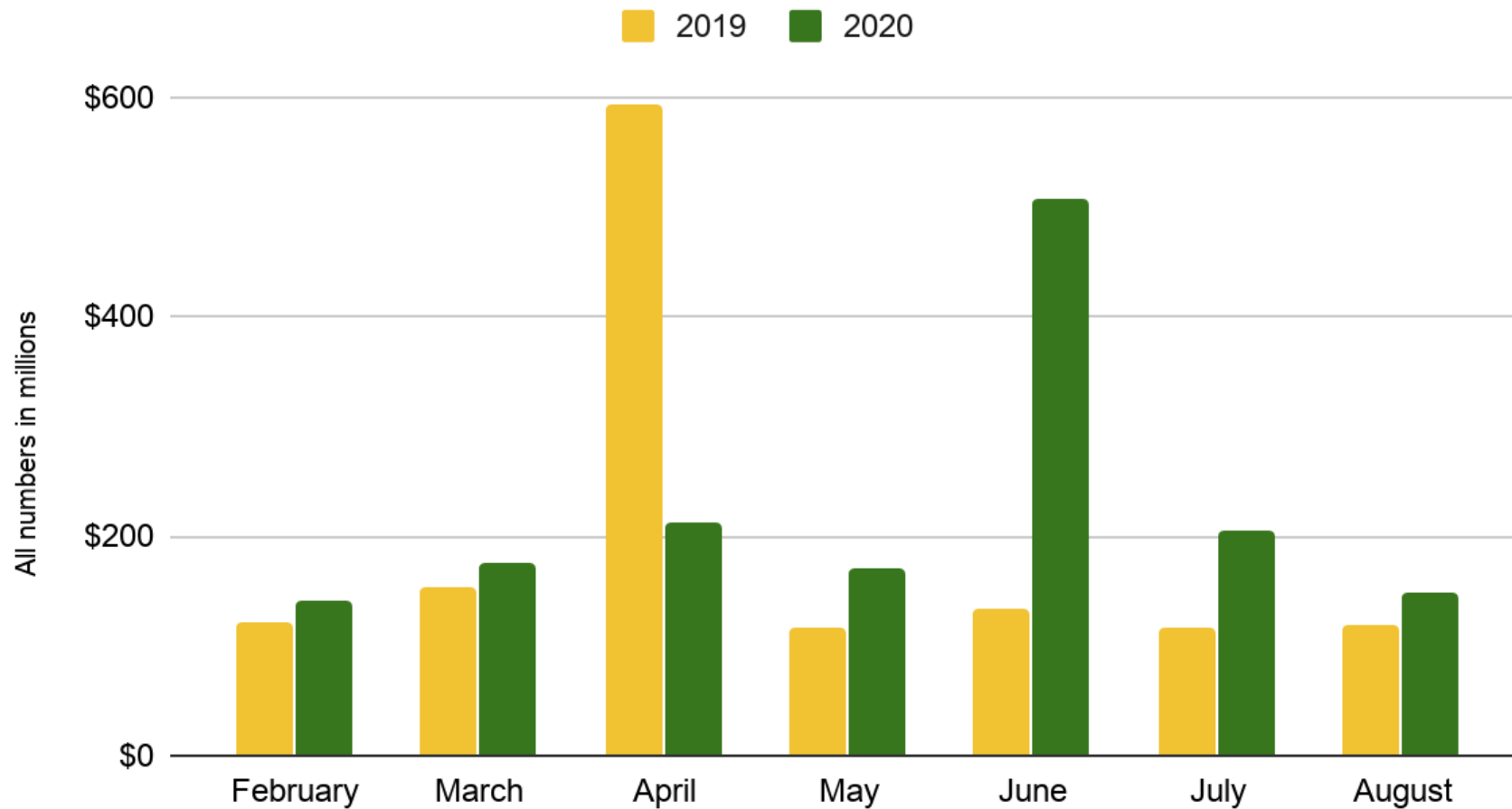
Sales Tax



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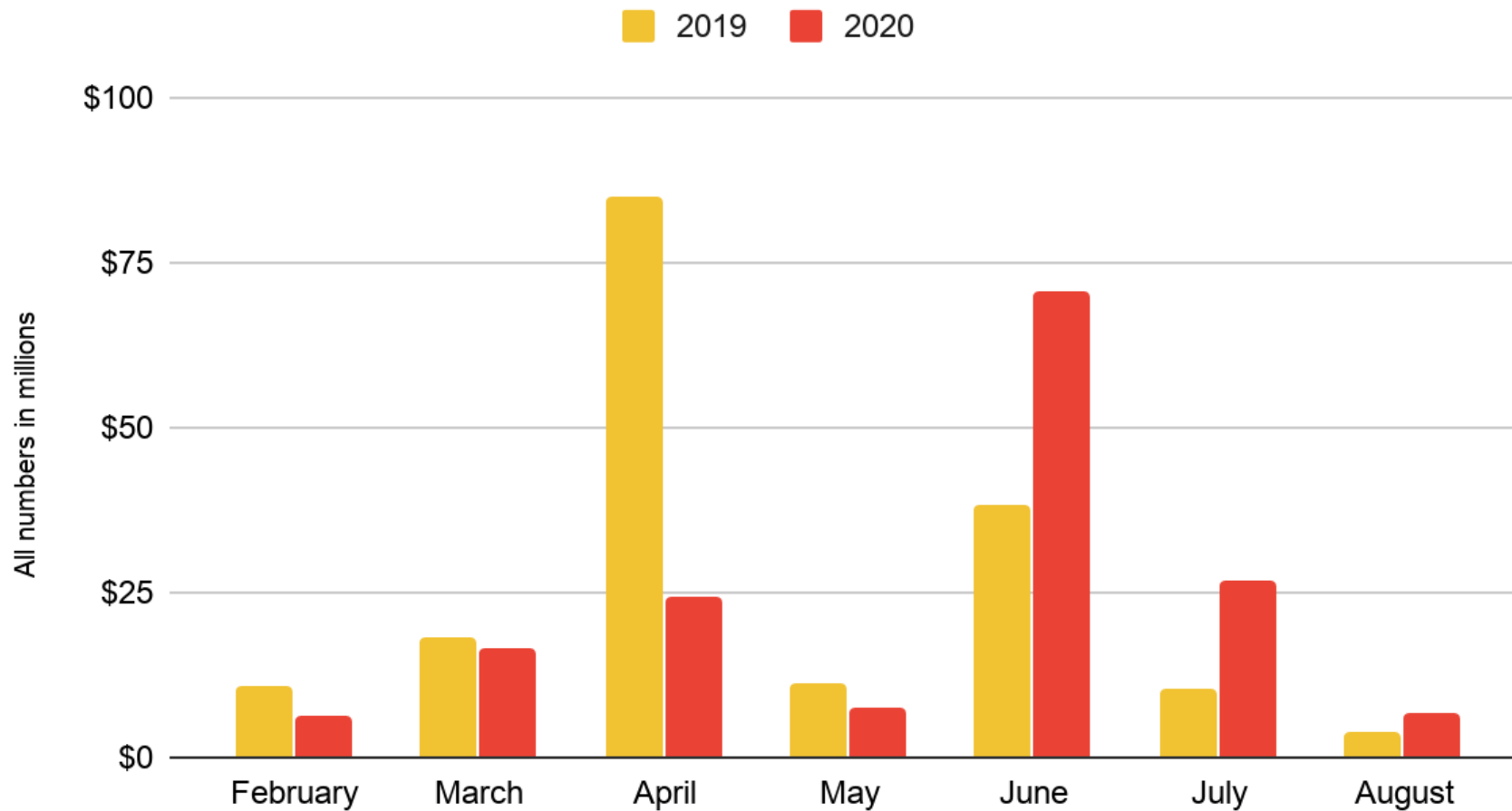
State of Idaho Individual Income Tax

