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# RBDC Weekly COVID-19 Economic Report

## 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](mailto: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

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## New This Week

- The number Continued Unemployment Claims remained stable for the 3rd week in a row.
- Initial Unemployment Claims went up this week in Bonneville County.
- Covid19 Case Numbers for local and regional Universities are included in this report.

# Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims

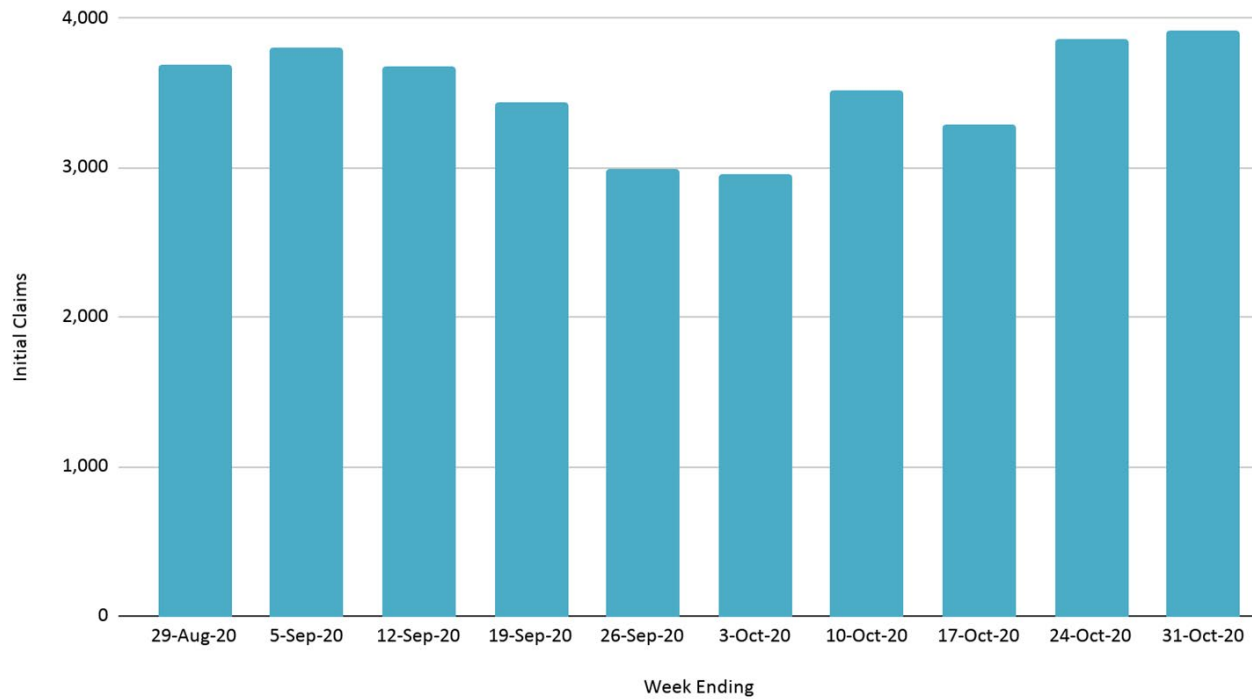
## Definitions

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.

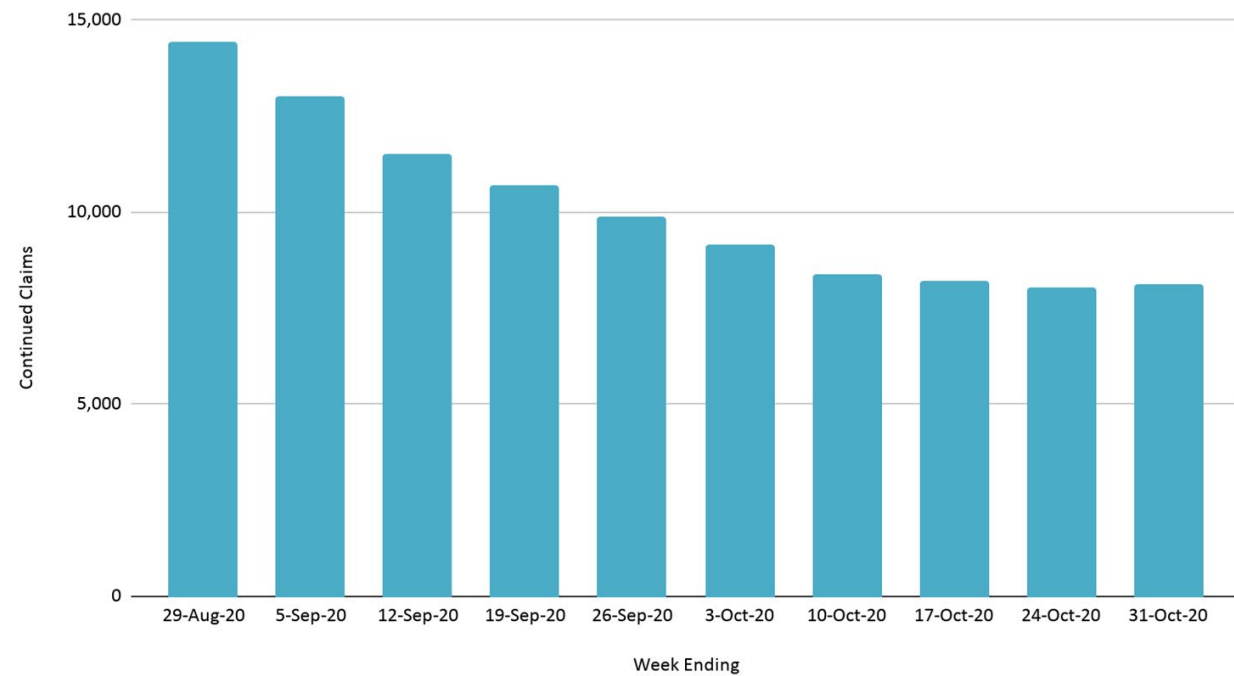
Source: <https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf>

# Weekly Unemployment Claims

### Initial Claims Reported by Week Statewide



### Continued Claims Reported by Week Statewide



March 2020 High: 32,941

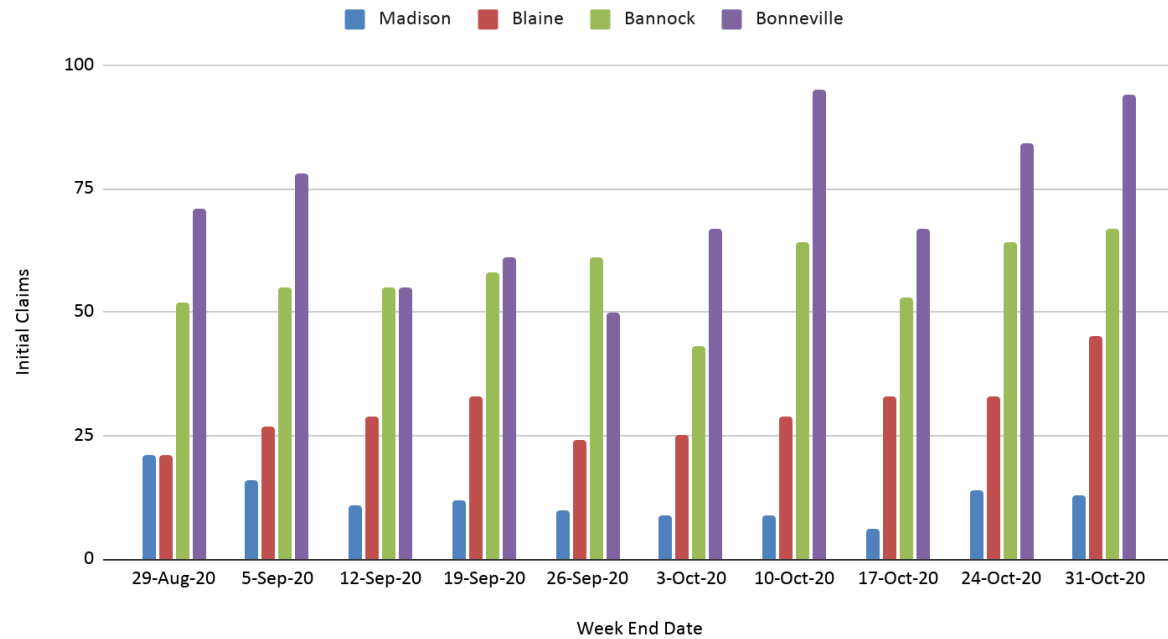
May 2020 High: 71,794

Source: Idaho Department of Labor  
<https://lmi.idaho.gov/ui-weekly-claims>

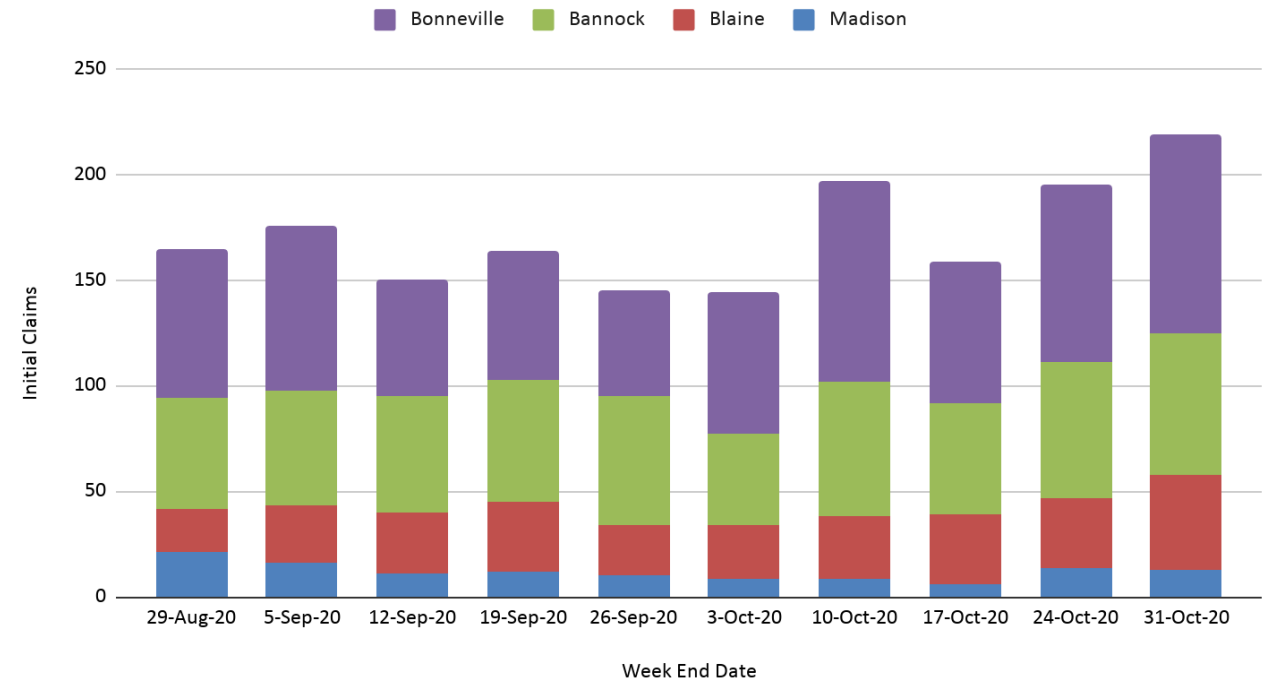


# Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims

Initial Claims Reported per Week by County



Initial Claims per Week by County (Stacked)



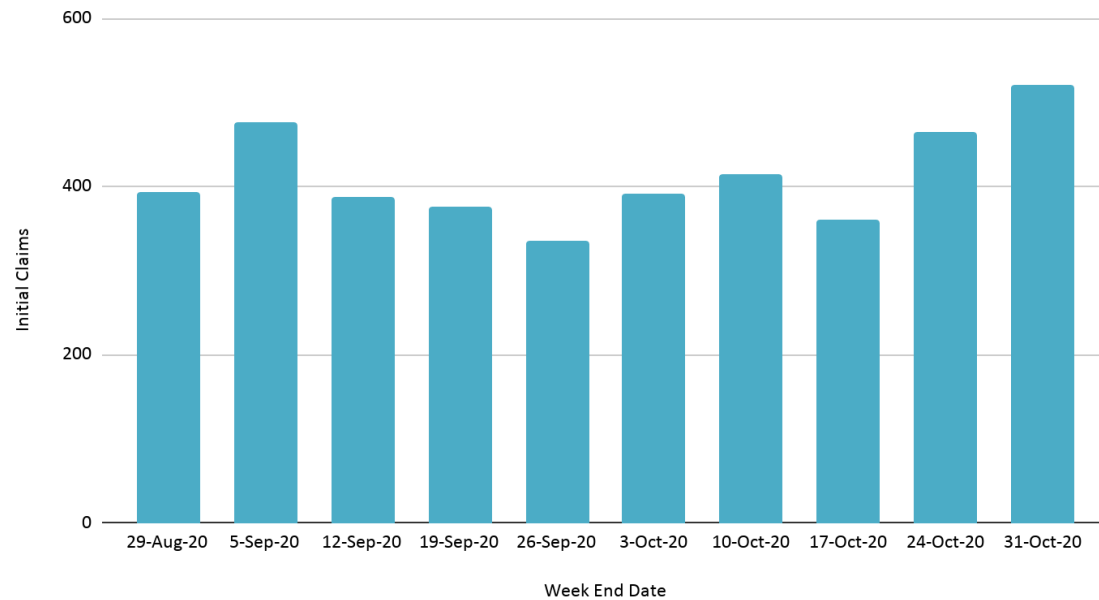
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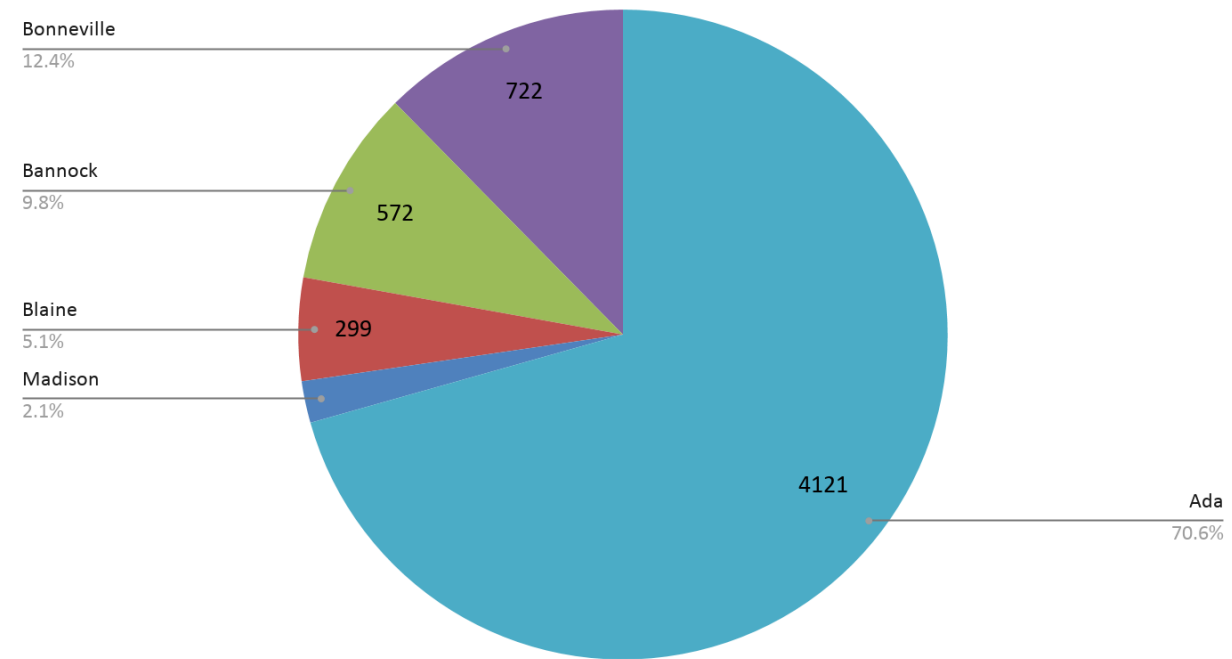


# Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims

Initial Claims Reported per Week in Ada County



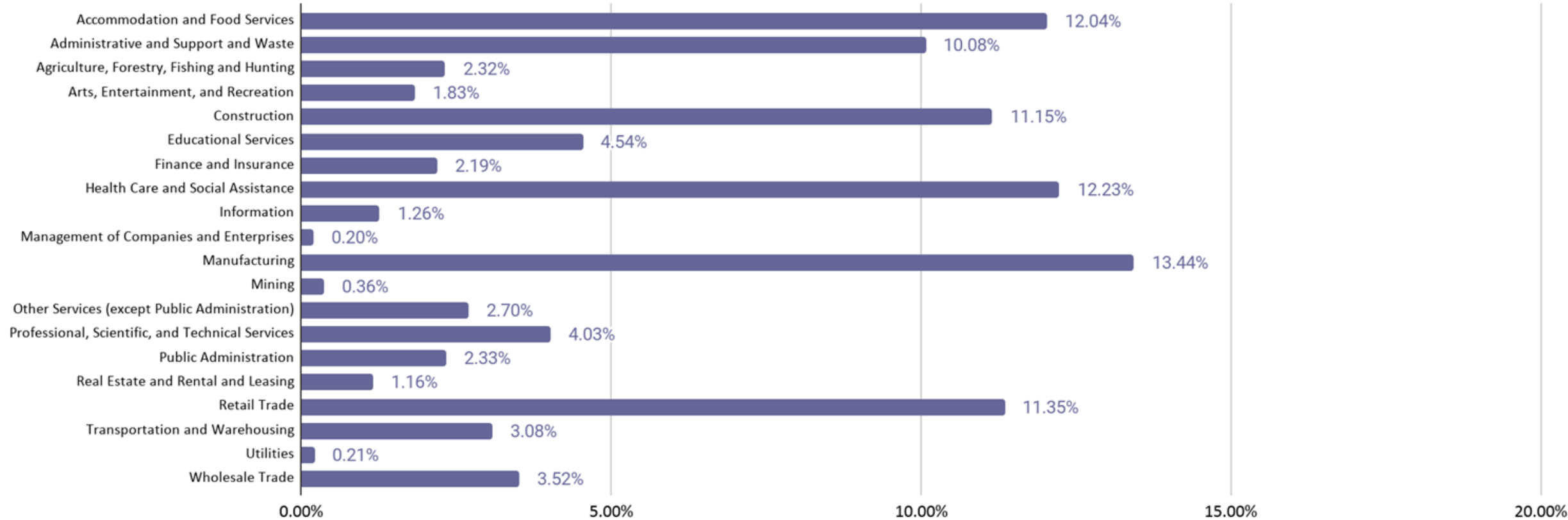
Initial Claims Reported during the Last Two Months by County



Source: Idaho Department of Labor <https://lmi.idaho.gov/ui-weekly-claims>

# New Claims By Industry

What Industries did the claimants work in? (Statewide)

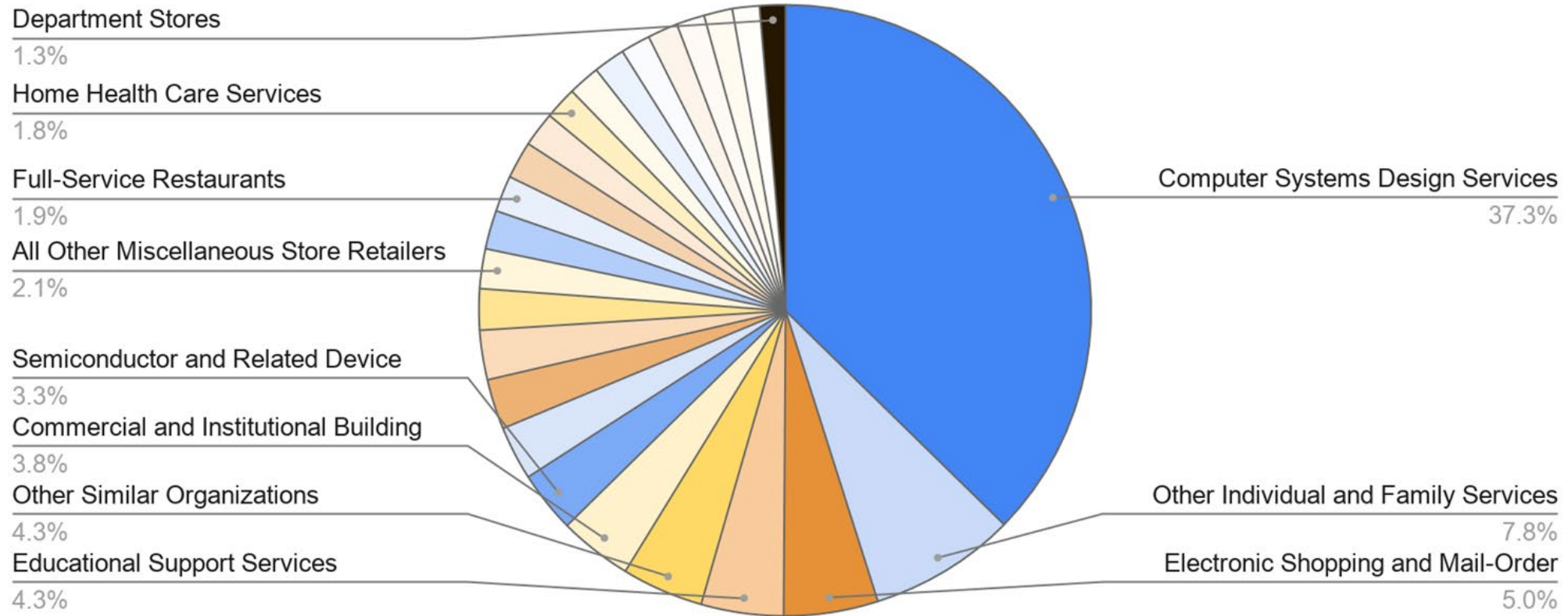


Source: Idaho Department of Labor

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# Job Openings - Ada County

As of November 9, 2020



Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

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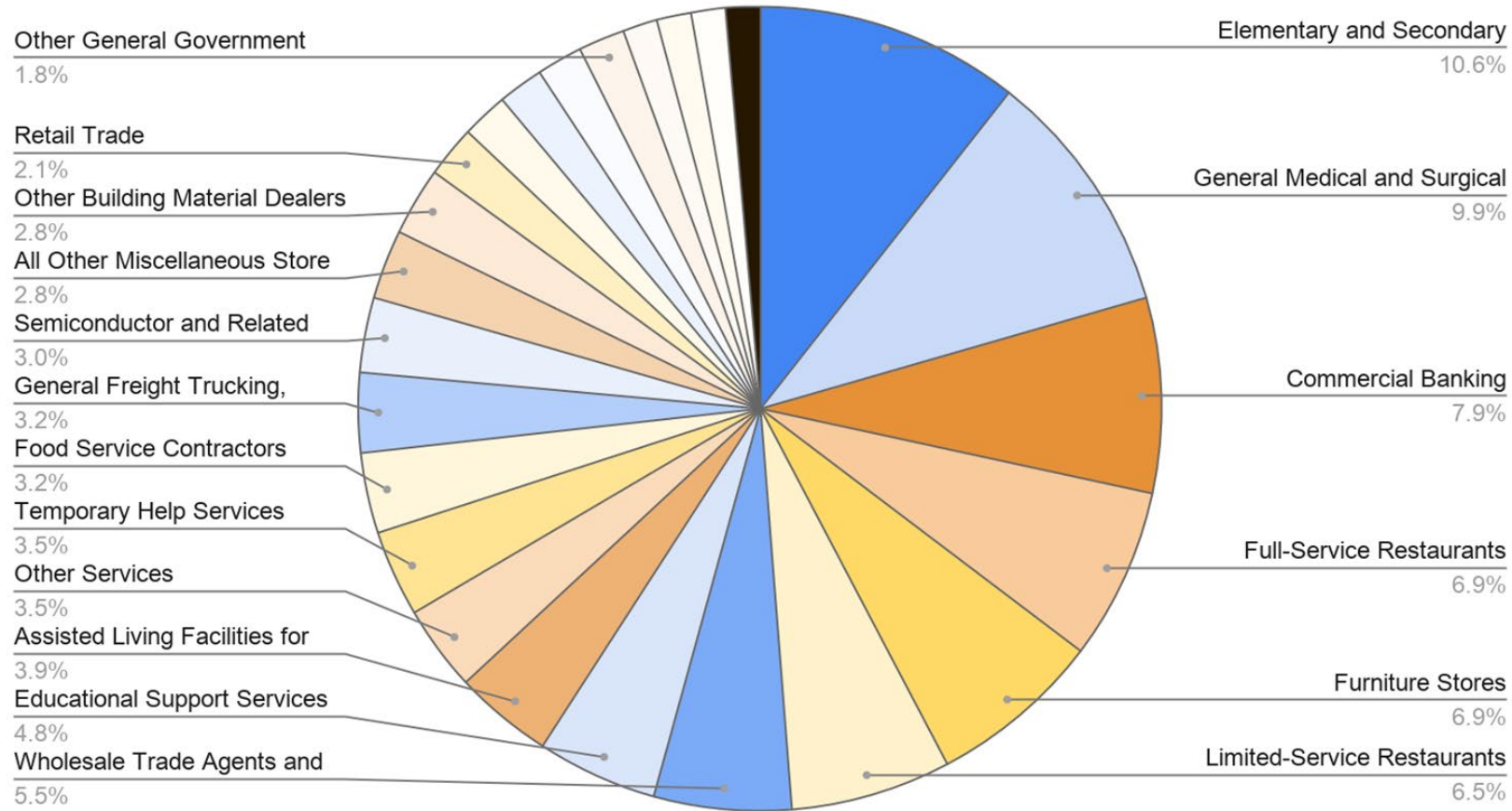
## Job Openings Posted in the Last Two Weeks by Employer:

- Oracle (439)
- St. Luke's Health System (88)
- Humana (56)
- Idaho Division of Human Resources (50)
- Kellermeier Bergensons Services (44)
- Micron Technology, Inc. (35)
- Boise State University (33)
- J.R. Simplot Company (31)
- Valvoline (30)
- Bayer (20)
- Corizon Health (19)
- Jacobs Associates (19)
- Blue Cross of Idaho (18)
- Pearson (18)
- Idaho Youth Ranch (17)
- Red Robin (17)
- Synchrony (17)
- Walgreens (16)
- Albertsons (15)
- Fiserv (15)
- Guidehouse (14)
- O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc (14)
- Verint Systems, Inc. (14)
- Amazon.com Services Inc. (13)
- Fred Meyer (13)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Bannock County

As of November 9, 2020



Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](https://www.idaholabor.com/)

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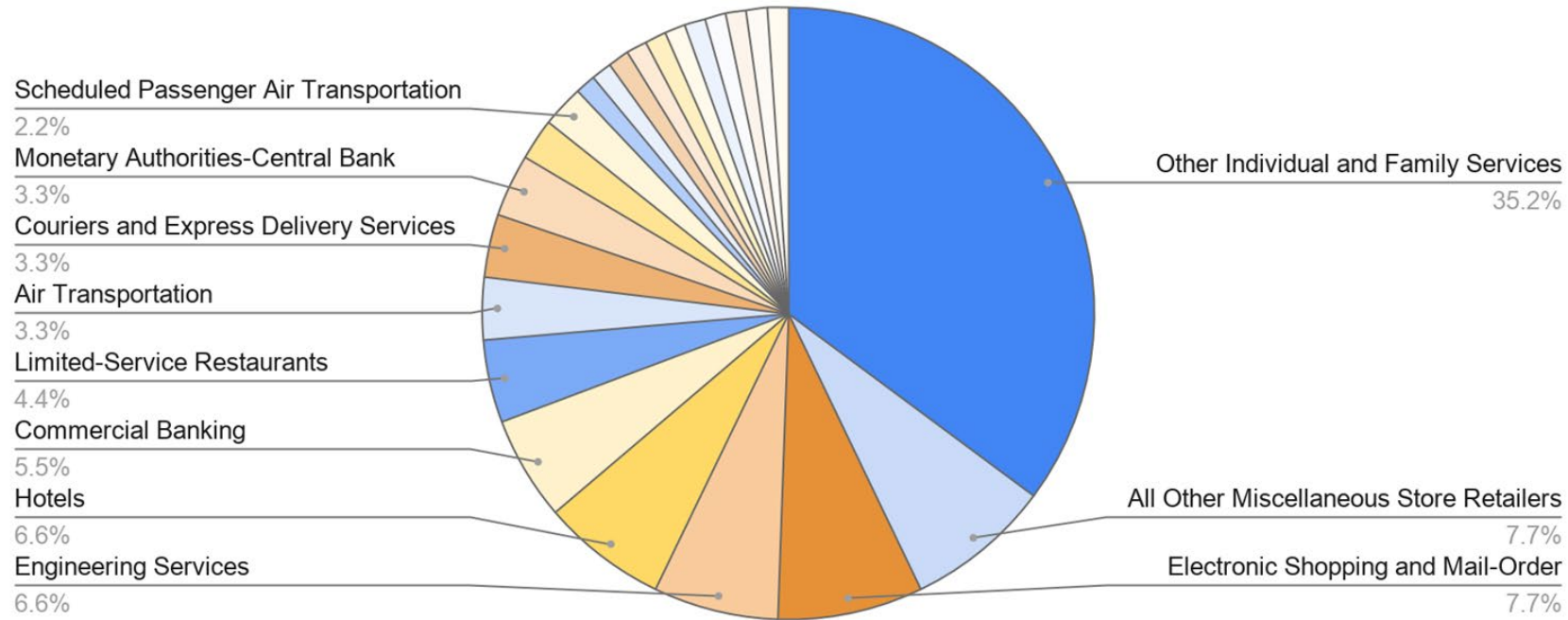
## Latest Job openings by Employer:

- Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25 (45)
- Portneuf Medical Center (43)
- KBR (26)
- Idaho Division of Human Resources (21)
- Idaho Central Credit Union (18)
- Brookdale Senior Living (17)
- American Staffing Inc. (15)
- CDM Smith (15)
- Western States Equipment Company (14)
- Sodexo (13)
- Home Depot (12)
- M. C. Dean, Inc. (12)
- PetSmart, Inc. (12)
- AutoZone, Inc. (8)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (8)
- Dominos (8)
- Encompass Home Health (8)
- Pizza Hut (8)
- UPS (8)
- Glacier Bancorp (7)
- Lowe's (7)
- ON Semiconductor (7)
- Applied Materials (6)
- Arby's (6)
- Bannock County (6)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Blaine County

As of November 9, 2020



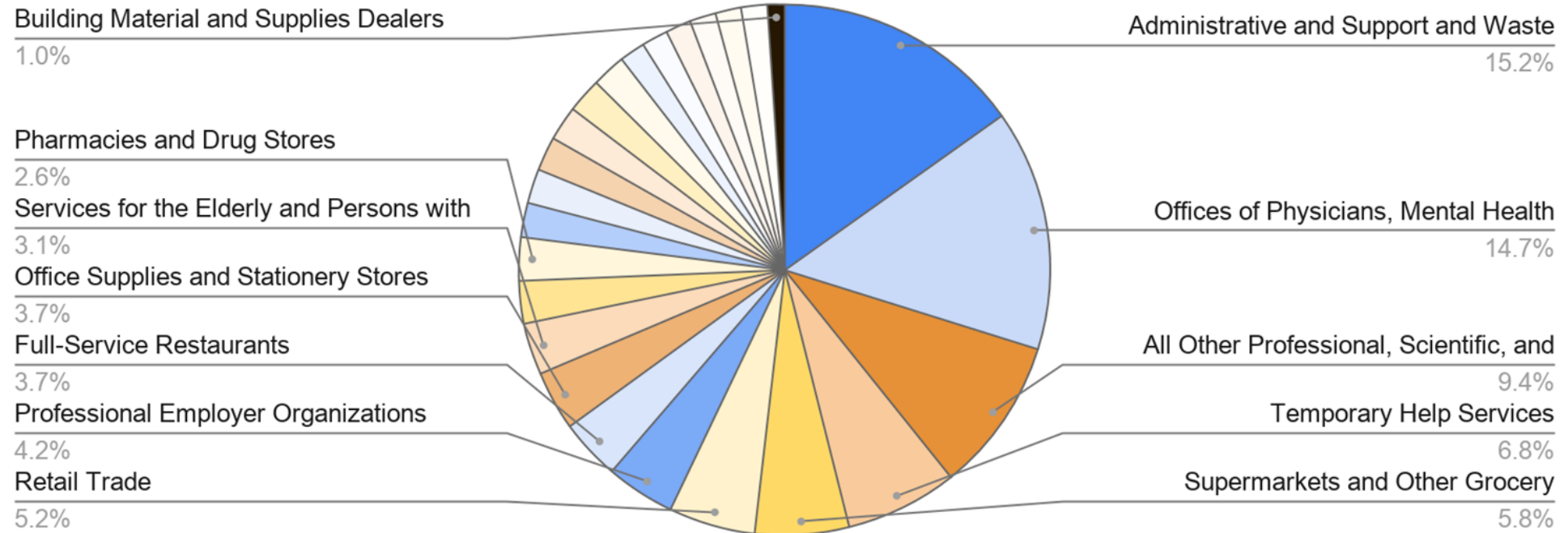
### Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- St. Luke's Health System (6)
- Natural Grocers (3)
- Aspen Skiing Company (3)
- U.S. Bank (2)
- O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc (2)
- SkyWest Airlines (1)
- Fedex Express (1)
- Horizon Air (1)
- Enterprise Holdings (1)
- Mountain West Bank (1)
- Progressive Nursing (1)
- Idaho First Bank (1)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Bonneville County

As of November 9, 2020



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



# Job Openings - Bonneville County

## Job Openings by Employer:

- Idaho National Laboratory (29)
- Hospital Corporation of America (28)
- HCA, Hospital Corporation of America (25)
- Melaleuca (18)
- WorkSteer Staffing Idaho Falls (13)
- WinCo Foods (11)
- Elwood Staffing Services (use this account) (8)
- Staples (7)
- Red Robin (6)
- Walgreens (5)
- Healthy Care Solutions (5)
- Idaho Falls Progrexion has NLX account (4)
- Rush Enterprises (4)
- Idaho Division of Human Resources (4)
- Fluor Idaho, LLC (4)
- Big City Insulation of Idaho Inc (4)
- Camping World (3)
- Maverik (3)
- C&A Industries, LLC (3)
- Encompass Home Health (3)
- LifeCare (3)
- Macy's (3)
- American Staffing, Inc. (3)
- Idaho Youth Ranch (3)
- City of Idaho Falls (3)
- Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. (3)
- Knife River Corp Mountain West Division (2)
- Blue Cross of Idaho (2)
- Fred Meyer (2)
- East Idaho Credit Union (2)
- Good Samaritan Society (2)
- Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores (2)
- U.S. Bank (2)
- The Salvation Army (2)
- Nuclear Care Partners (2)
- GNC (2)
- APi Group, Inc. (2)
- AdvancedHomeServices (2)
- Progrexion Teleservices (2)
- BWX Technologies, Inc. (2)
- Delta Fire Systems, Inc. (2)
- BMC Building Materials Corporation (2)
- OLDCASTLE APG Idaho Falls (2)
- Idaho Falls Chiropractic Clinic (2)
- RS&I Inc. (2)
- HSS Inc. (1)
- Idaho Falls C & B Operations LLC (1)
- RGIS (1)
- BrightSpring Health Services (1)
- TJX (1)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (1)
- Aerotek (1)
- Lowe's (1)
- Brookfield Properties (1)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Custer County

*Zero Jobs posted in the last two weeks.*

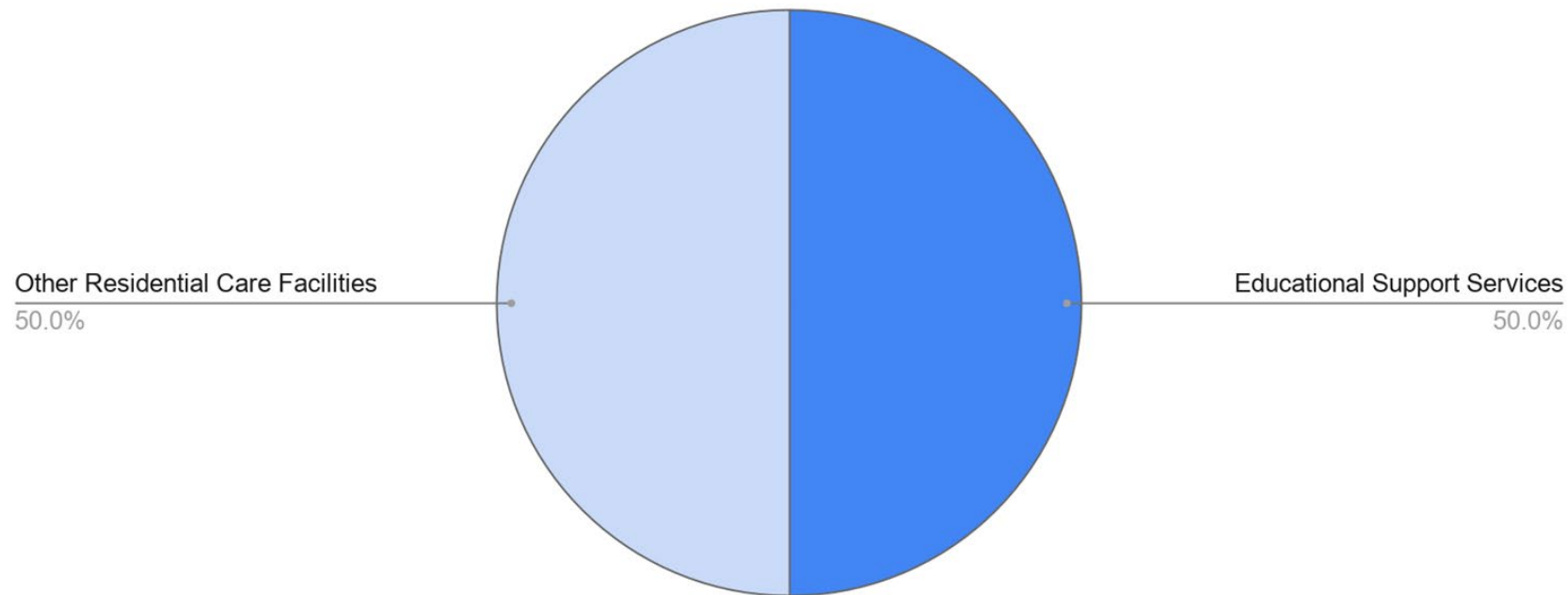
## Job Openings by Employer

- UPS (3)
- Village Square (2)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Fremont County

As of November 9, 2020



*Graph showing industry  
for all current jobs*

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

## Job Openings by Employer:

- Corizon Health (1)
- Idaho Division of Human Resources (1)