Individual Income Tax



State of Idaho Corporate Income Tax

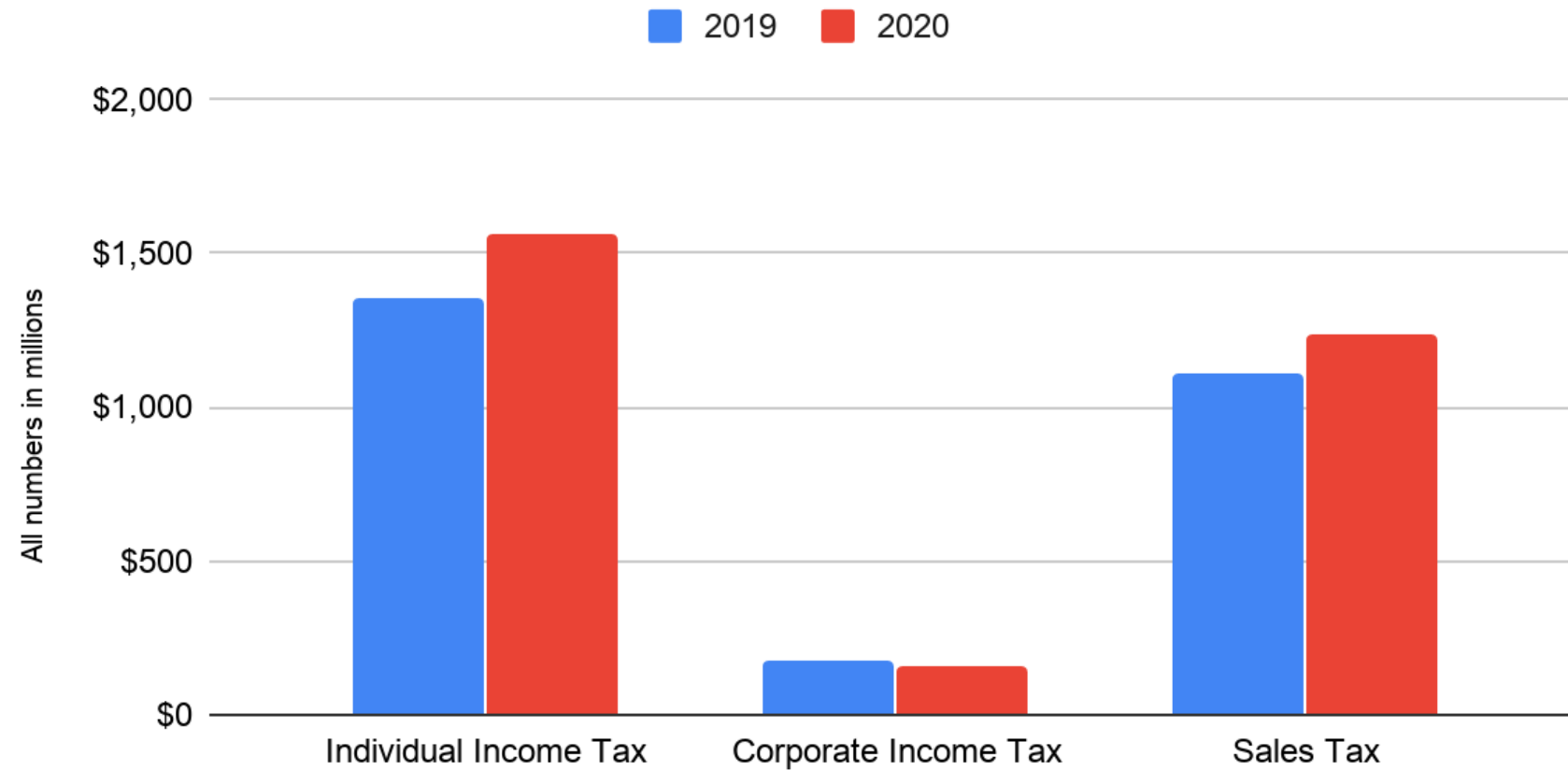
Corporate Income Tax



State of Idaho Tax Cumulative

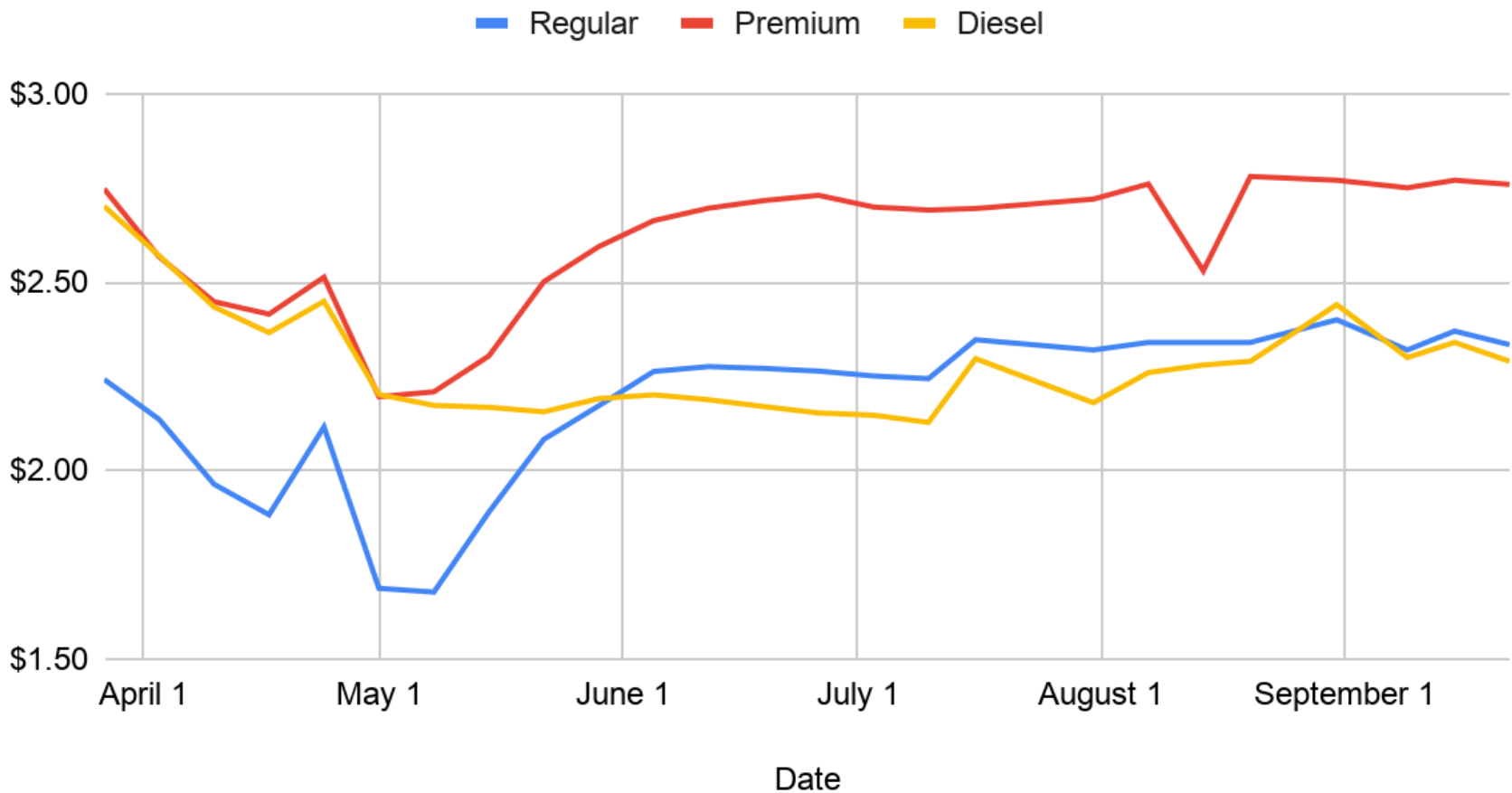
Idaho Tax Cumulative