# Job Openings - Jefferson County

As of November 9, 2020

New Single-Family Housing Construction

9.1%

General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance,

9.1%

All Other Business Support Services

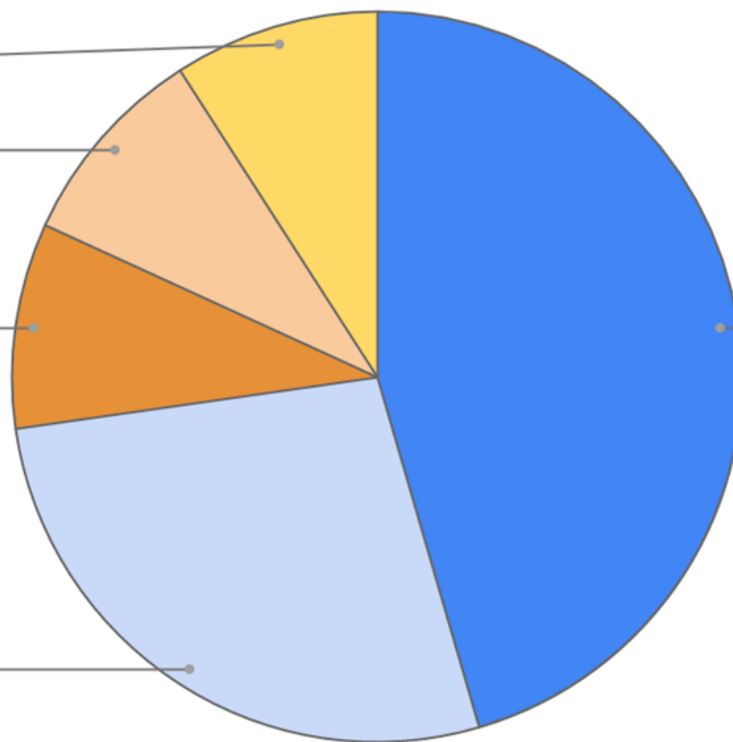
9.1%

Couriers and Express Delivery Services

27.3%

Dried and Dehydrated Food

45.5%



Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

## Job Openings - Jefferson County

### Newer Job Openings by Employer:

- AdvancedHomeServices (12)
- Idaho Pacific Corp (5)
- Fedex Ground (3)
- RGIS (1)
- Straight Arrow Construction (1)
- SJS, Inc (1)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Lemhi County

As of November 9, 2020

Savings Institutions

6.7%

Ornamental and Architectural Metal Work

6.7%

Meat Markets

6.7%

Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order

6.7%

Educational Support Services

6.7%

Department Stores

6.7%

Residential Remodelers

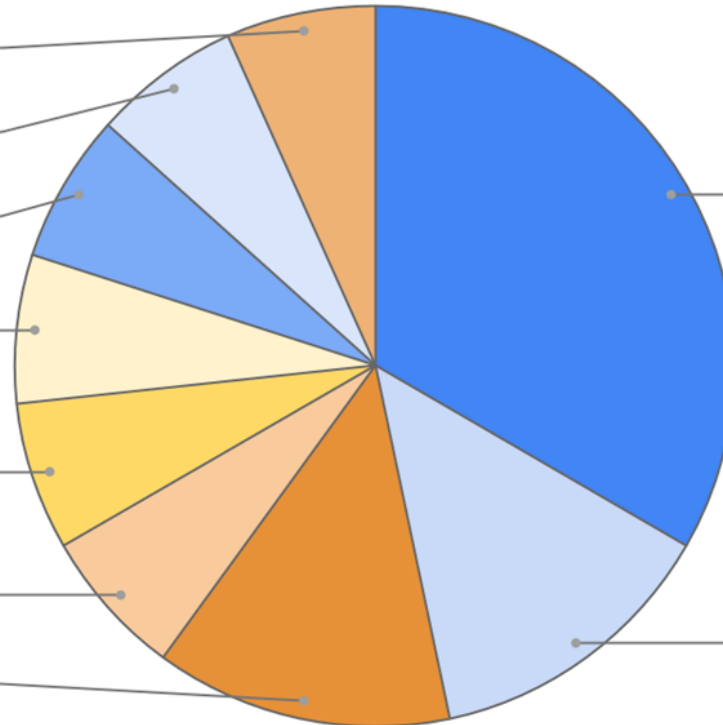
13.3%

General Medical and Surgical Hospitals

33.3%

Administration of General Economic

13.3%



Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Lemhi County

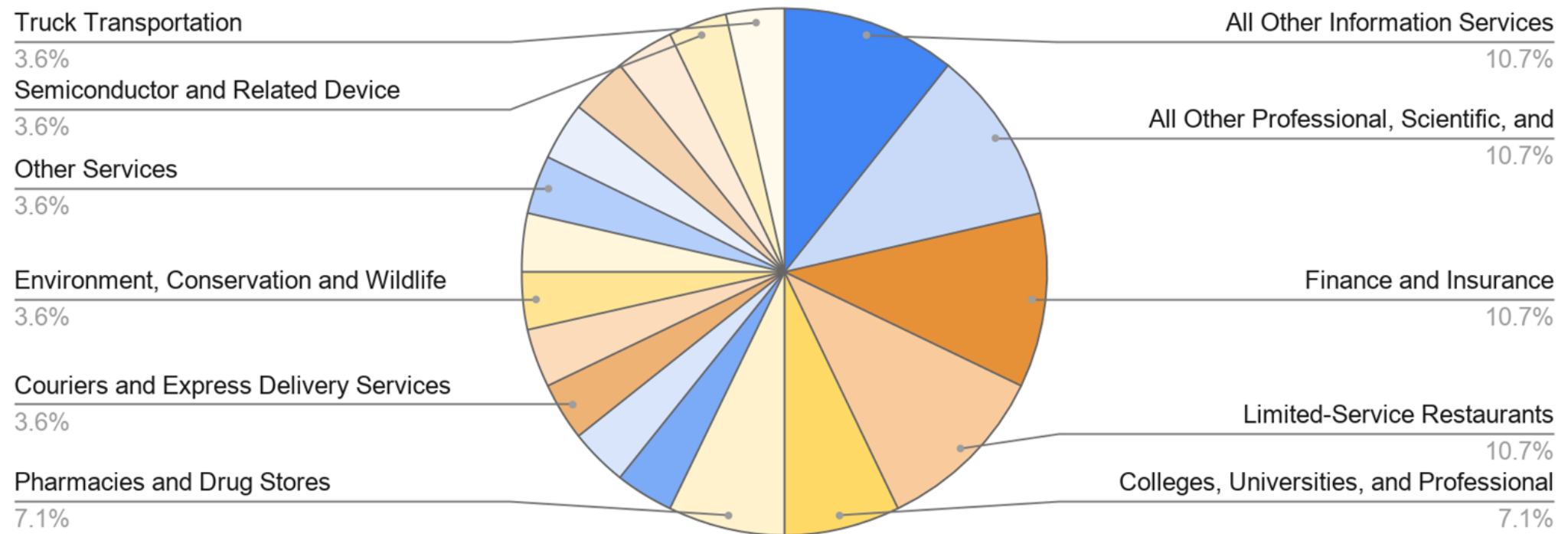
## Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- Steele Memorial Medical Center (3)
- C&A Industries, LLC (2)
- Salmon Public Schools District # 291 (2)
- Lemhi Valley Social Services (2)
- Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership-id fall (1)
- Air Methods (1)
- Washington Federal (1)
- Air Methods Corporation (1)
- Shady Nook Restaurant, LLC (1)

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# Job Openings - Madison County

As of November 9, 2020



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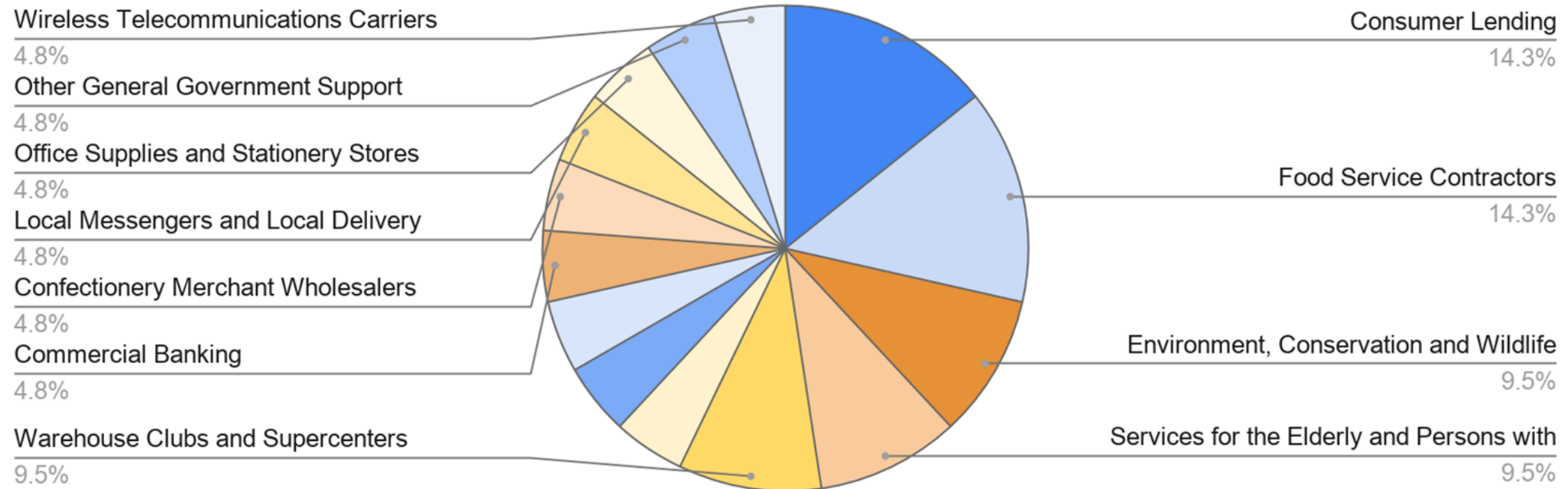
## Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- Grifols Shared Services North America, Inc (2)
- Idaho Falls Progrexion has NLX account (1)
- Idaho Falls C & B Operations LLC (1)
- Apex Systems Inc (1)
- RGIS (1)
- Maverik (1)
- Walgreens (1)
- Papa John's International (1)
- Melaleuca (1)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

# Job Openings - Teton County

As of November 9, 2020



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## Job Openings - Teton County

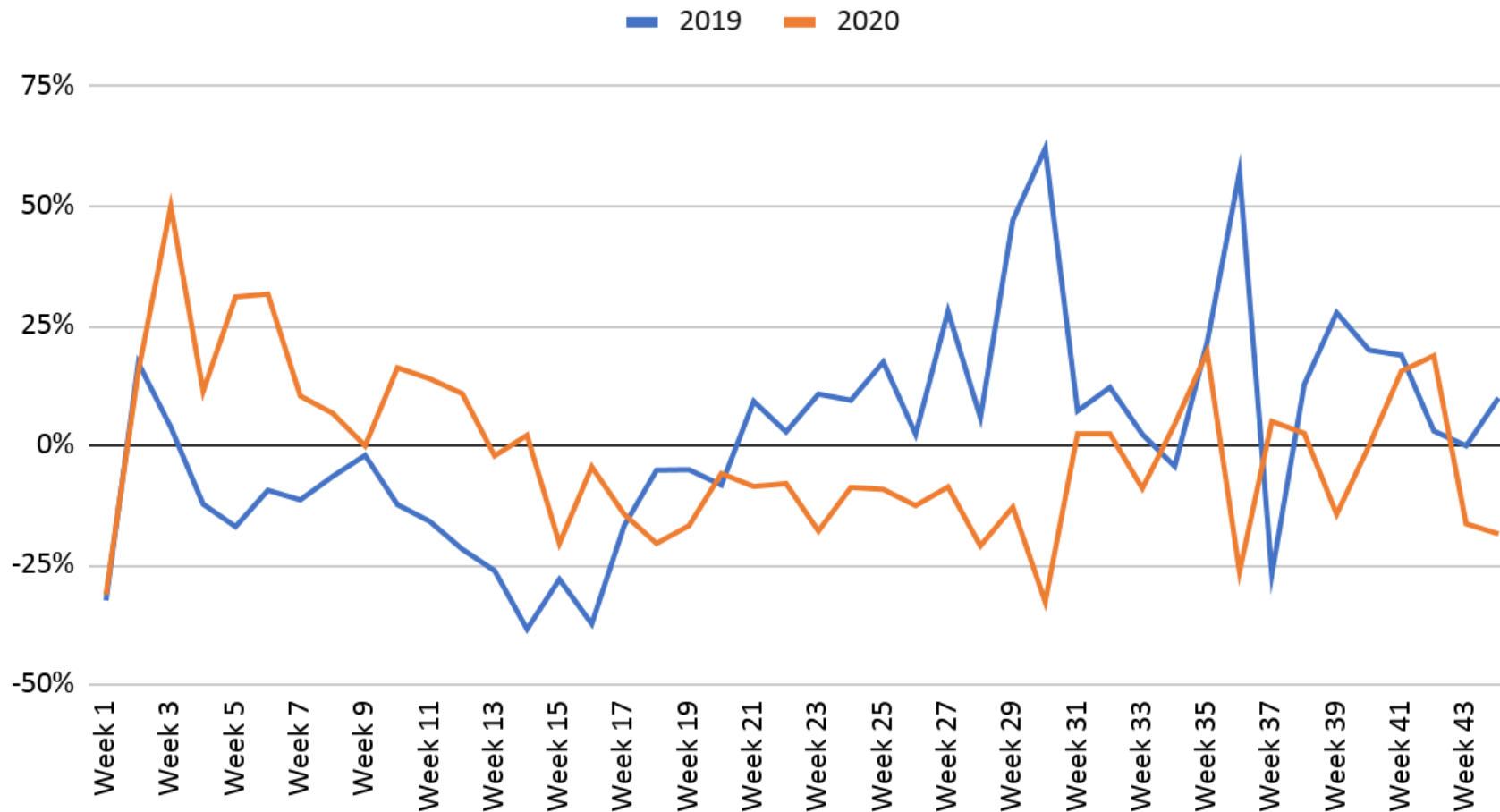
### Latest Job Openings by Employer:

- Wells Fargo (3)
- ARAMARK (3)
- Advantage Solutions (2)
- TJX (2)
- ResCare HomeCare (2)
- Fedex Express (1)
- C&A Industries, LLC (1)
- Lumen (1)
- Staples (1)
- Sage Hospitality Resources (1)
- Bank of the West (1)
- Mondelez International (1)
- VCA (1)
- National Park Service (1)
- Adecco Staffing (1)
- Enterprise Holdings (1)
- AT&T (1)

Source: [Idaho Department of Labor](#)

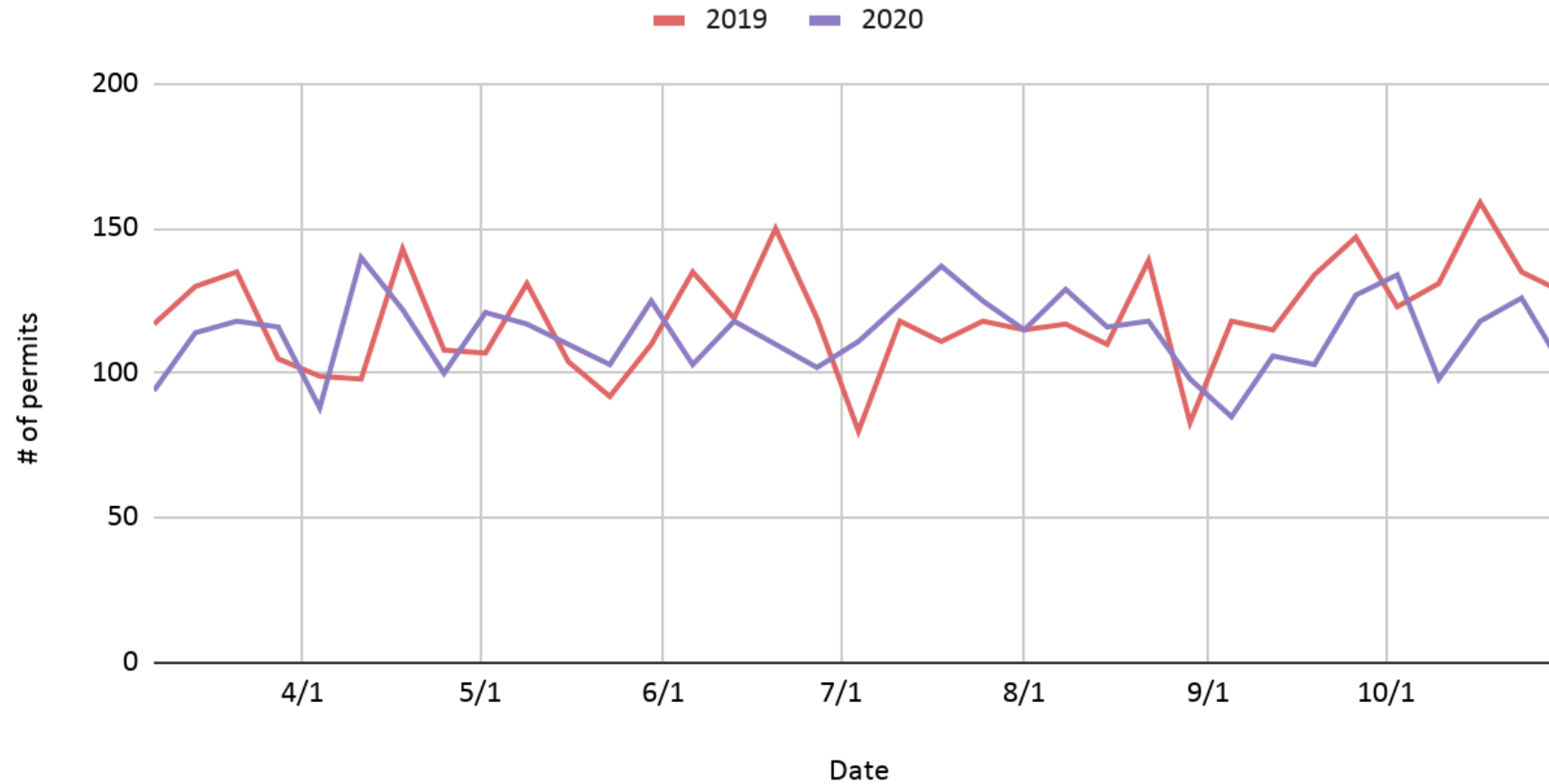
# Idaho Business Formation Statistics (BFS Applications)

## Business Applications: Weekly Percentage Change for 2019 and 2020



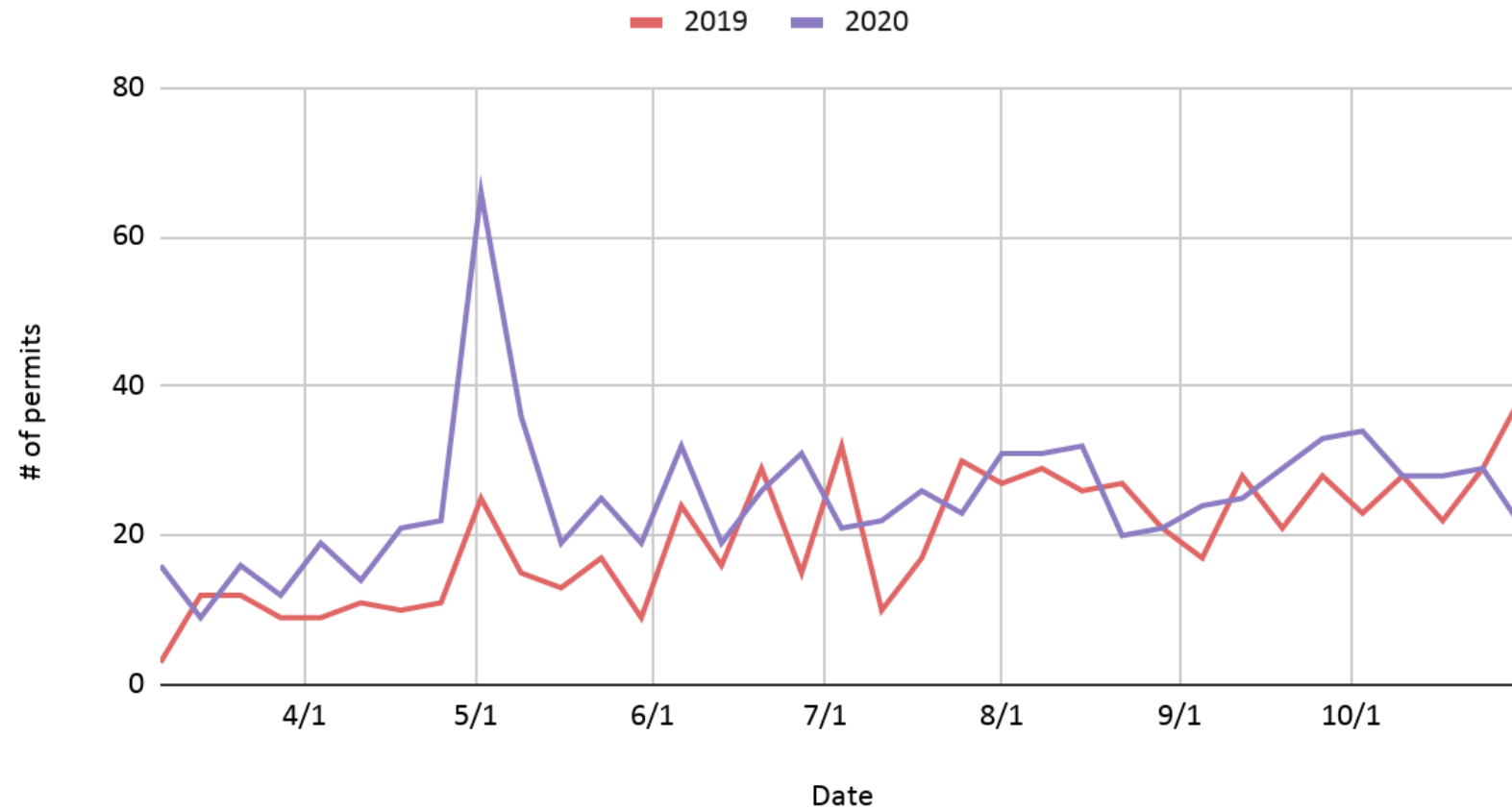
# Building Permits - Ada County

## Ada Building Permits



# Building Permits – Bannock County

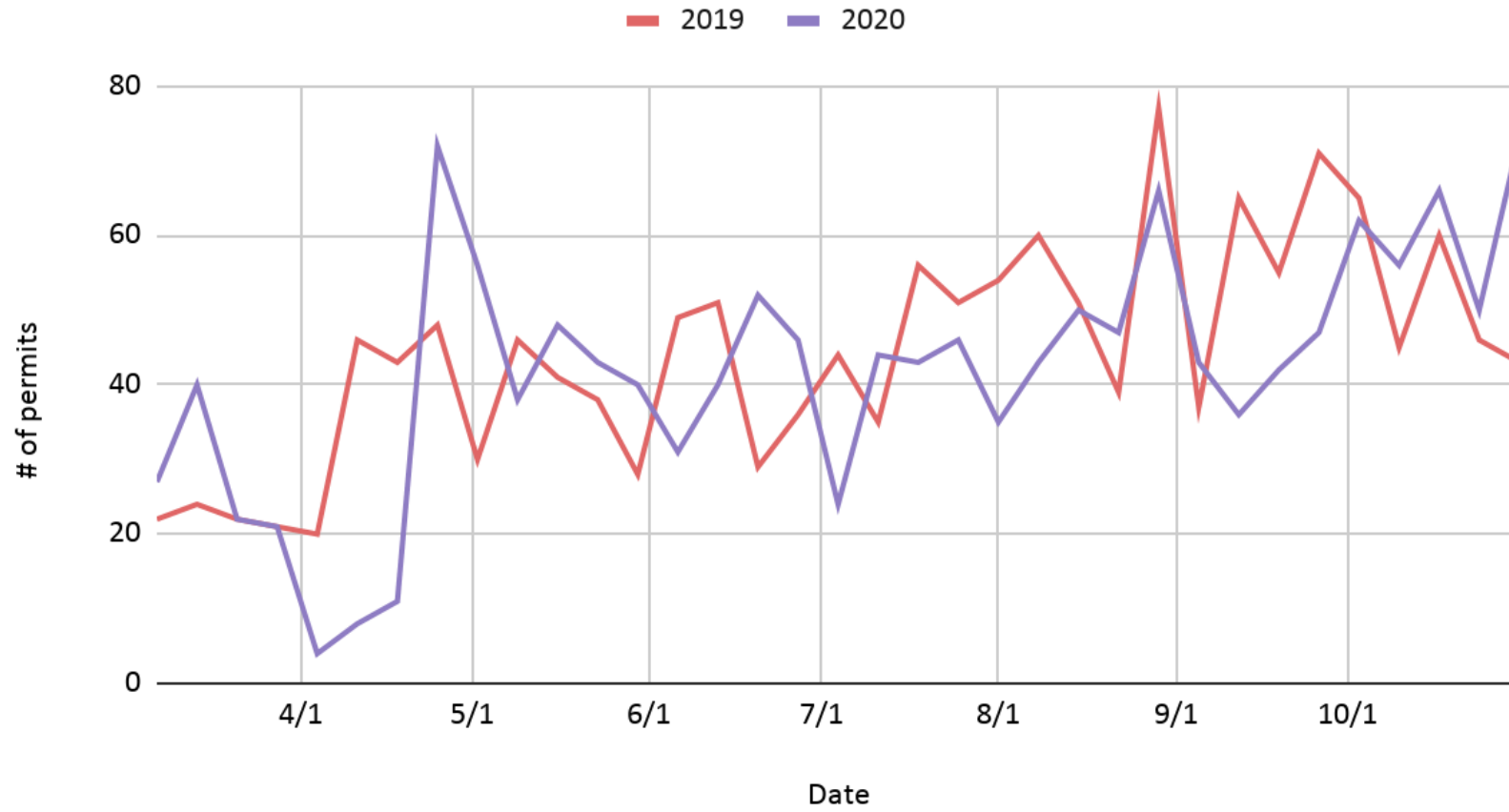
## Bannock Building Permits



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# Building Permits - Blaine County

## Blaine Building Permits

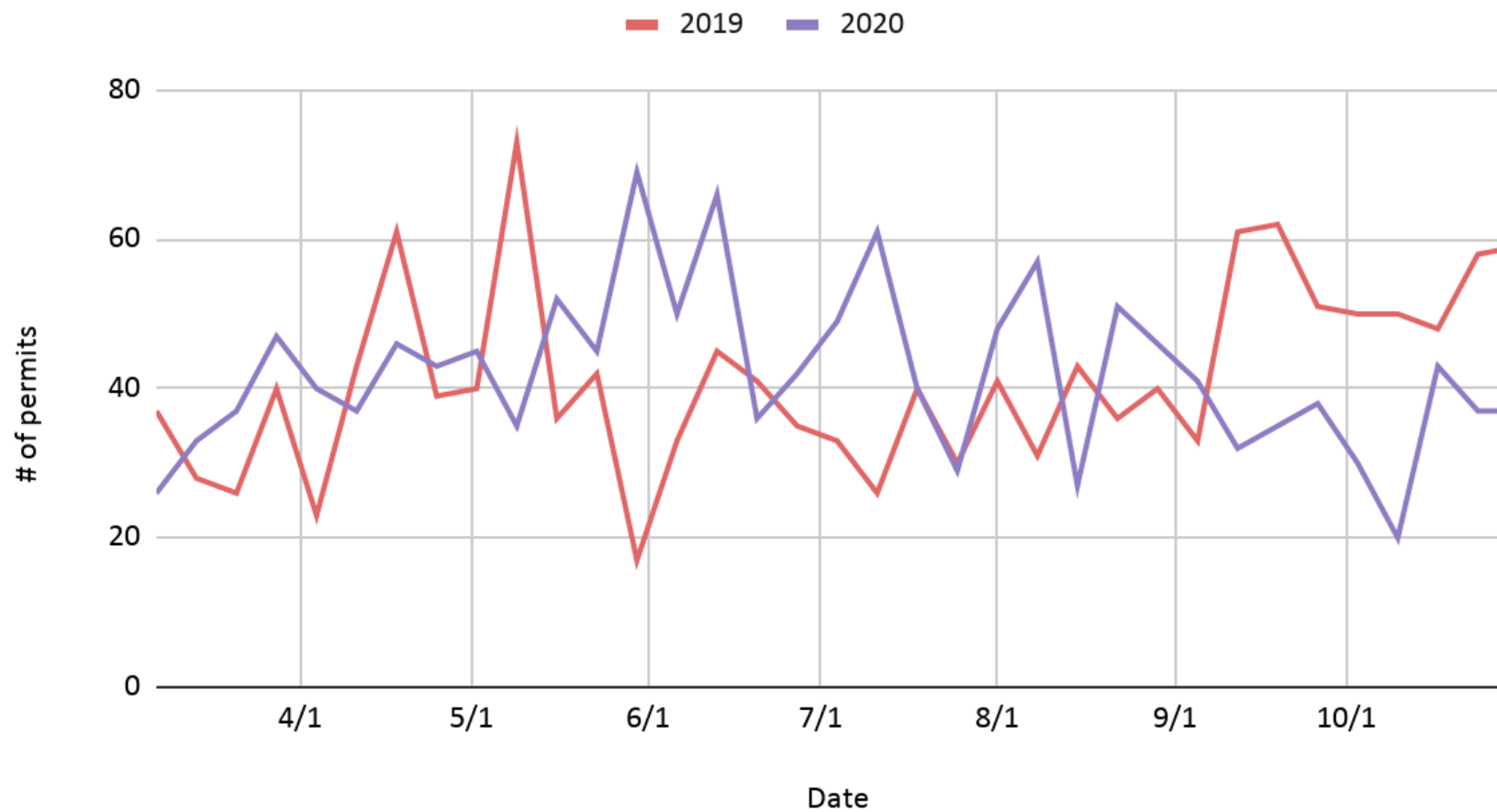


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# Building Permits – Bonneville County

## Bonneville Building Permits

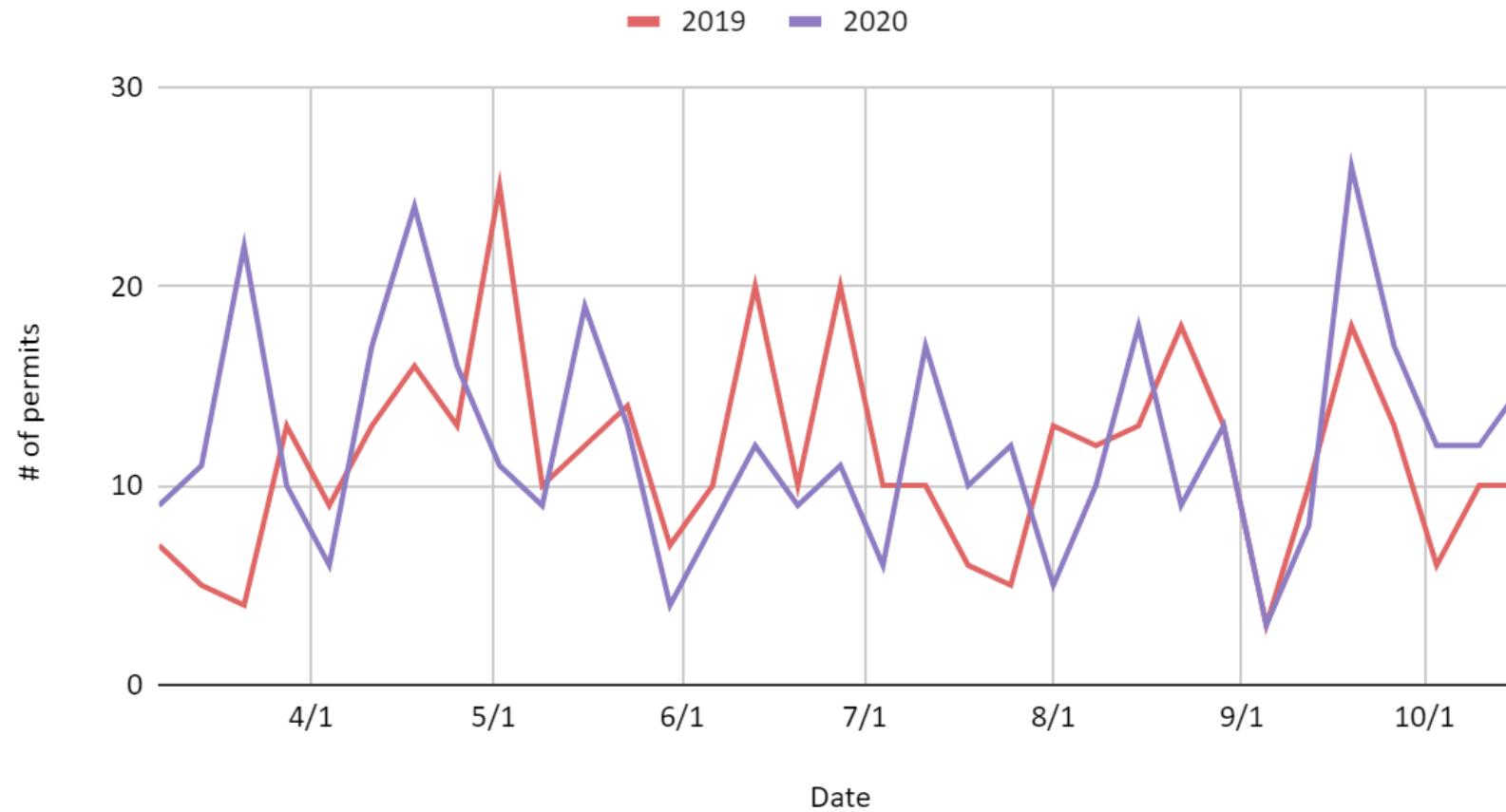


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# Building Permits – Madison County

## Madison Building Permits

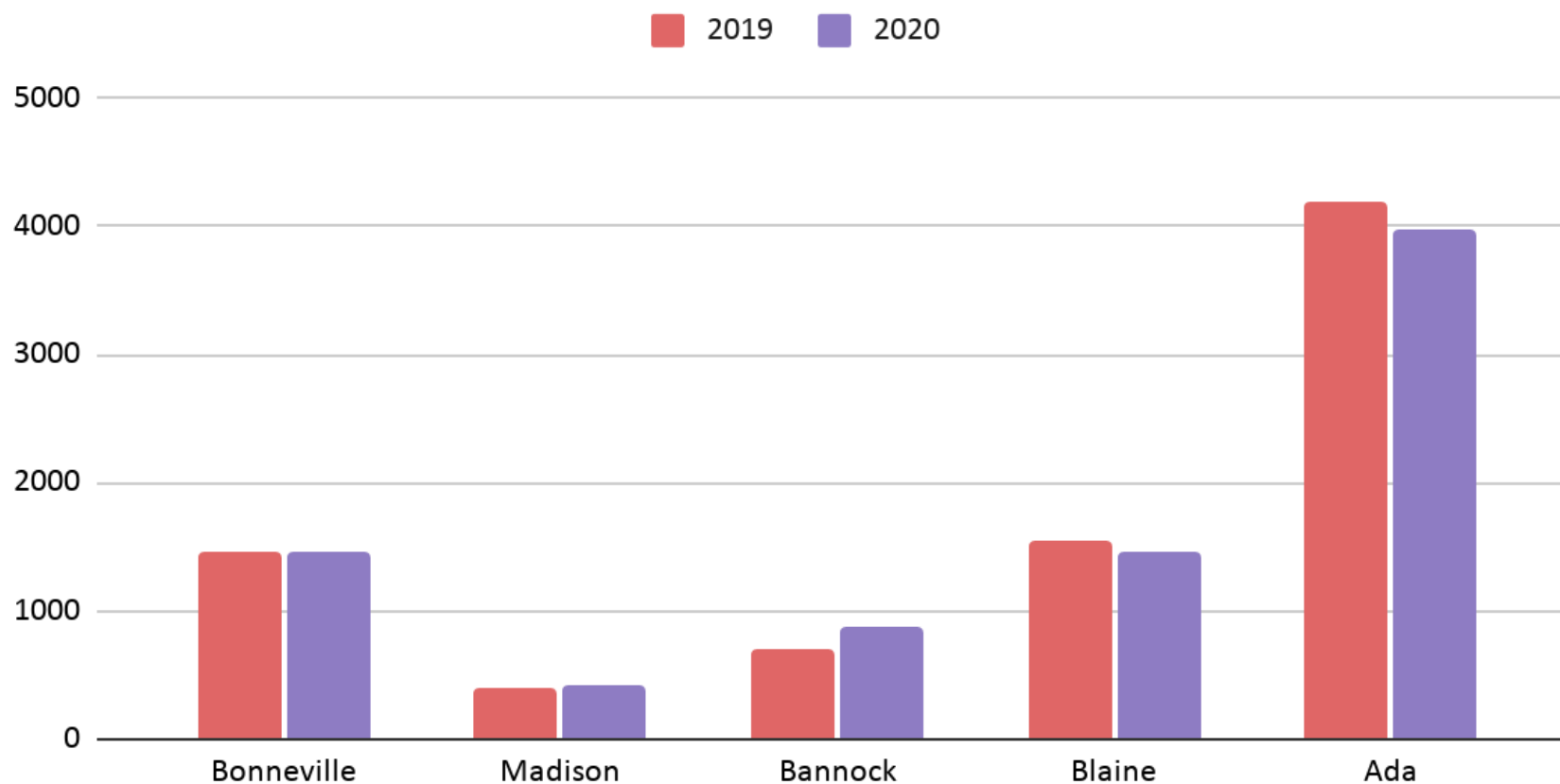


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# Cumulative Building Permits