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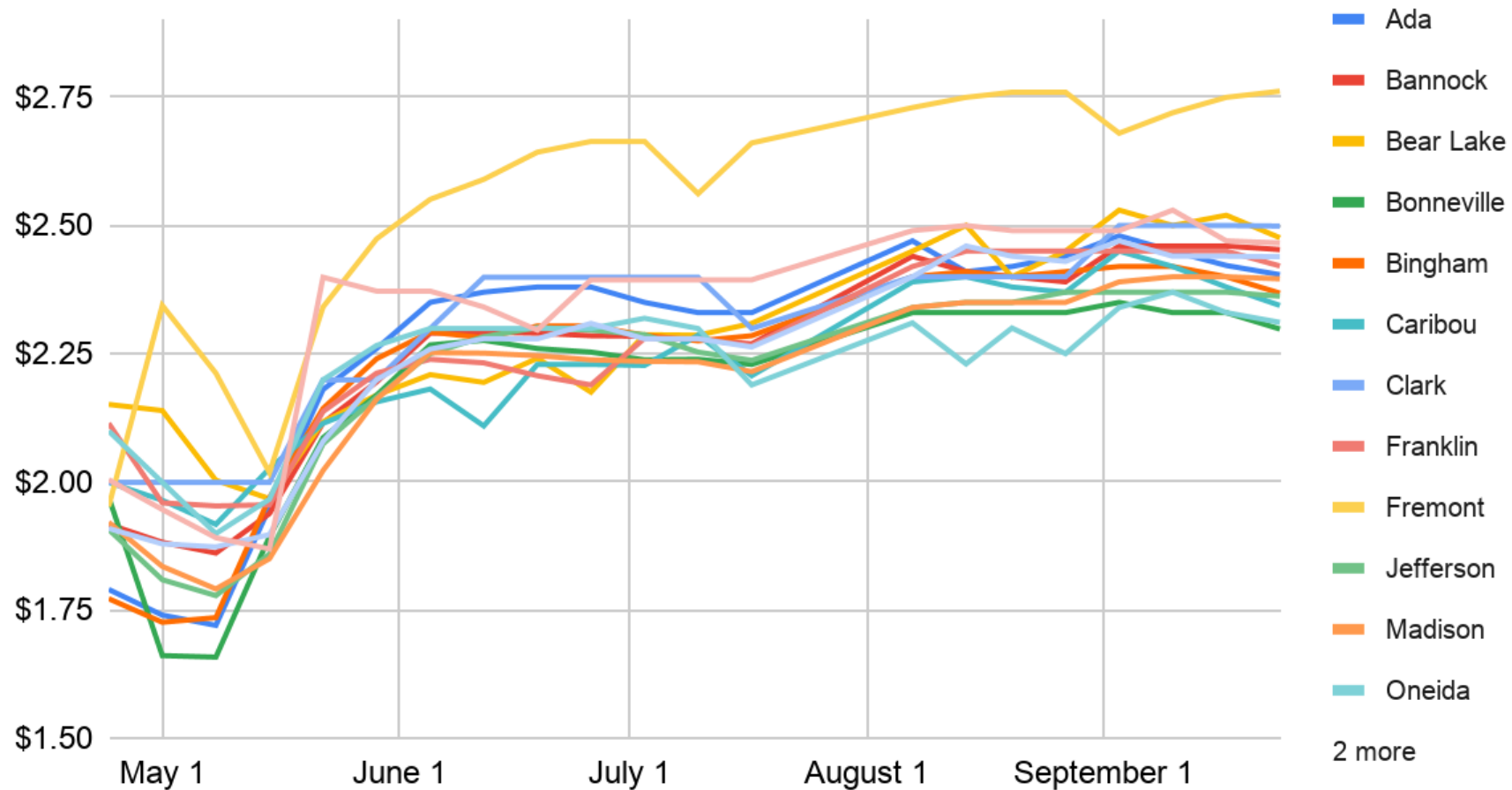
Idaho Falls Weekly Gasoline Prices

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Idaho Counties Gasoline Prices