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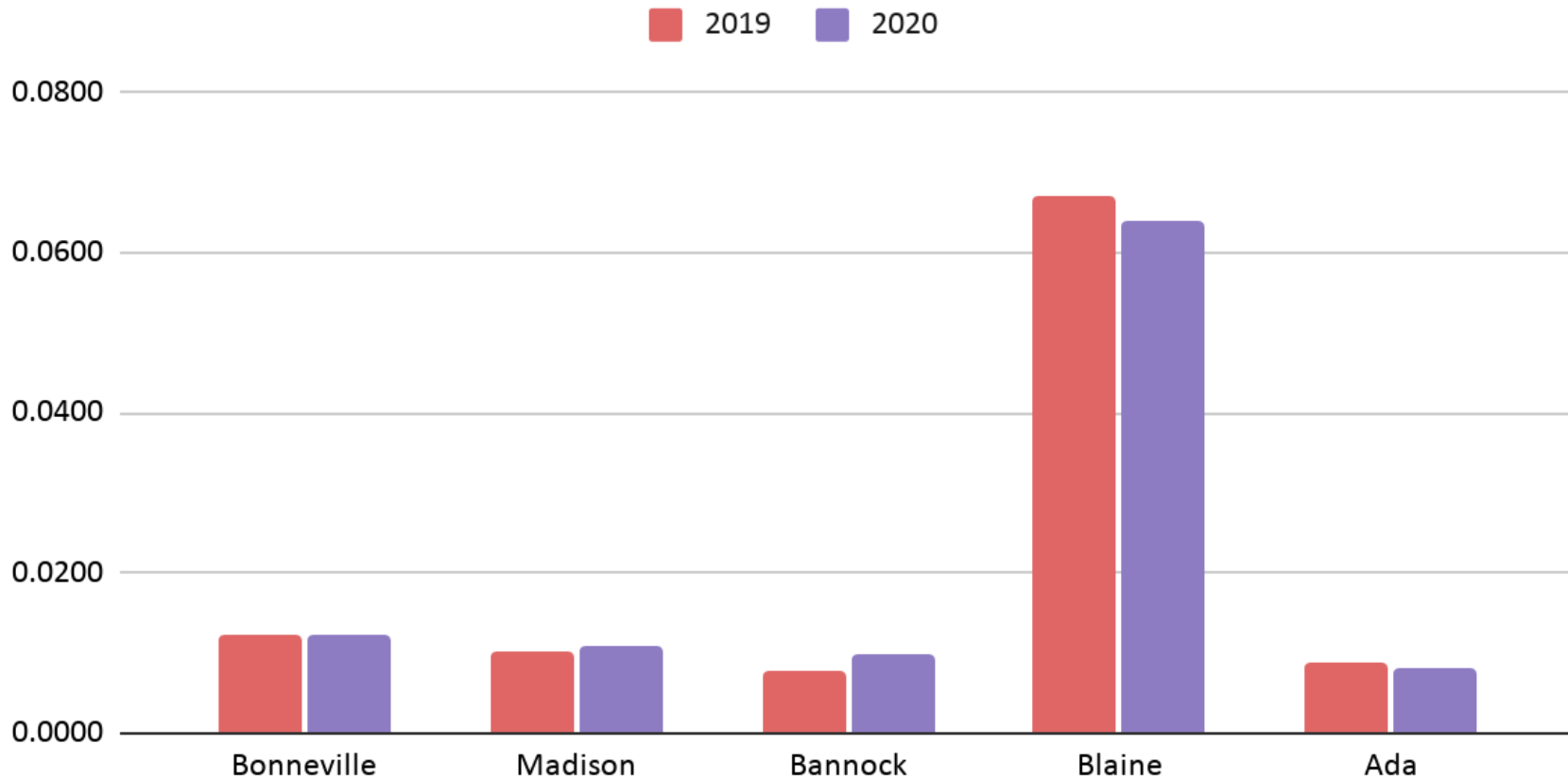
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# Cumulative Building Permits Per Capita

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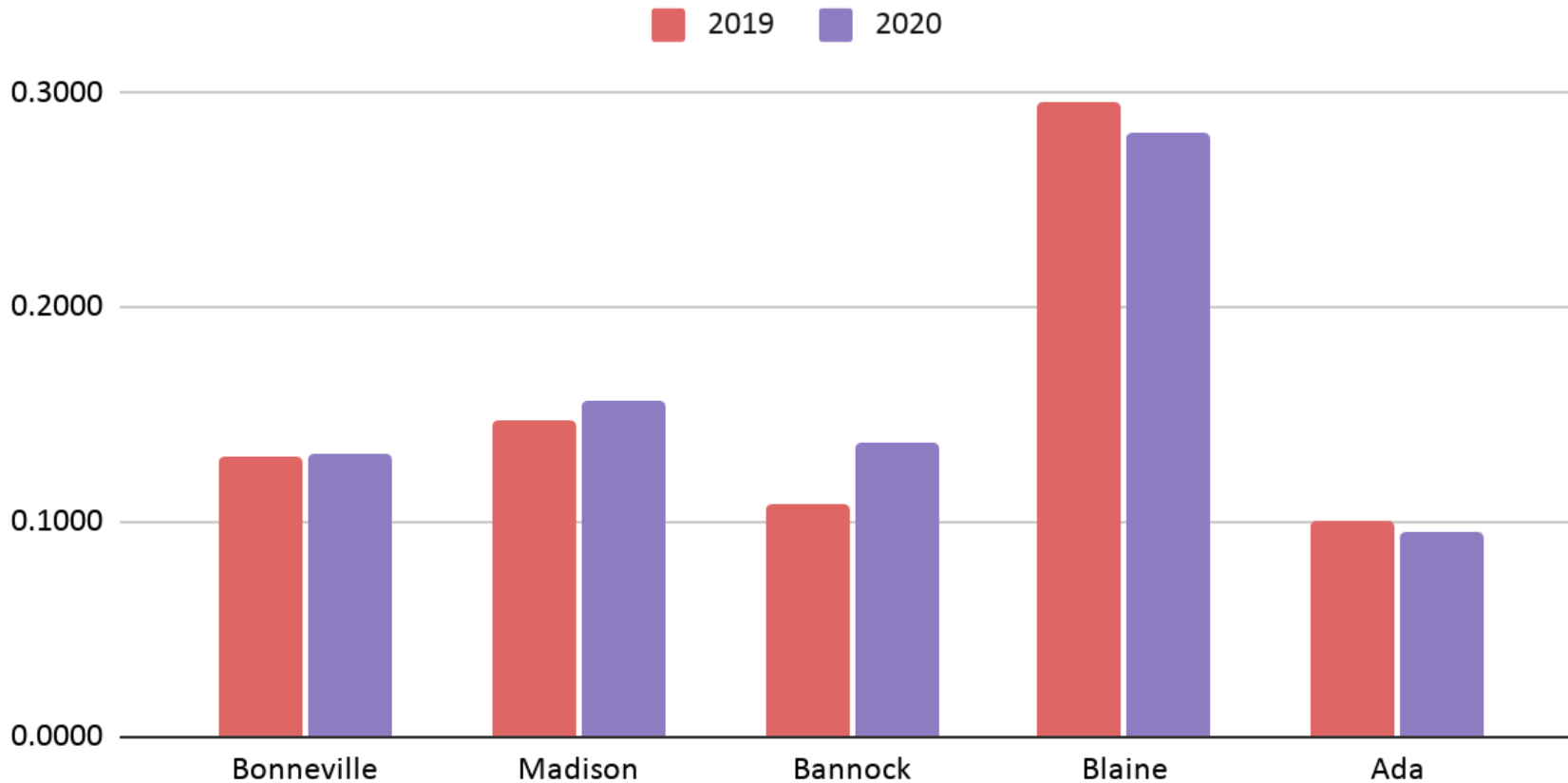


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# Cumulative Building Permits Per County Firms

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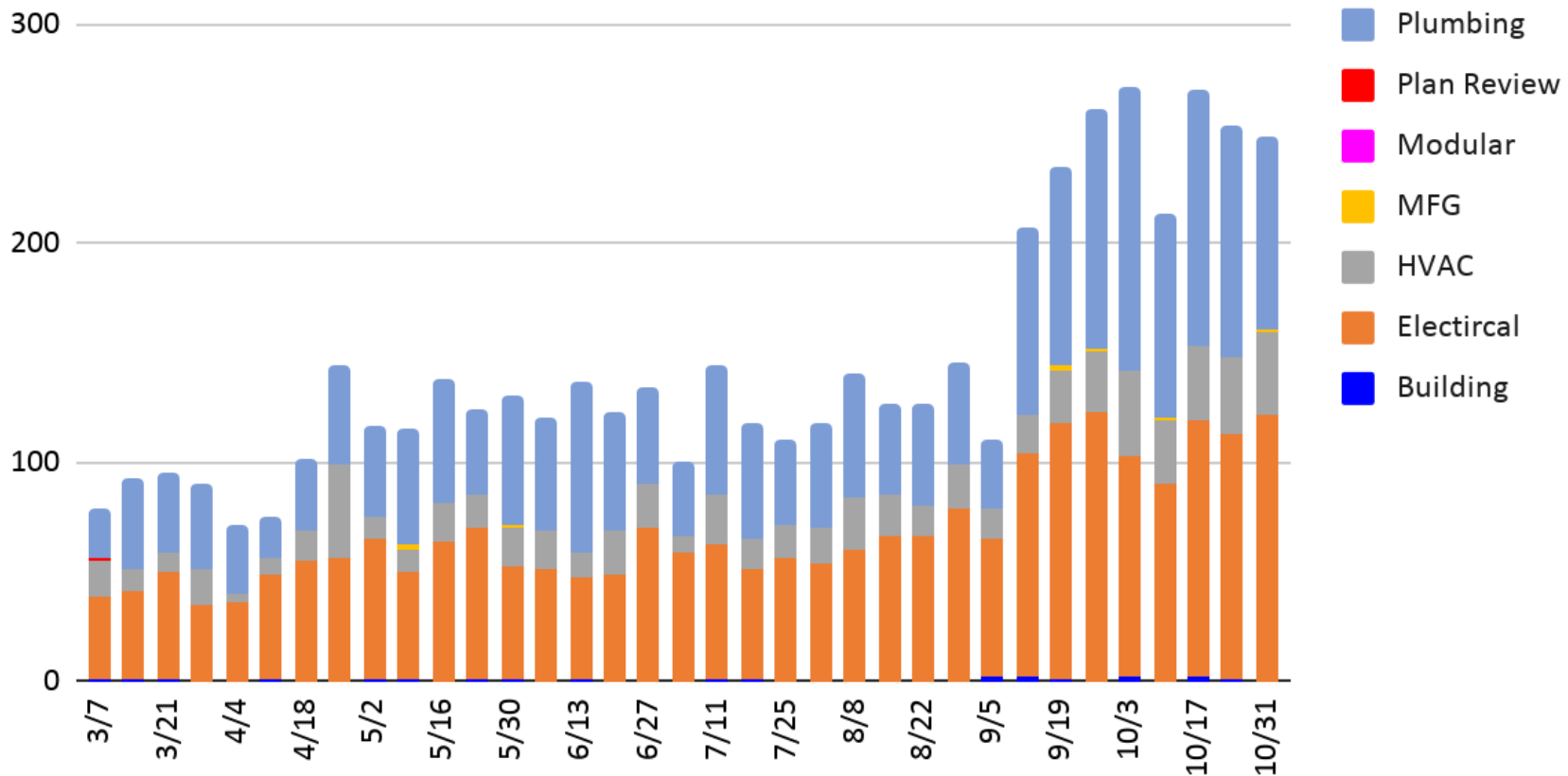
\* Cumulative number of building permits per total number of businesses in the county.



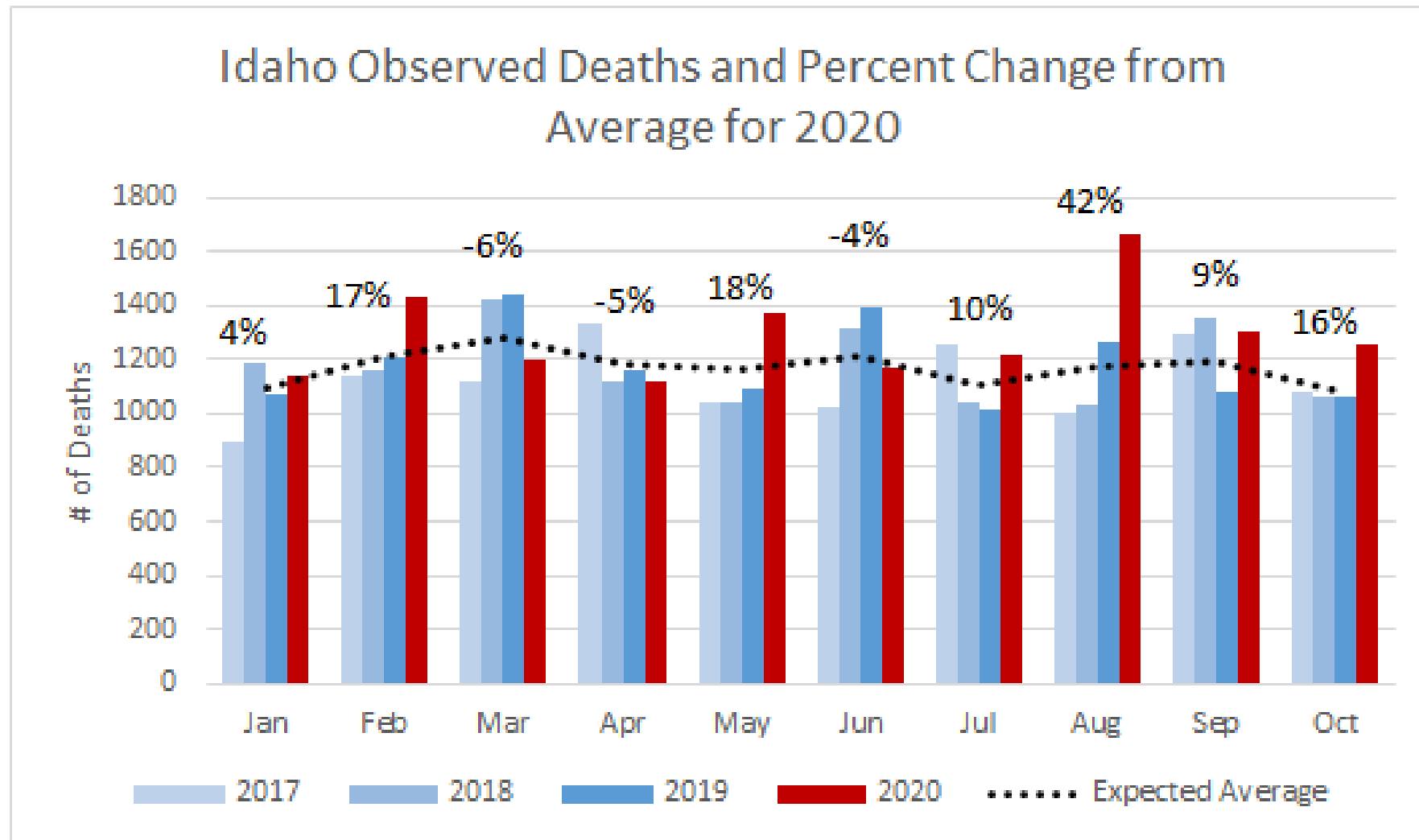
# Building Permits – Madison, Blaine, Bannock, Bonneville & Ada Counties

## Building Permits by Type

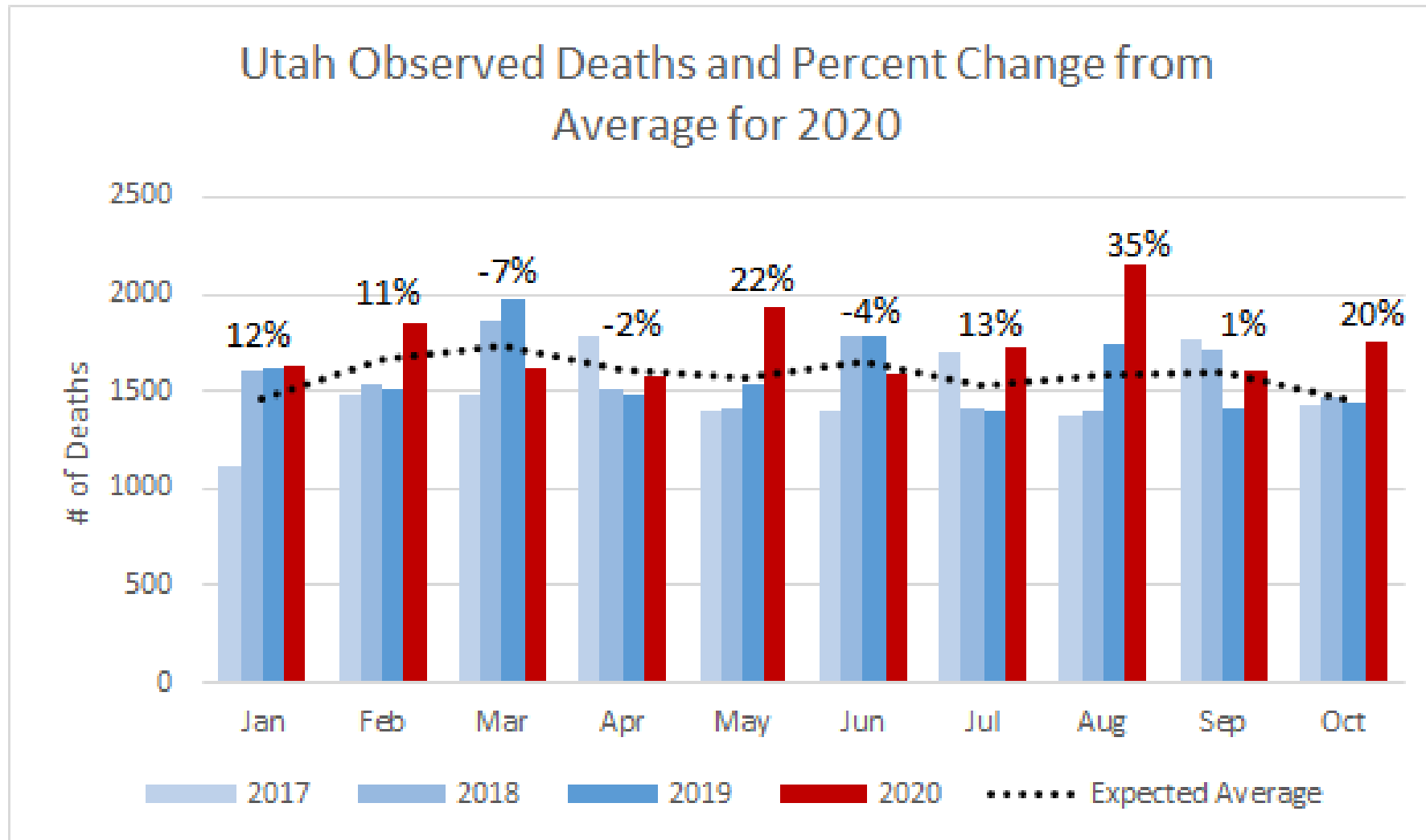
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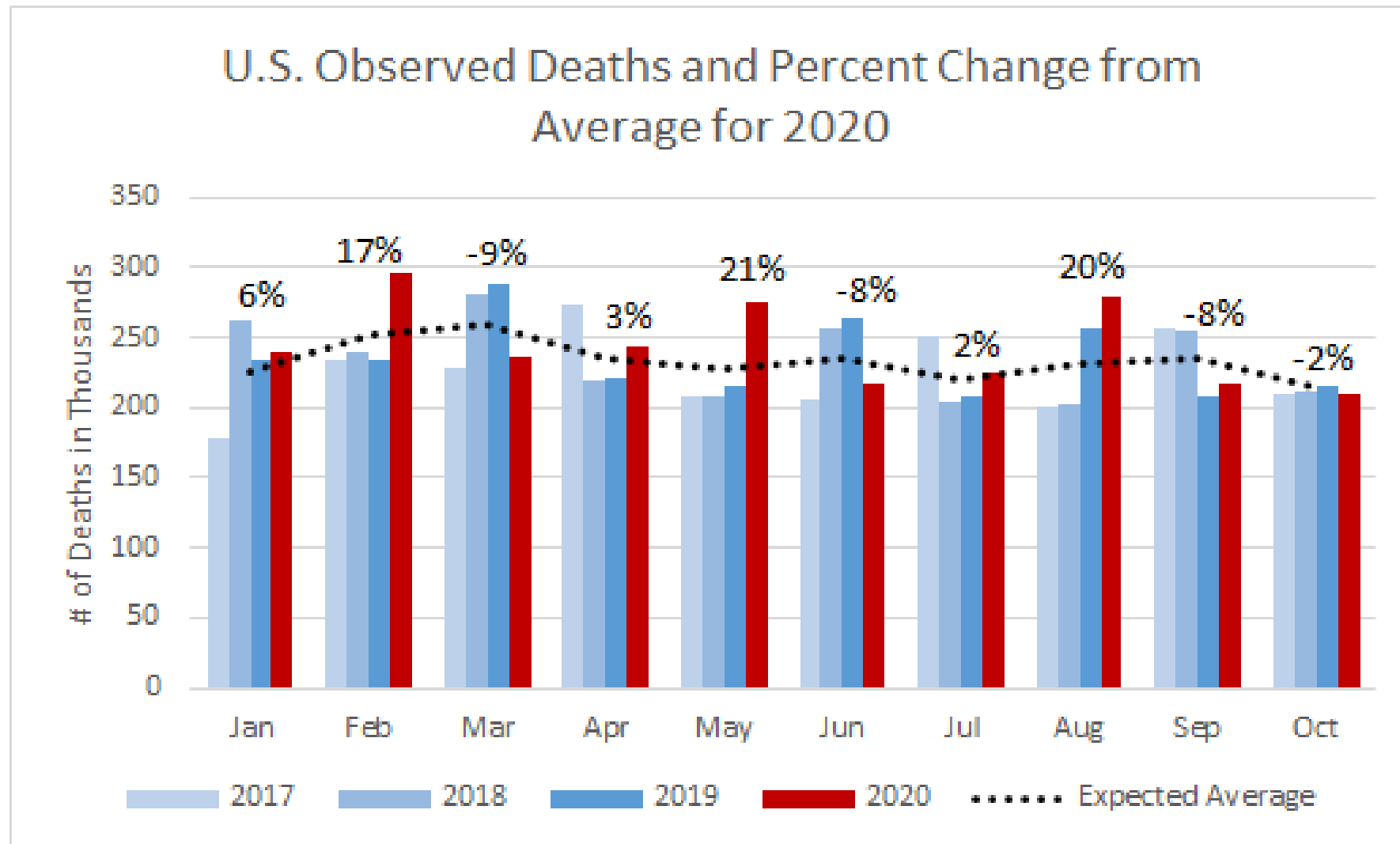
# Idaho Observed Deaths From All Causes