Idaho Counties Gasoline Comparison

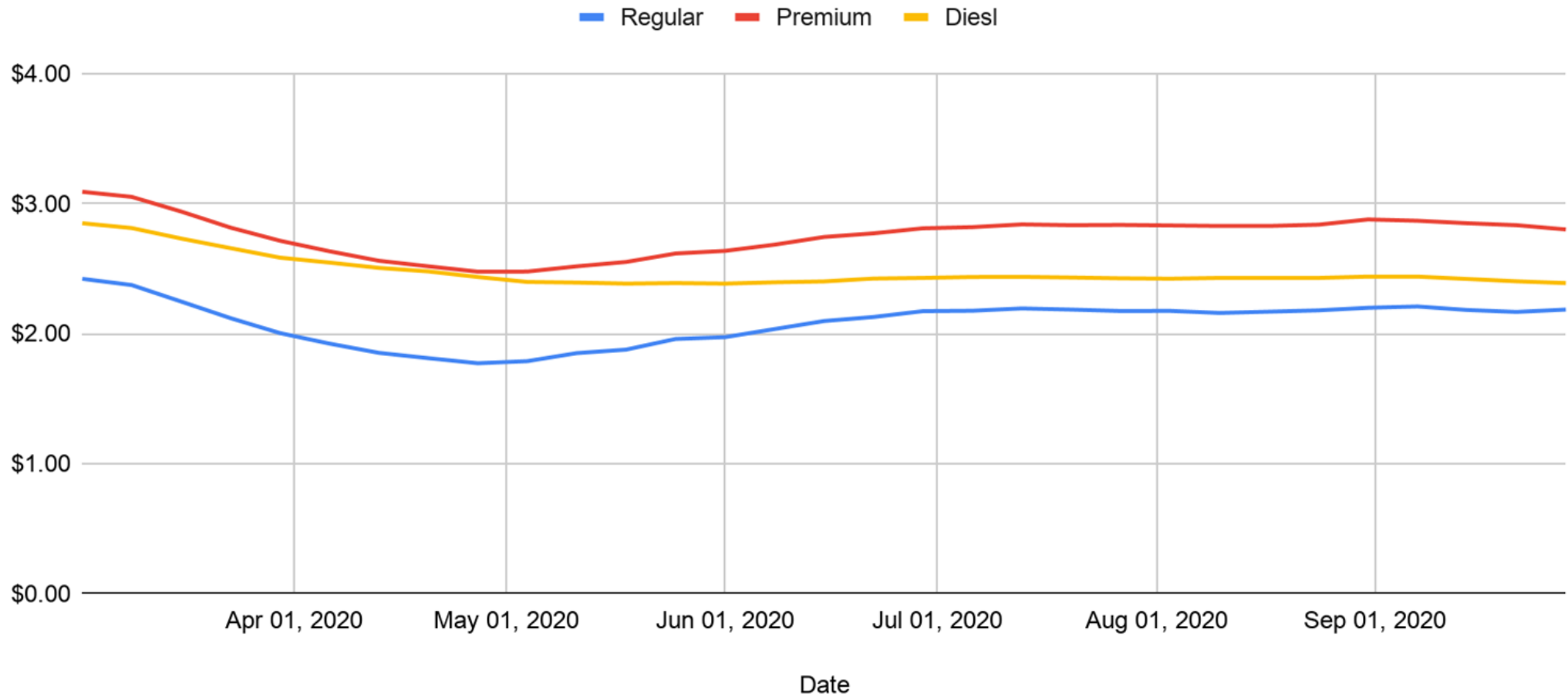


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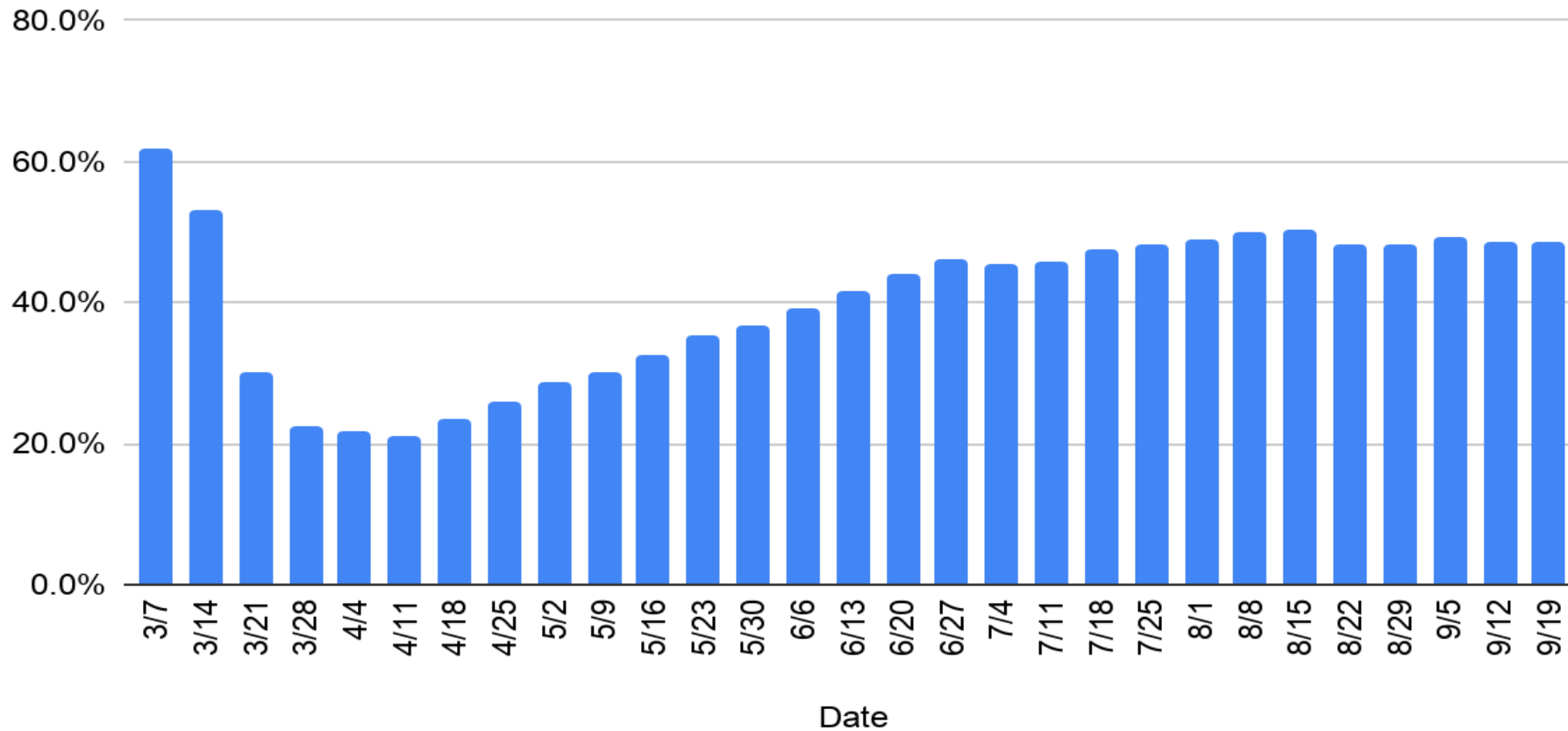
Weekly National Gasoline Trends

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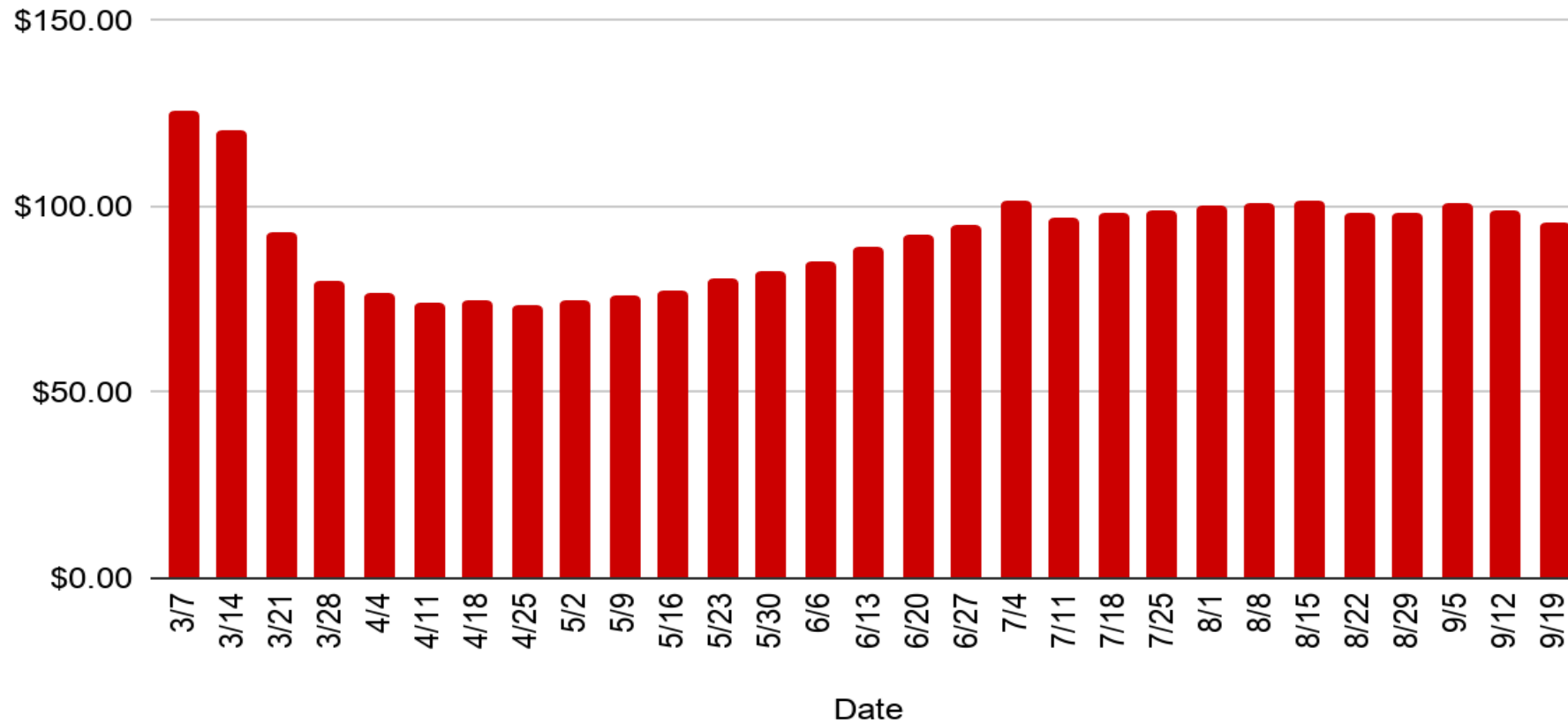
US Hotel Weekly Data

US Hotel Occupancy



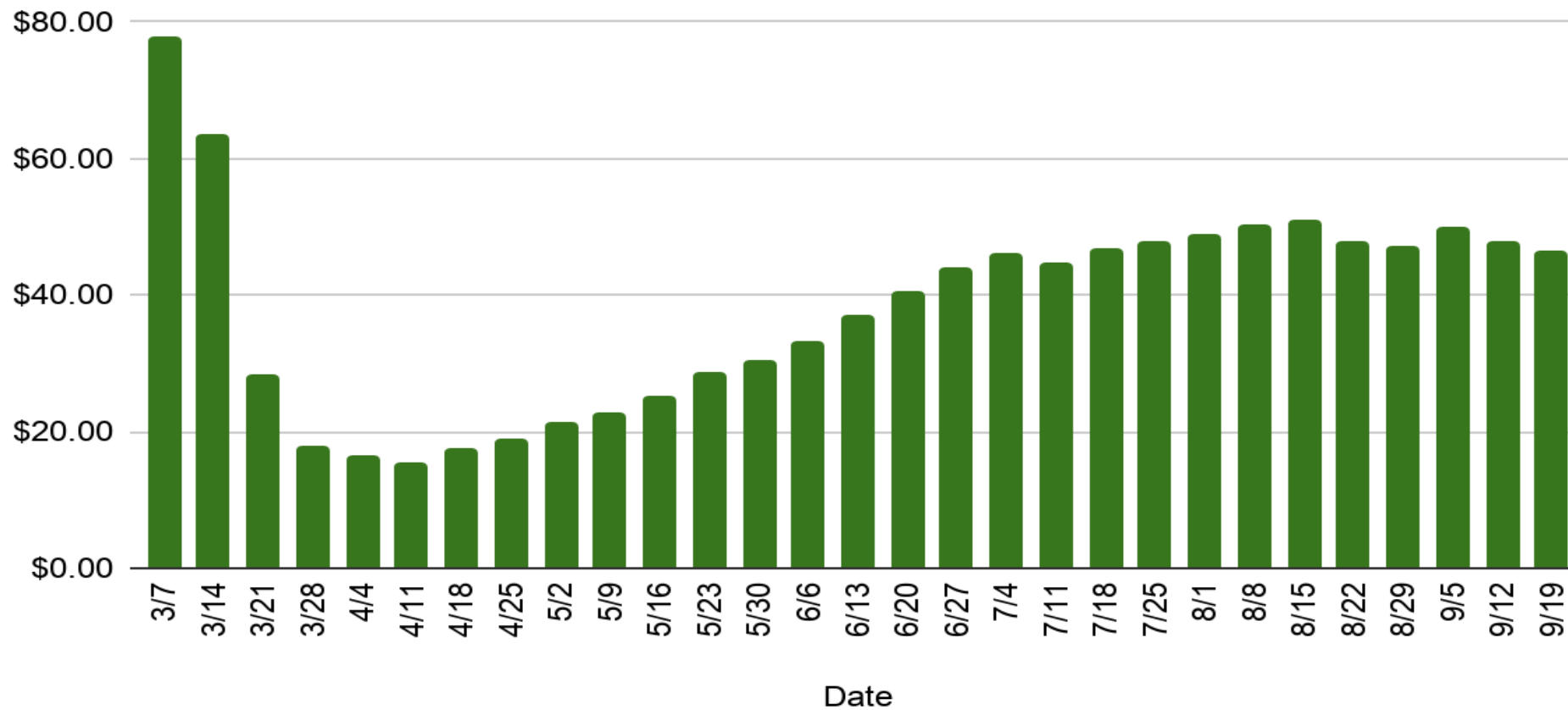
US Hotel Weekly Data

US Average Daily Rate



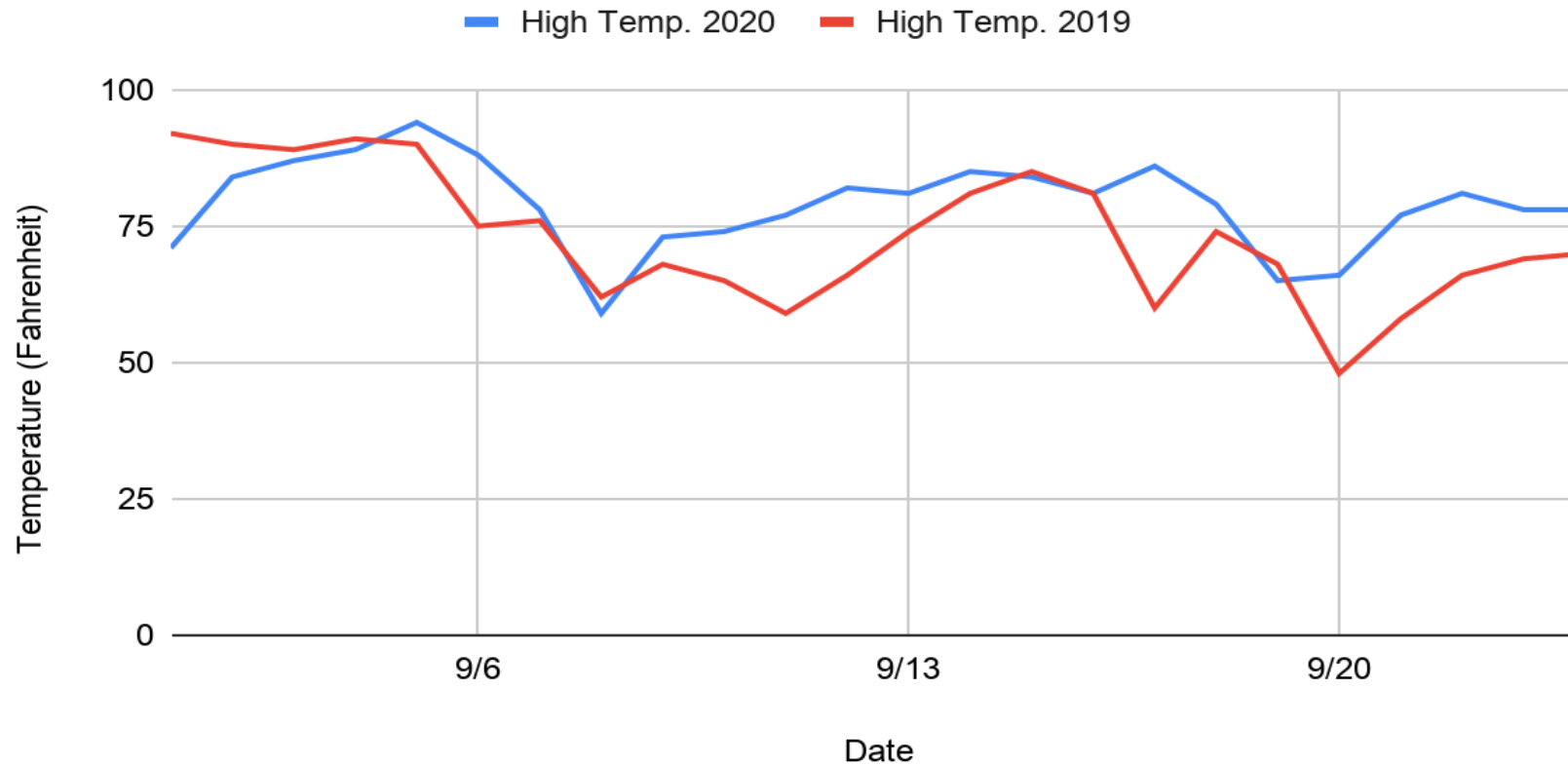
US Hotel Weekly Data

US Revenue Per Available Room



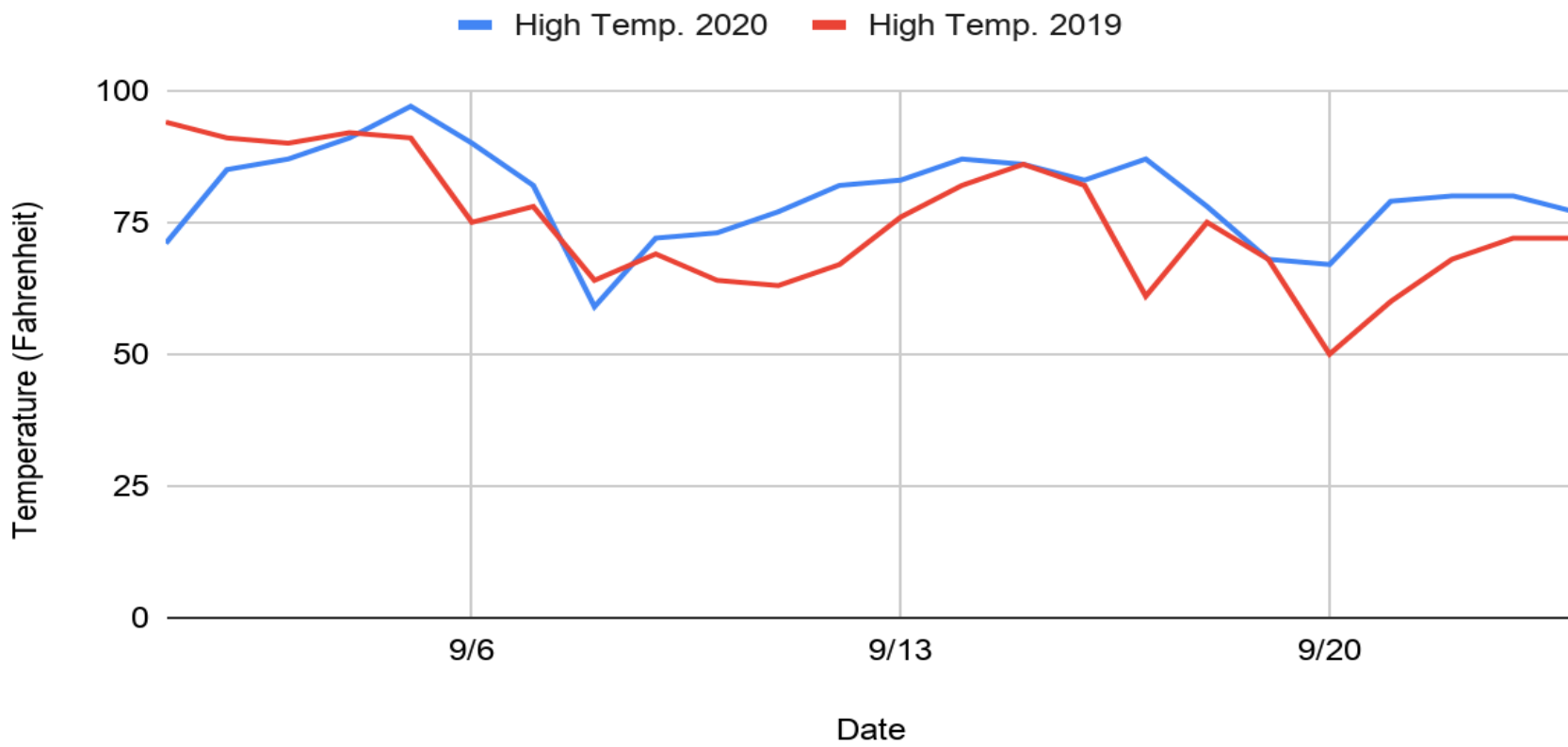