# Utah Observed Deaths From All Causes

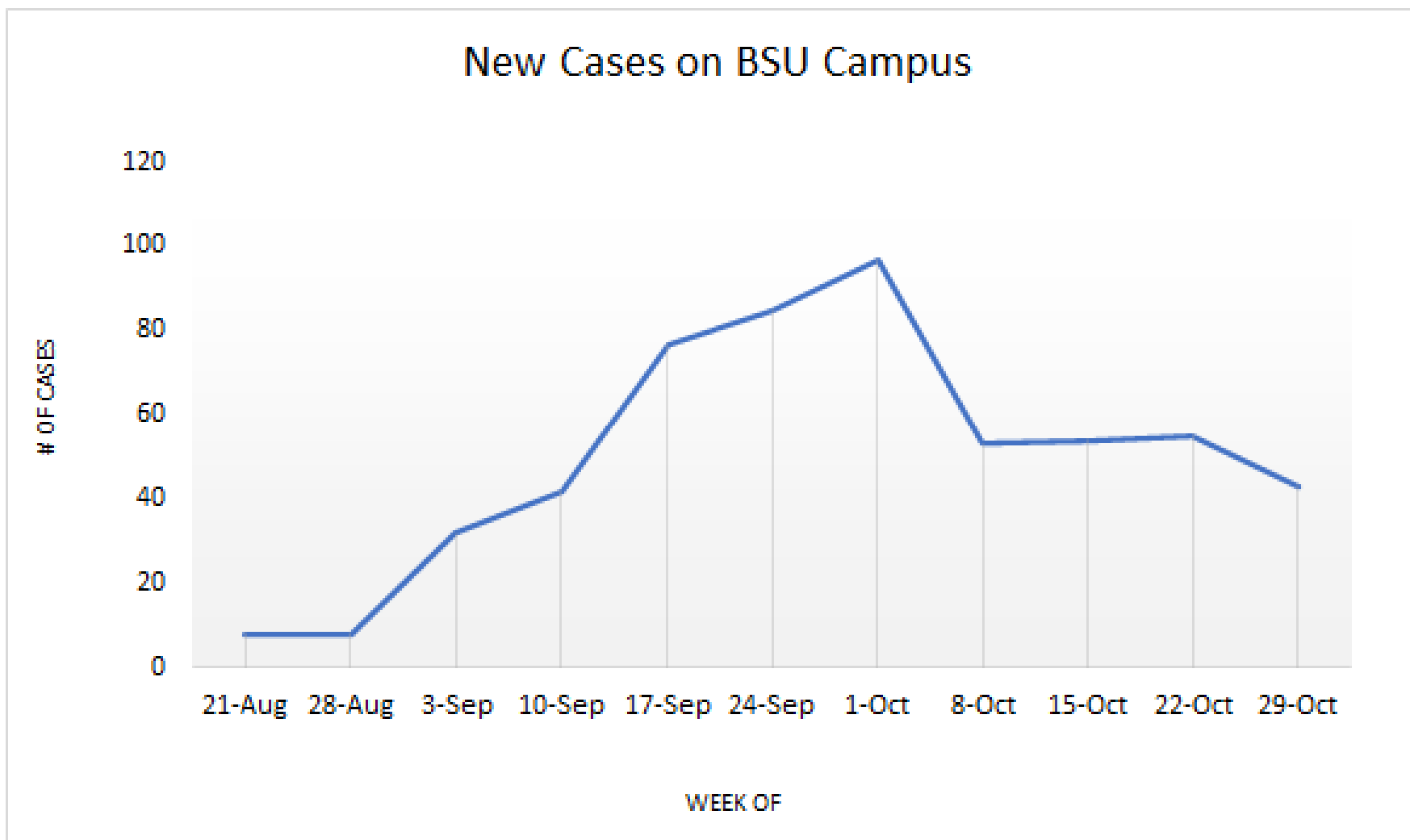


# U.S. Observed Deaths From All Causes





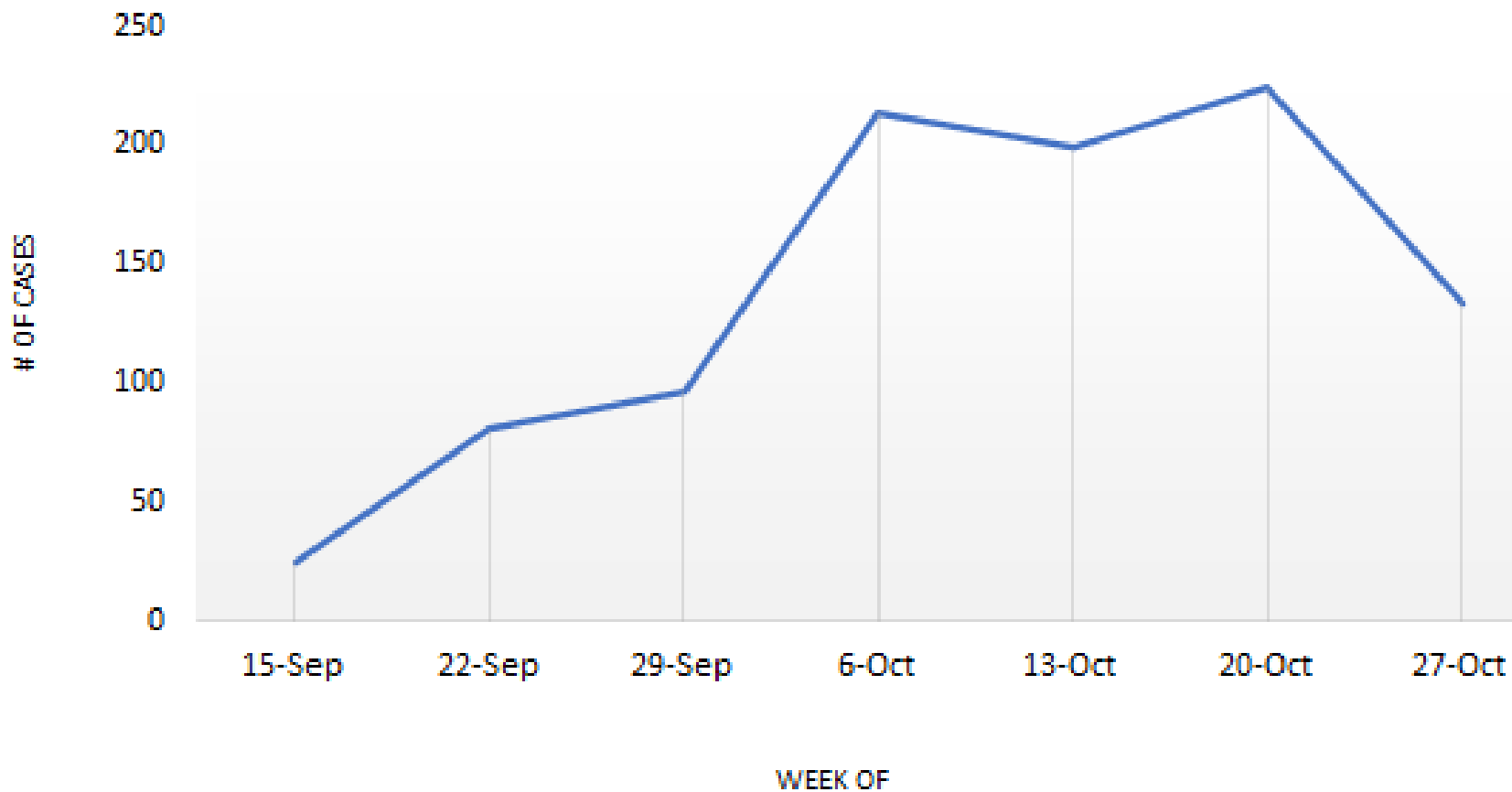
## Boise State University Campus: Positive COVID-19 Cases



In Person Faculty and Students		
Week of	Students	Faculty
21-Aug	7	1
28-Aug	7	1
3-Sep	29	3
10-Sep	39	3
17-Sep	76	1
24-Sep	84	1
1-Oct	93	4
8-Oct	52	1
15-Oct	52	2
22-Oct	53	2
29-Oct	41	2
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total In-Person</b>	<b>13,096</b>	<b>1600</b>
<b>Total % Infected</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

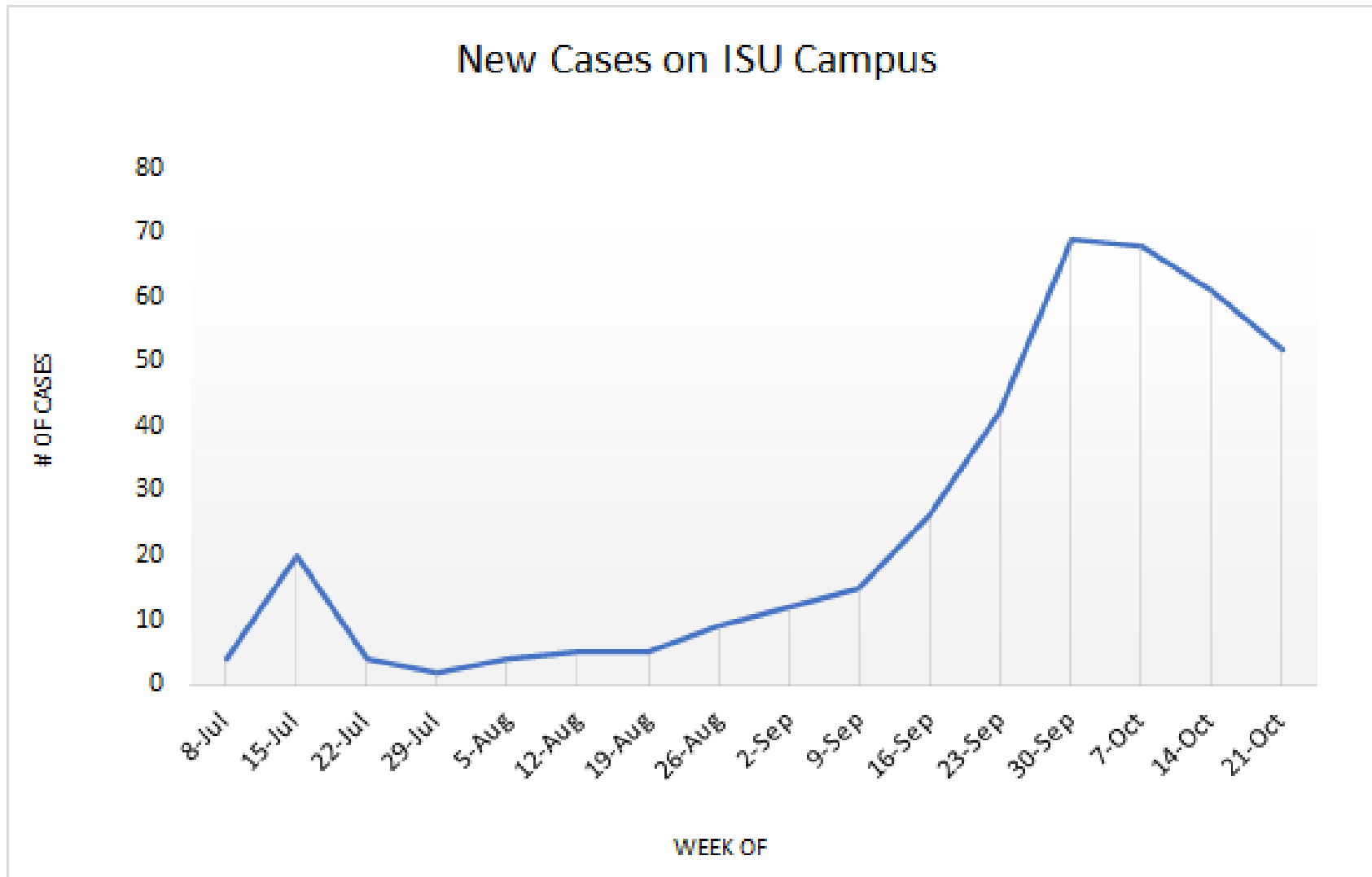
## Brigham Young University-Idaho Campus: Positive COVID-19 Cases

### New Cases on BYU-I Campus



In Person Faculty and Students		
Week of	Students	Faculty
15-Sep	23	2
22-Sep	75	6
29-Sep	89	8
6-Oct	180	34
13-Oct	187	12
20-Oct	212	12
27-Oct	124	10
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Total In-Person</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>1,900</b>
<b>Total % Infected</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

## Idaho State University Campus: Positive COVID-19 Cases



In Person Faculty and Students		
Week of	Students	Faculty
8-Jul	4	0
15-Jul	19	1
22-Jul	4	0
29-Jul	1	1
5-Aug	2	2
12-Aug	2	3
19-Aug	4	1
26-Aug	8	1
2-Sep	10	2
9-Sep	12	3
16-Sep	22	4
23-Sep	36	6
30-Sep	60	9
7-Oct	54	14
14-Oct	50	11
21-Oct	40	12
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total In-Person</b>	<b>11,786</b>	<b>826</b>
<b>Total % Infected</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>



## Weather Information from October

The Average High Temperature in October 2020 was around **10 degrees warmer than last year** (2019 had record-breaking low temperatures), and 2 degrees warmer than the historical average. This continues the **warmer than usual** Fall that started in September.