High Temperatures This Year Versus Last Year

Rexburg High Temp. 2020 vs 2019



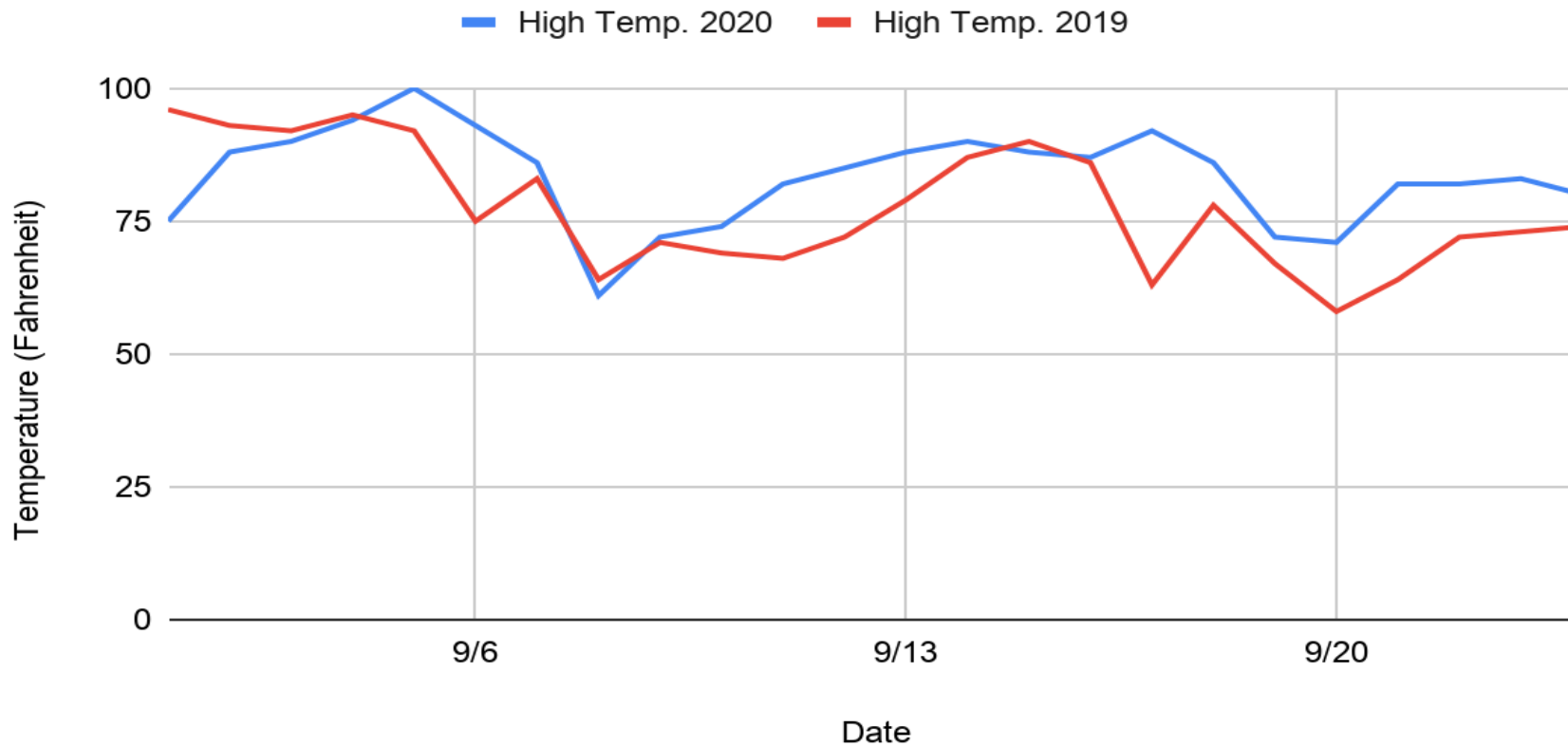
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Idaho Falls High Temp. 2020 vs. 2019



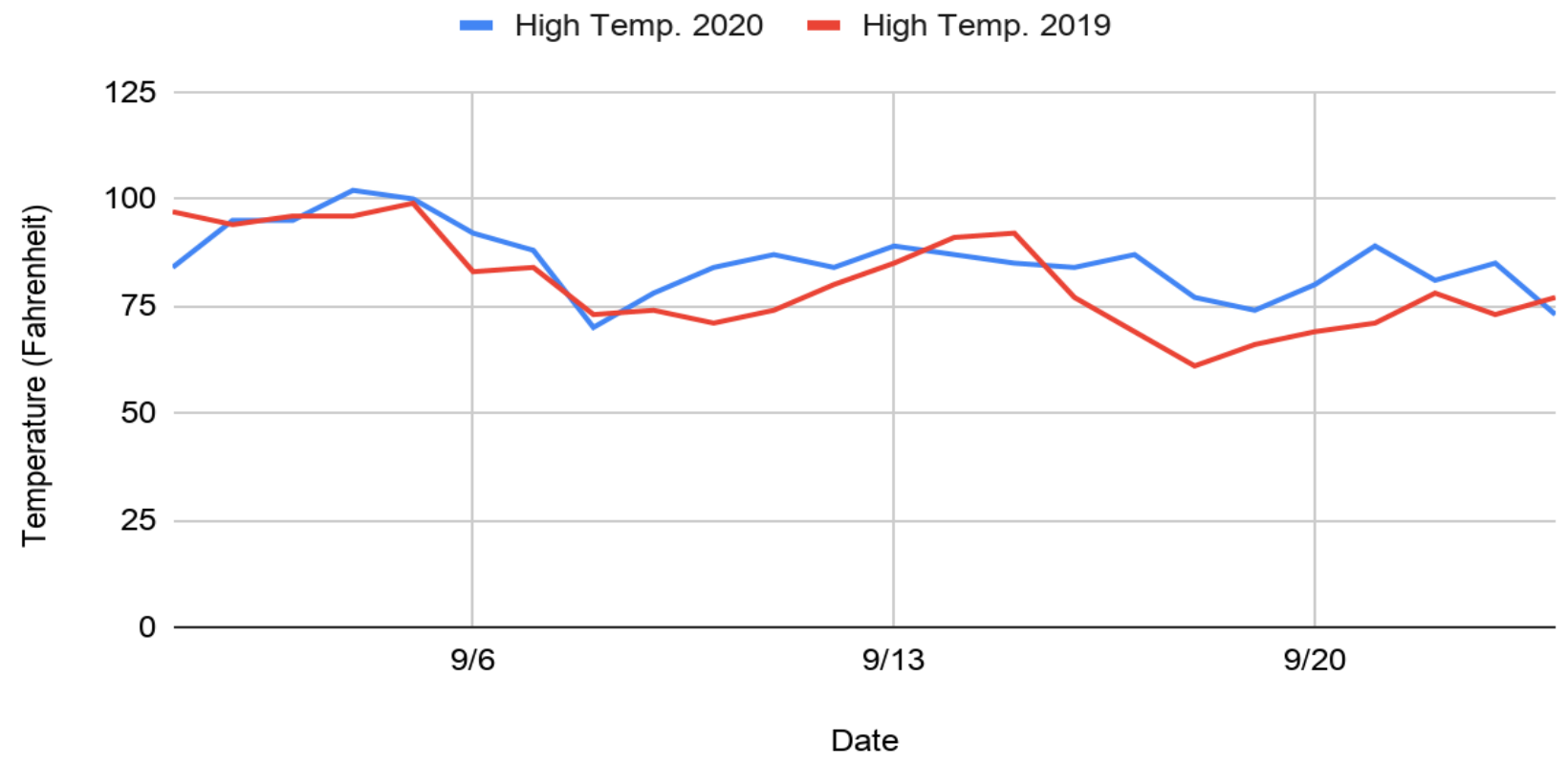
High Temperatures This Year Versus Last Year

Pocatello High Temp. 2020 vs 2019



High Temperatures This Year Versus Last Year

Boise High Temp. 2020 vs 2019



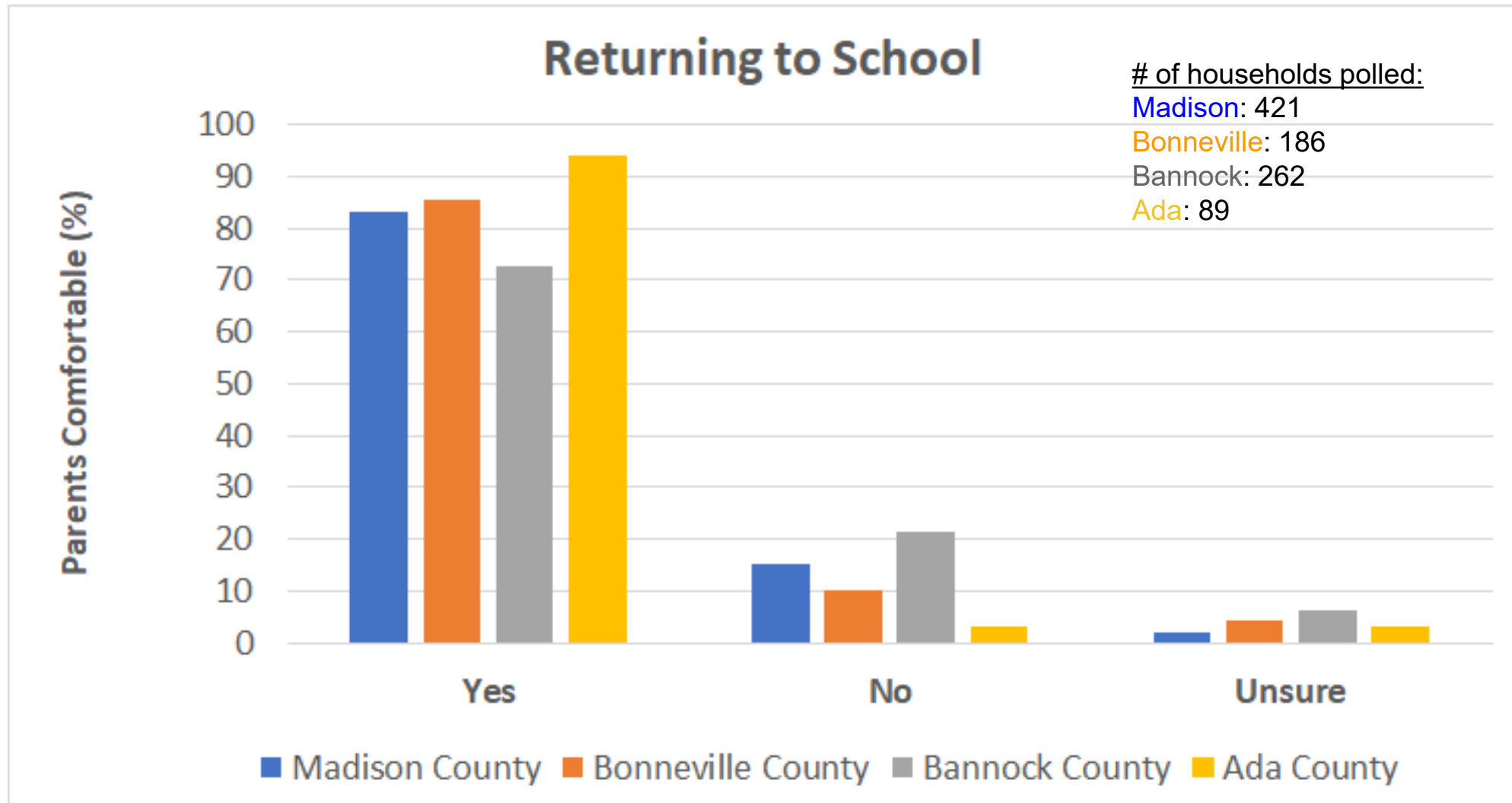
Social Media Polls

The RBDC is conducting polls with key questions each week. The goal of these polls is to see how households and individuals are being impacted by current economic situations.