# October High Temperatures

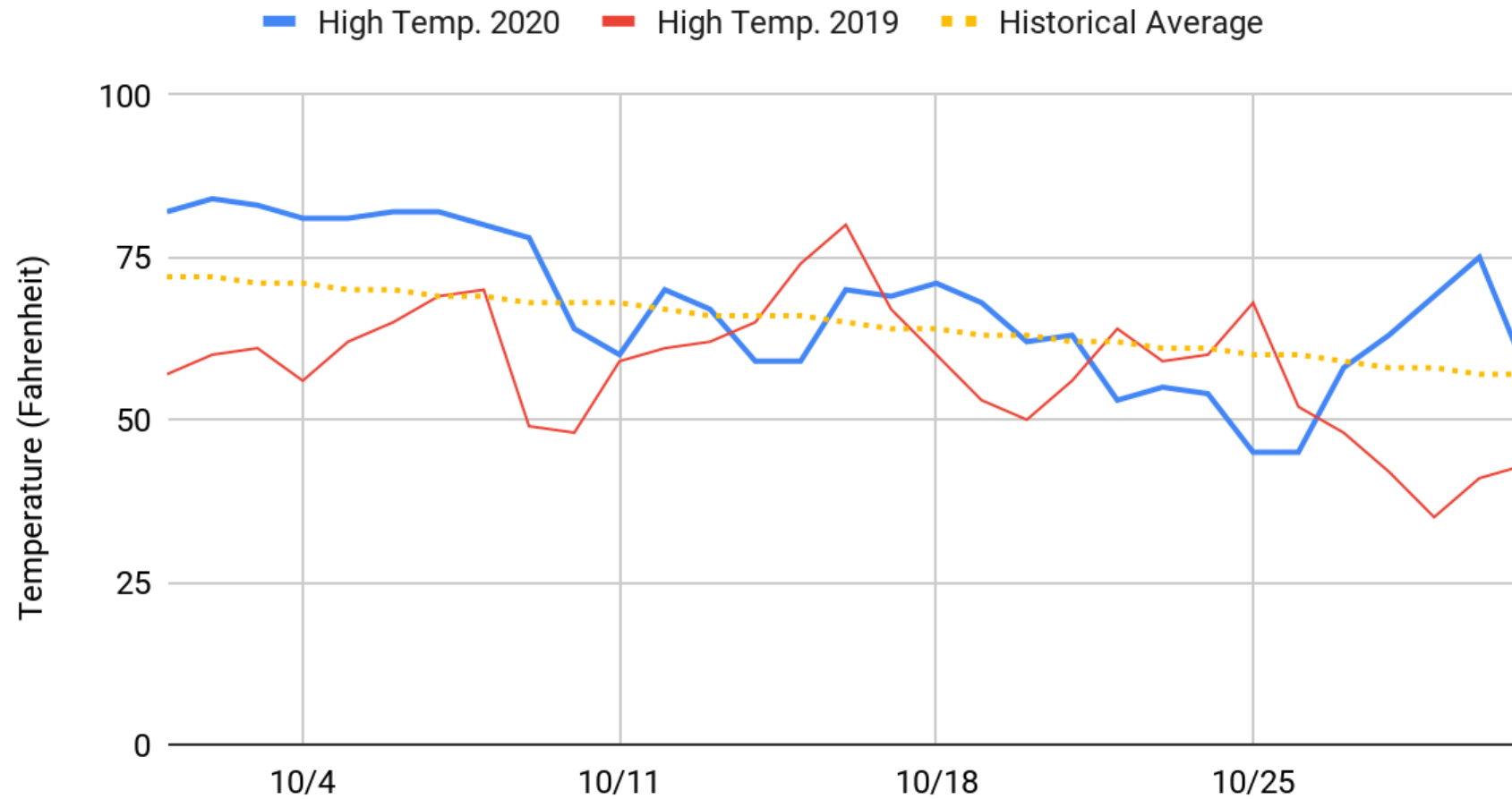
## October Average High Temps

**2020: 67.4**

**2019: 57.9**

**Historical Average: 64.7**

## Boise October High Temperatures



# October High Temperatures

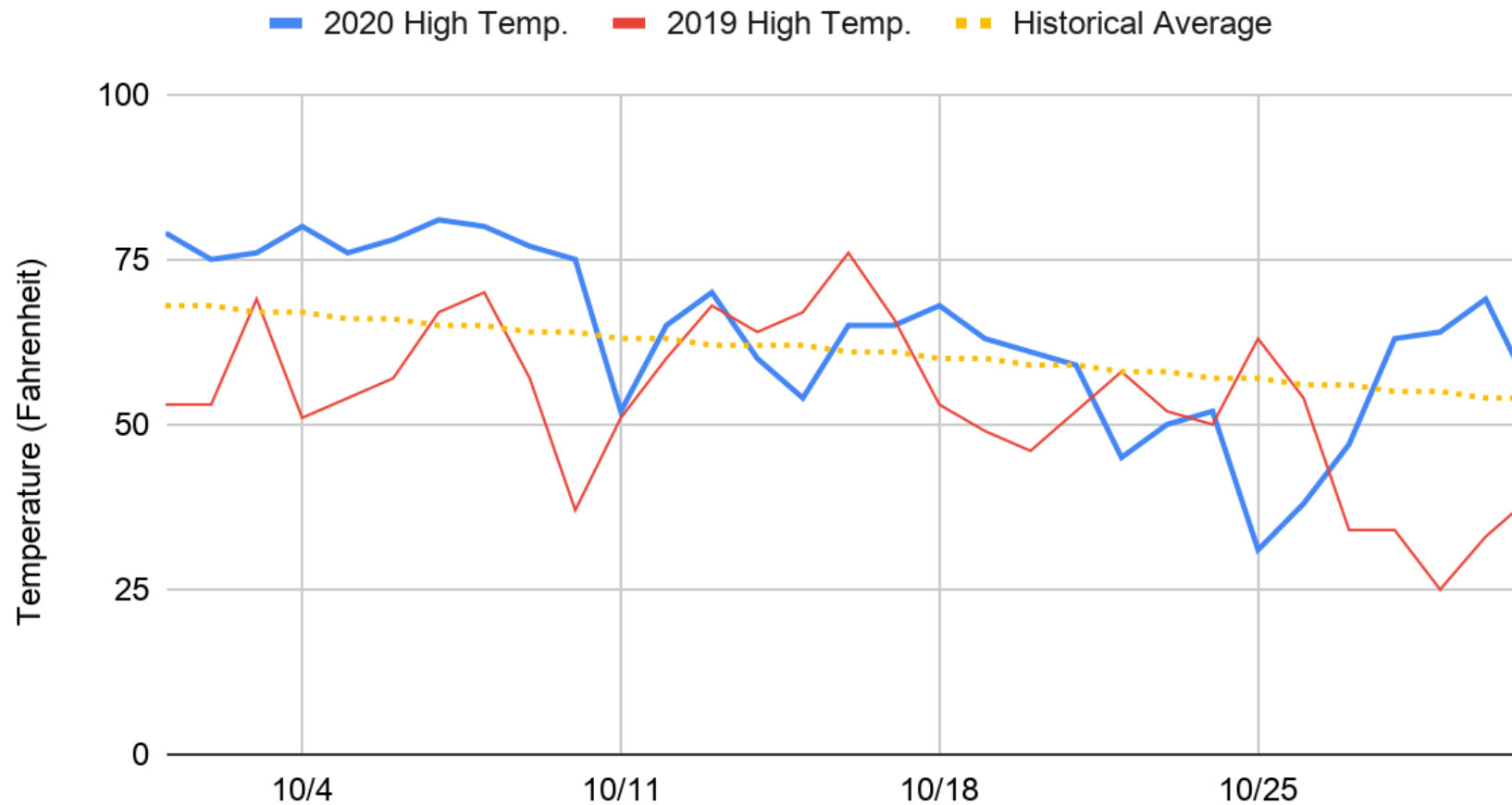
## October Average High Temps

**2020: 63.6**

**2019: 53.6**

**Historical Average: 61.0**

## Pocatello October High Temperatures



# October High Temperatures

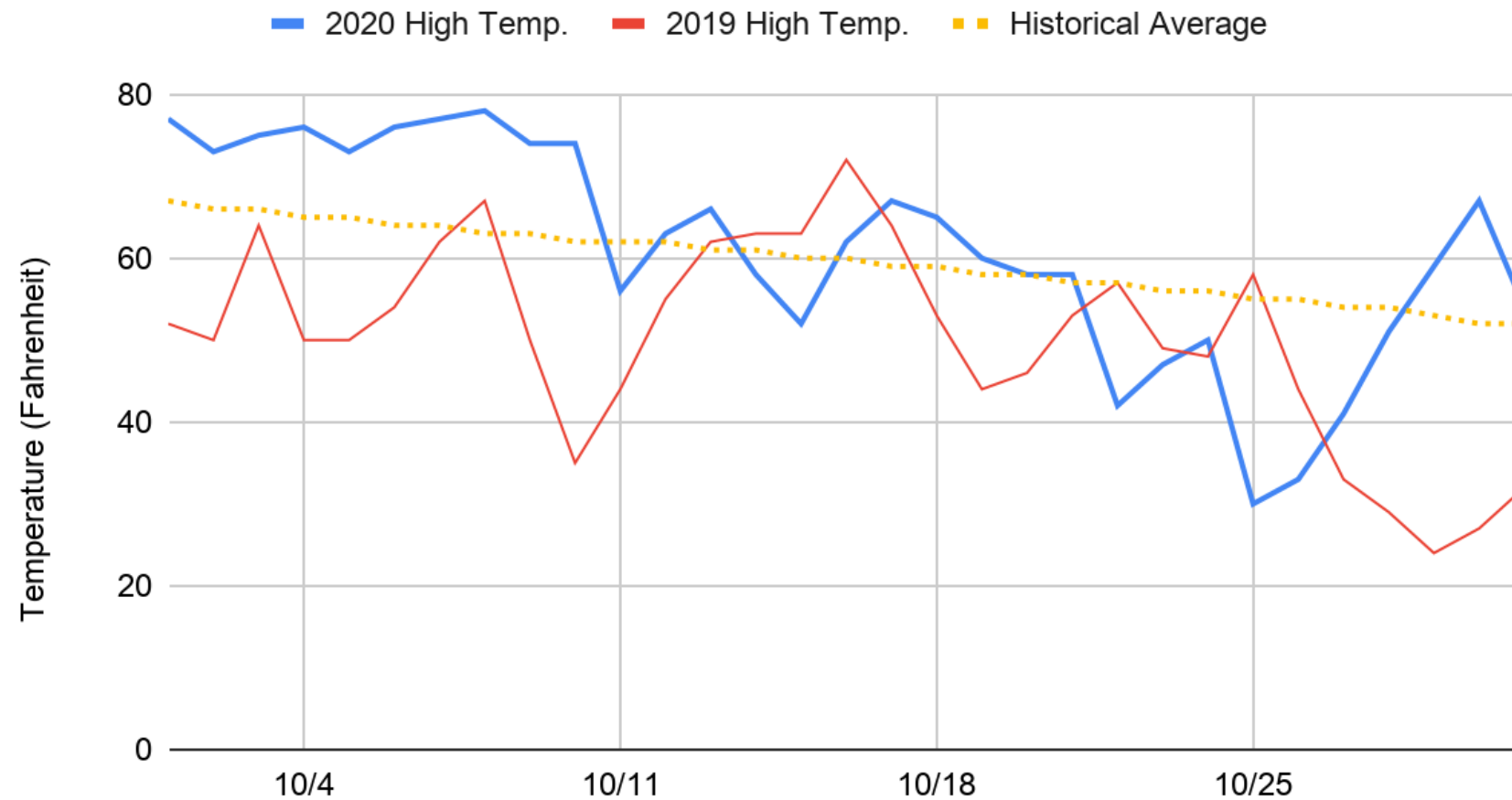
## October Average High Temps

**2020: 61.0**

**2019: 50.1**

**Historical Average: 59.5**

## Idaho Falls October High Temperatures



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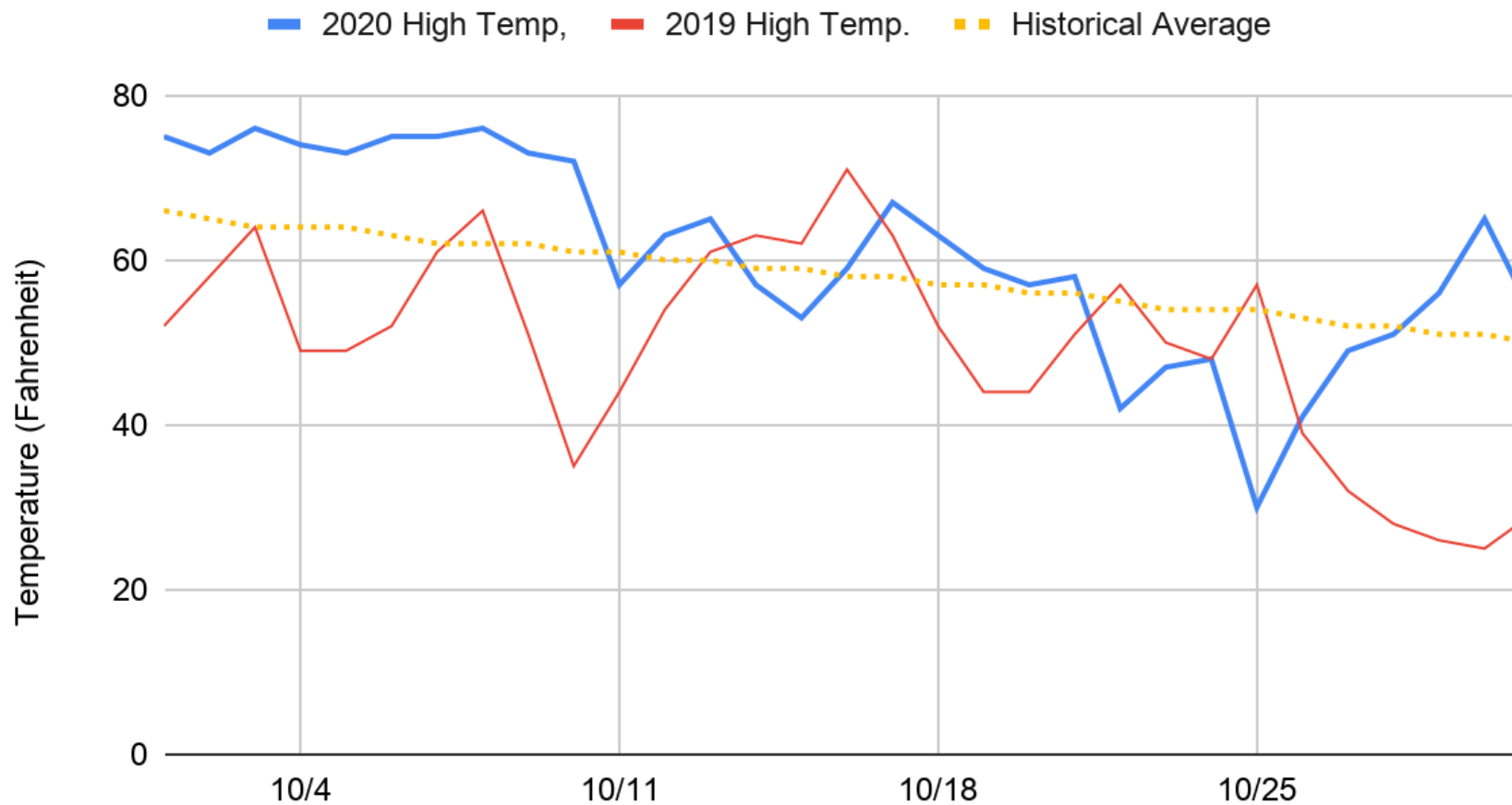
## October Average High Temps