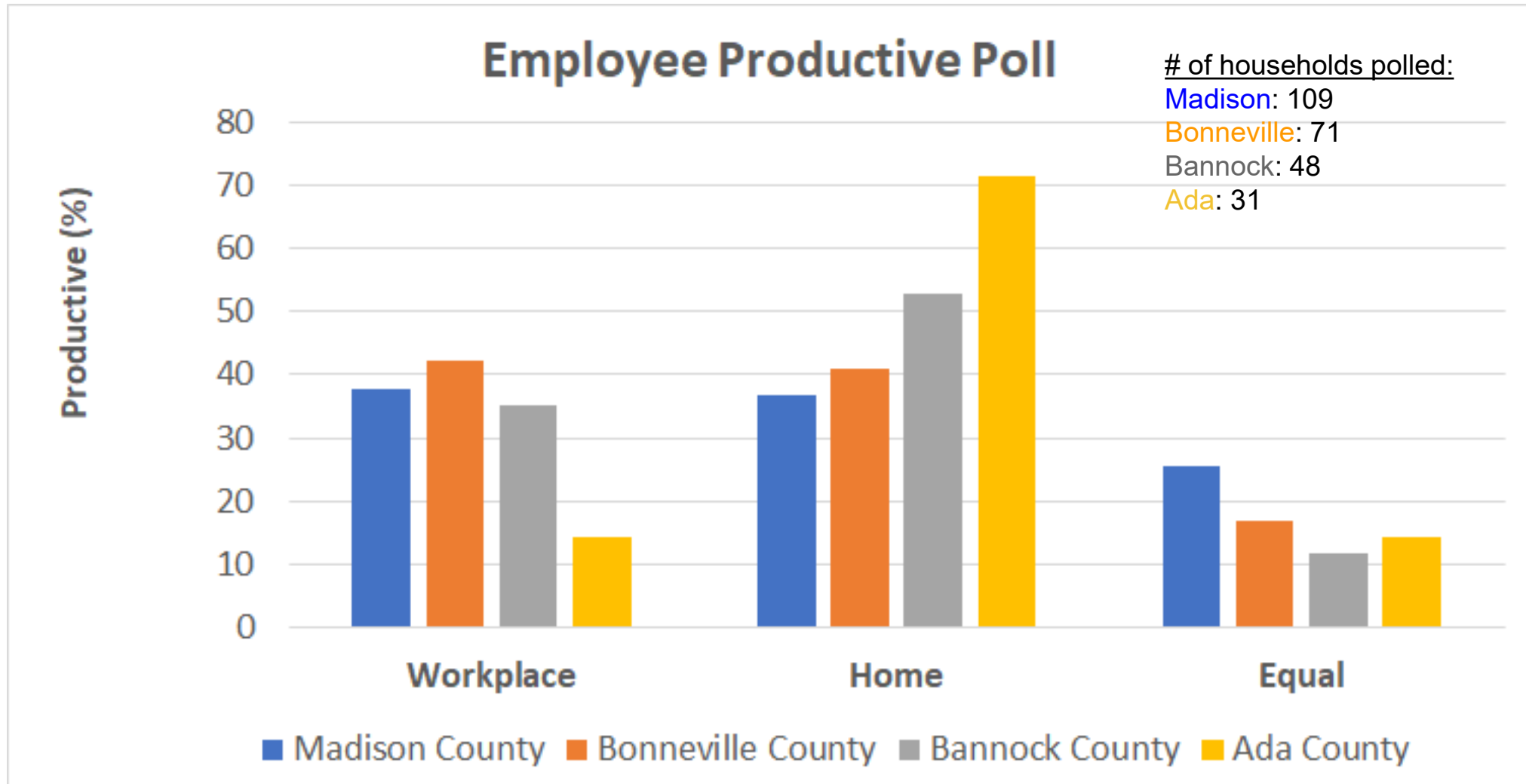
New This Week

- Schools are back in session. Many children have returned in person, among Eastern Idaho counties and Ada county. Even with the recent increase in Coronavirus numbers, many residents are comfortable sending their children back to school.
- Several companies/employers across Eastern Idaho counties and Ada county continue to have their employees work from home. Many employees feel they are just as productive, while working from home.
- Residents in Eastern Idaho counties and Ada county feel that certain safety measures continue to be necessary in public places such as grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants and the workplace.

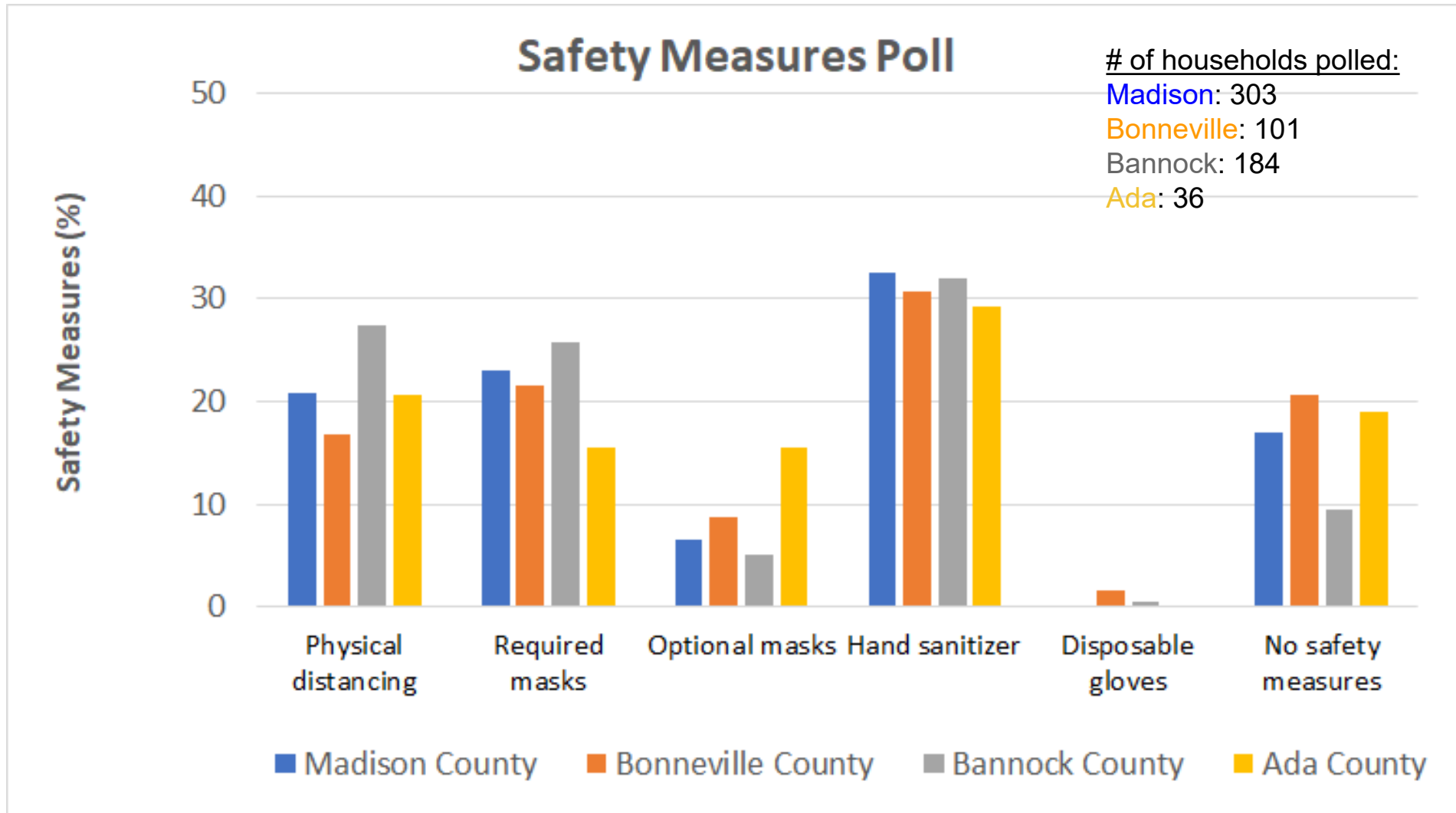
Are parents comfortable sending their children back to school?



Are employees more productive at home or the workplace?



What safety measures are still necessary in public places?





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