**2020: 60.7**

**2019: 49.6**

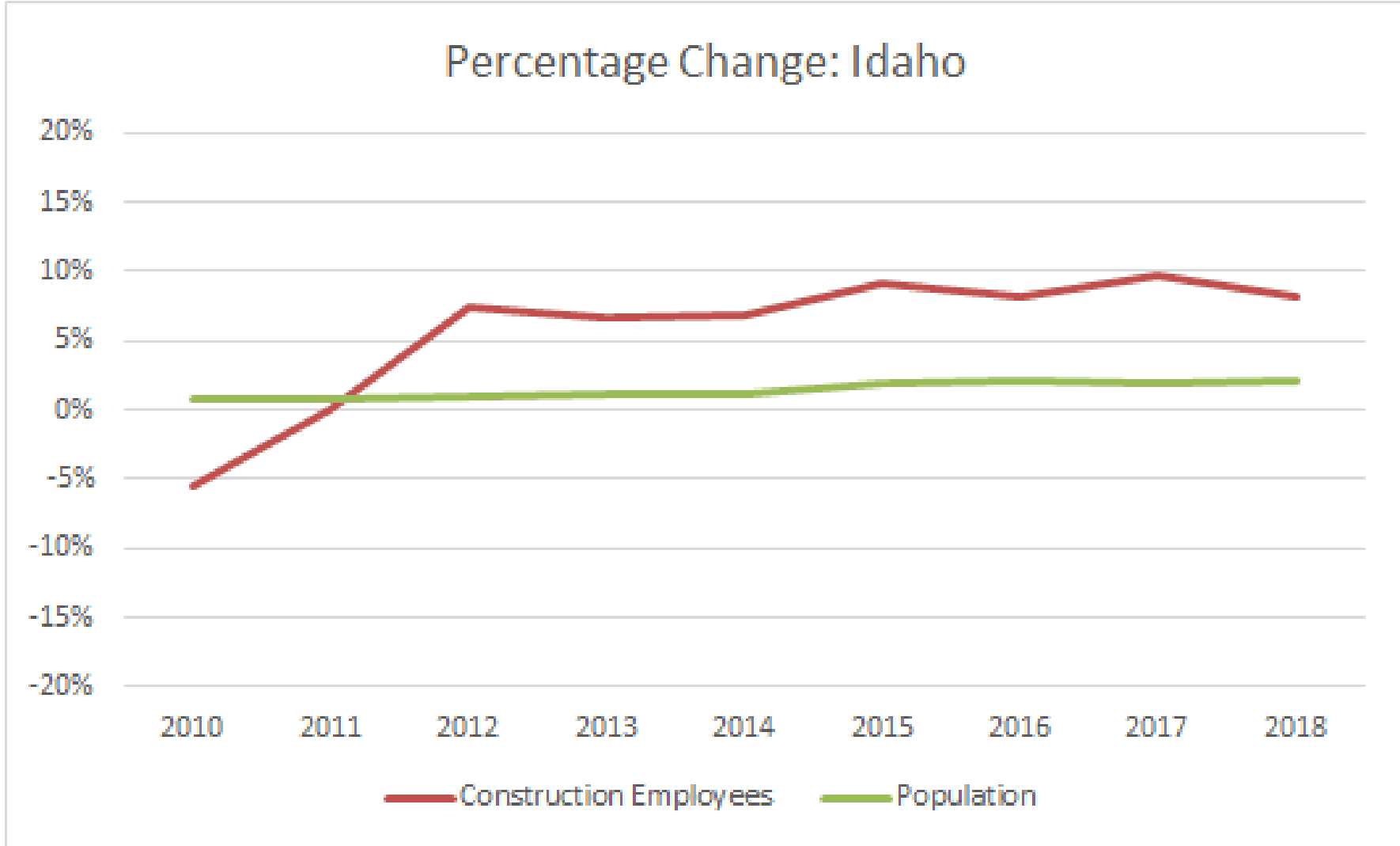
**Historical Average: 58.1**

## Rexburg October High Temperatures





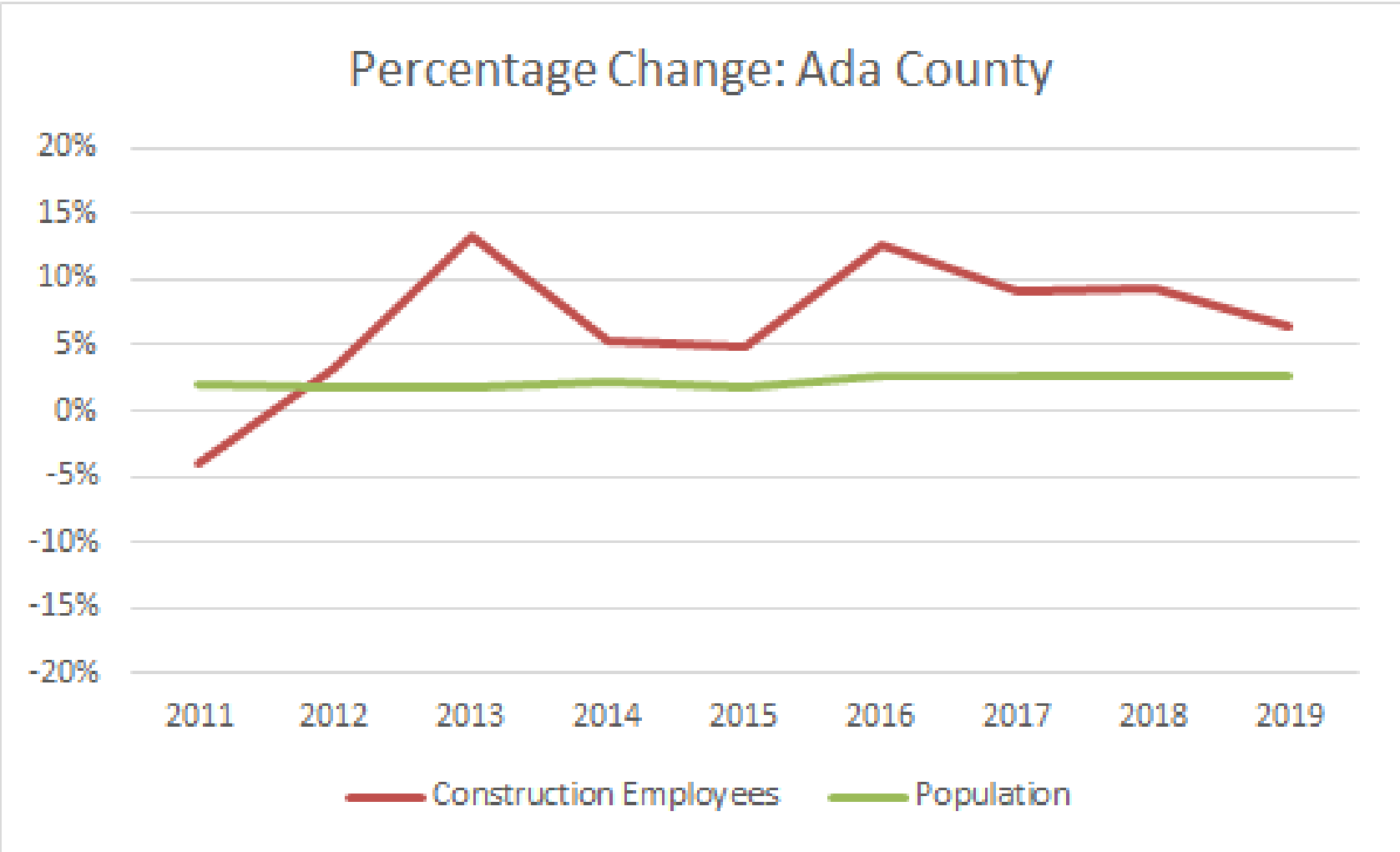
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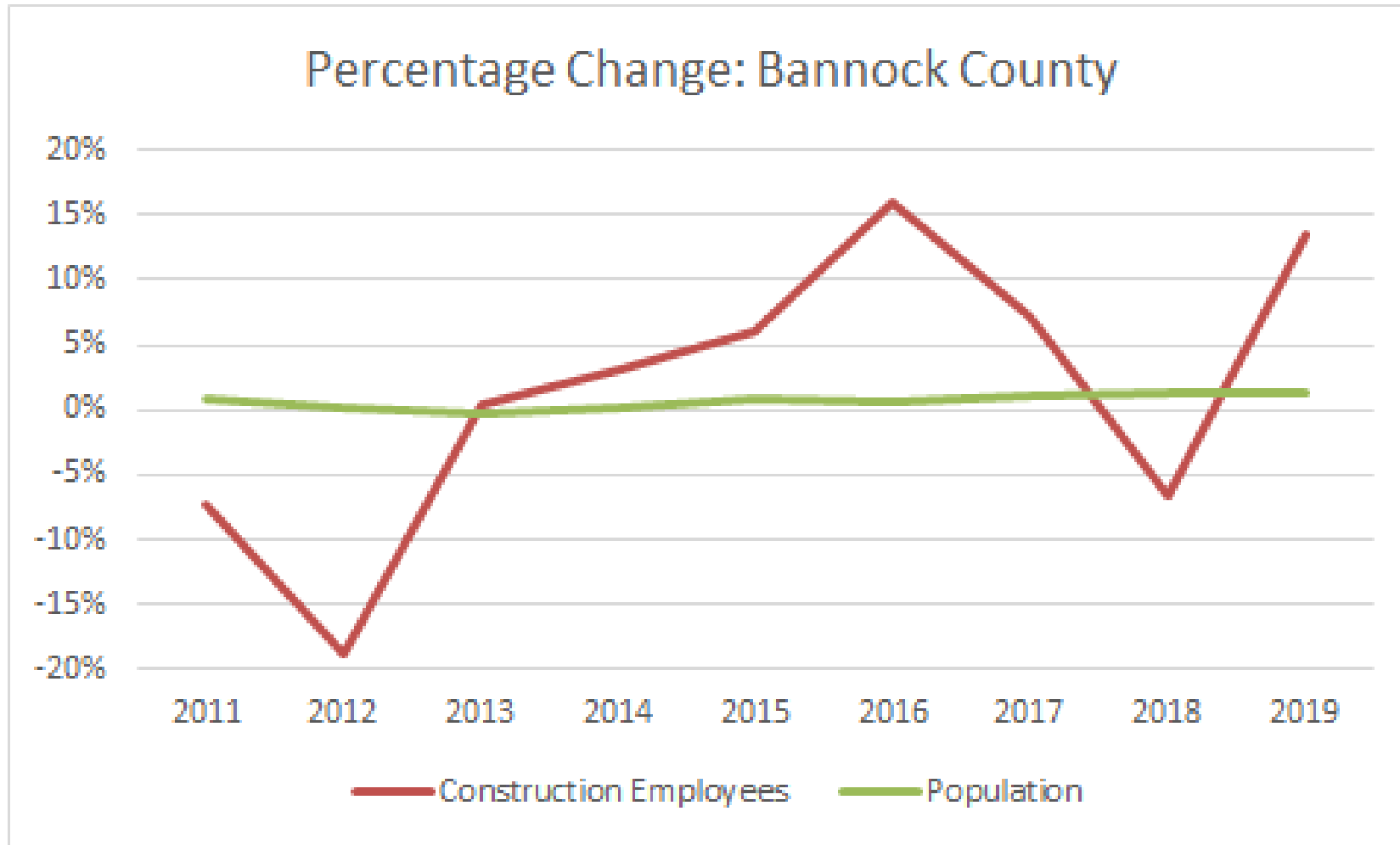
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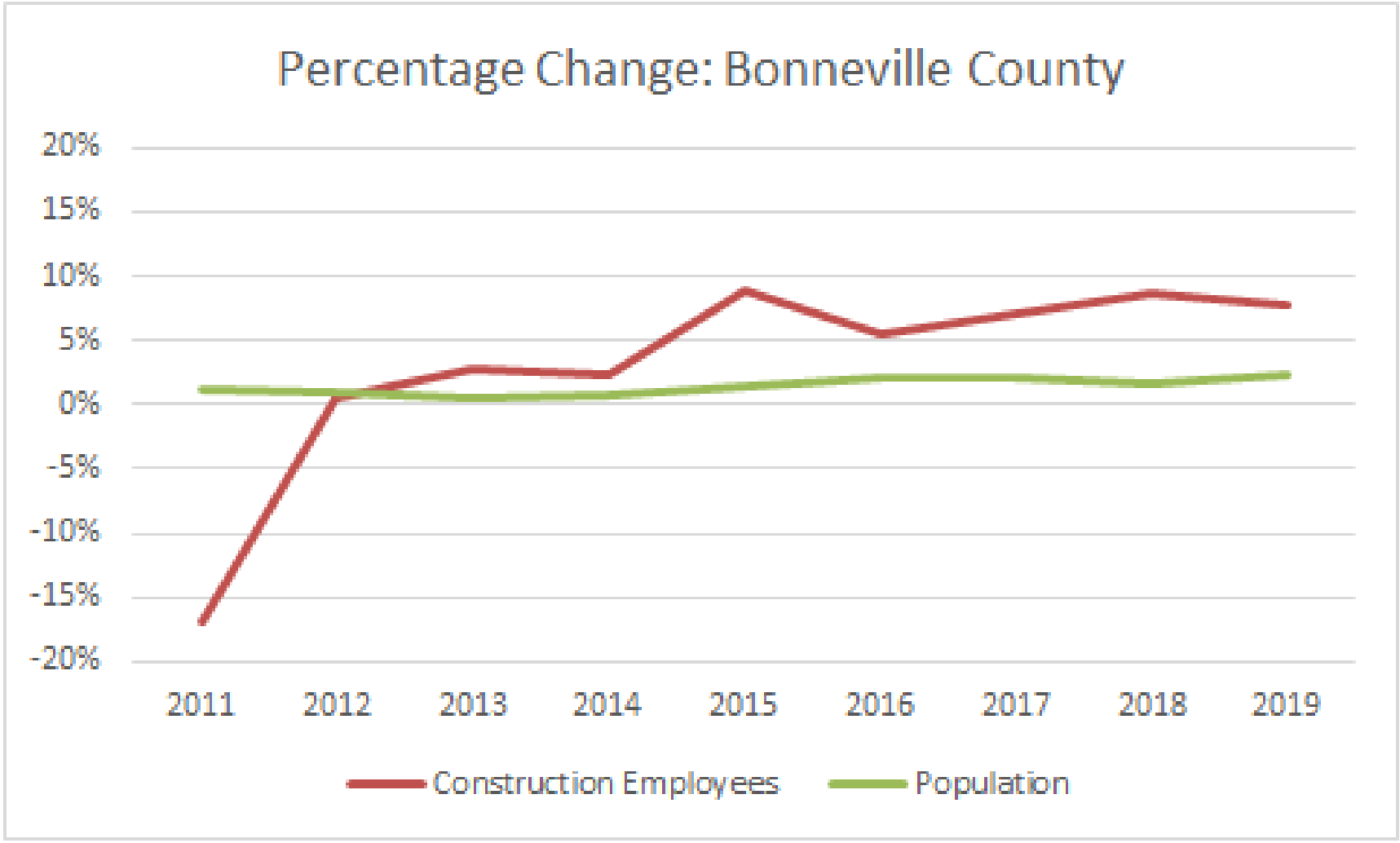
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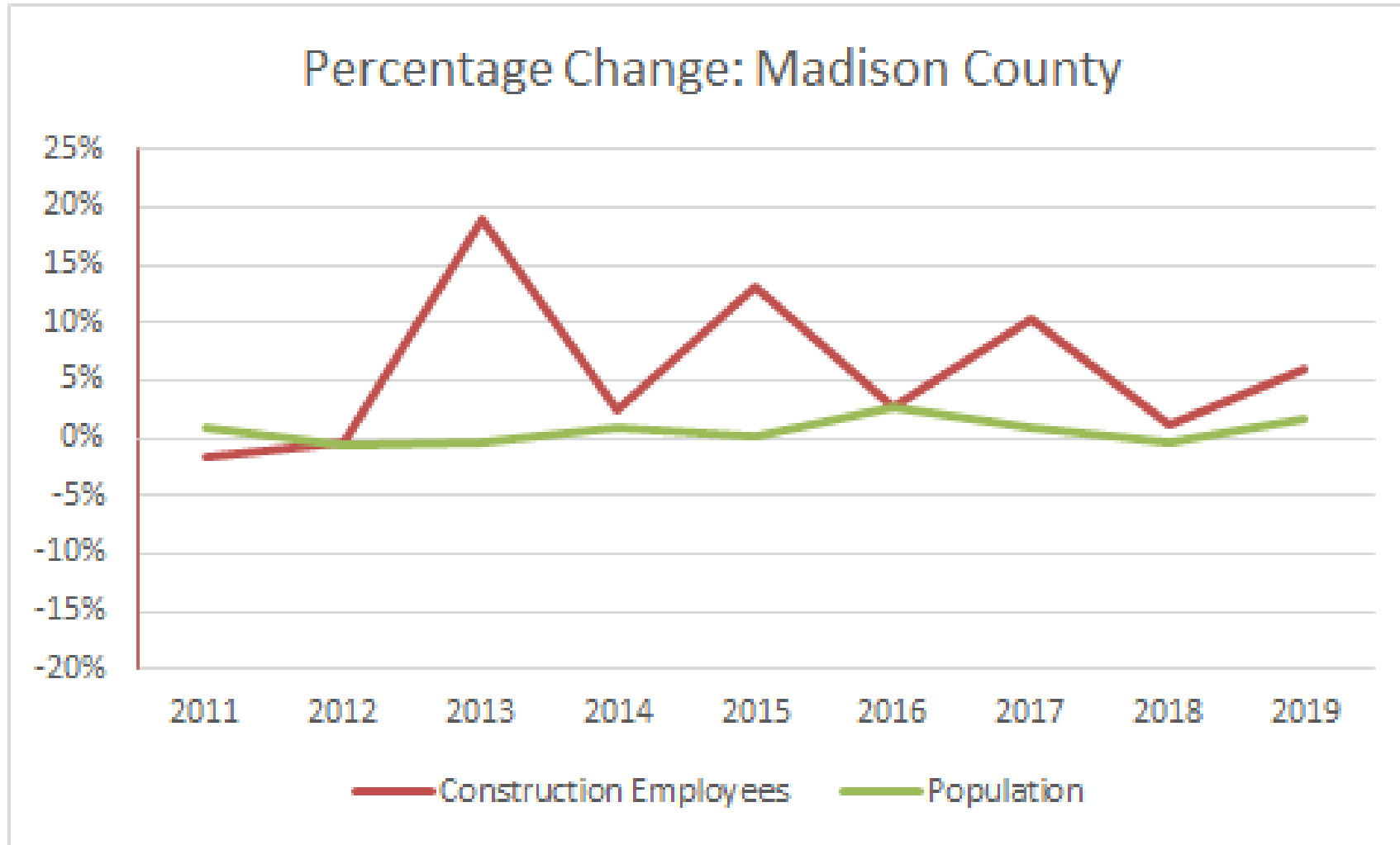
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# Construction Employees Compared to Population

\*This shows the number of residents in the given area for every 1 construction employee

Number of Residents per Construction Employee					
Year	Statewide	Ada County	Bannock County	Bonneville County	Madison County
2010	47	42	50	39	101
2011	49	44	54	48	104
2012	50	44	67	48	103
2013	47	39	66	47	87
2014	45	38	65	46	85
2015	43	37	61	43	76
2016	40	34	53	41	76
2017	38	32	50	40	69
2018	35	30	54	37	68
2019	33	29	49	35	66

## Social Media Polls

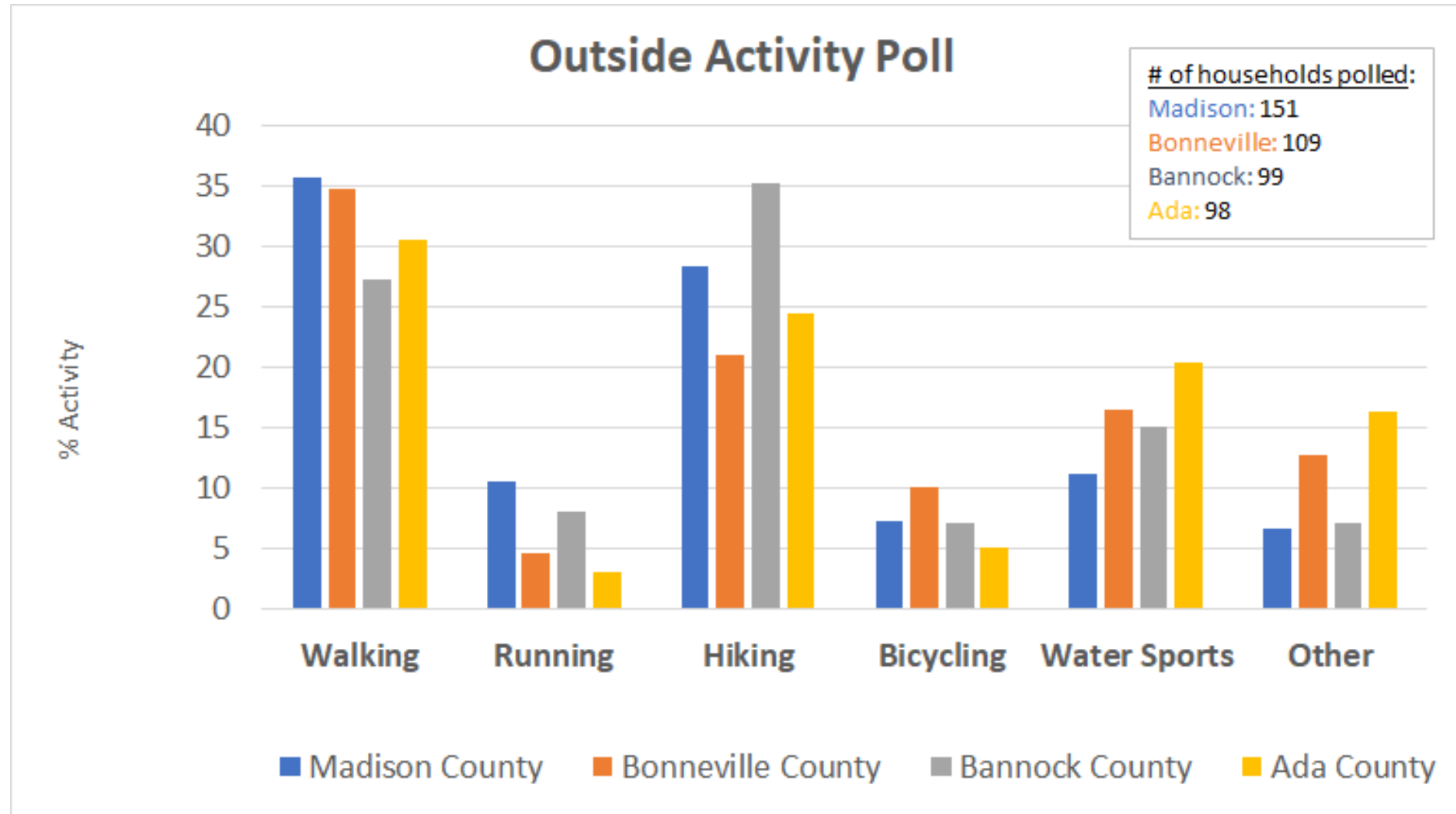
The RBDC is conducting polls with key questions each week. The goal of these polls is to see how households and individuals are being impacted by current economic situations.

## New This Week

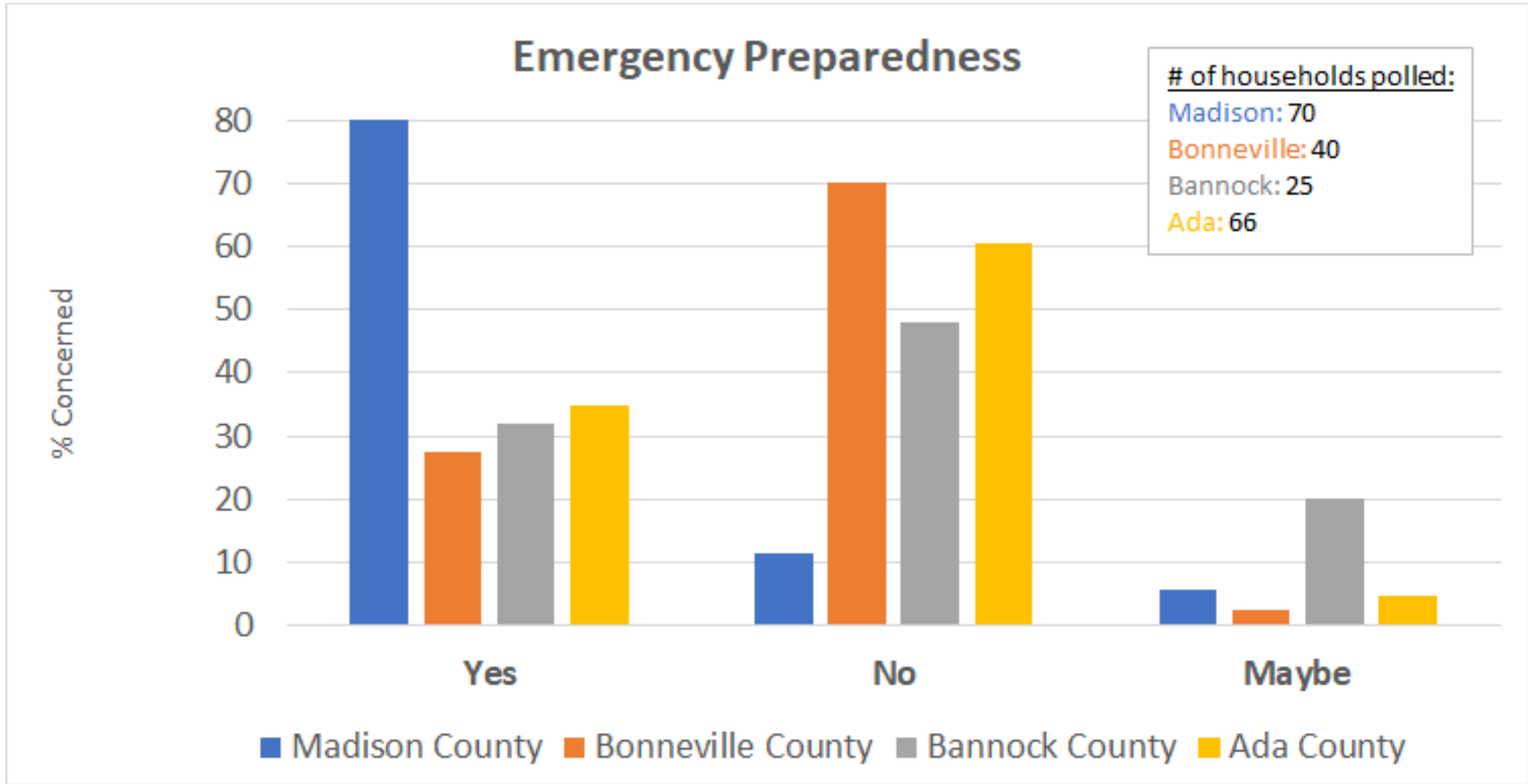
- Due to the current pandemic, many feel they have been spending more time outside enjoying various activities. The more sought out activities have been walking and hiking.
- With the onset of several natural disasters as well as the global pandemic; some residents have been more concerned about emergency preparedness. Madison County seems to be far more concerned than residents in other Idaho counties.
- Since the introduction of COVID, residents in Eastern Idaho and Ada County feel they have not changed their collection habits of toilet paper.



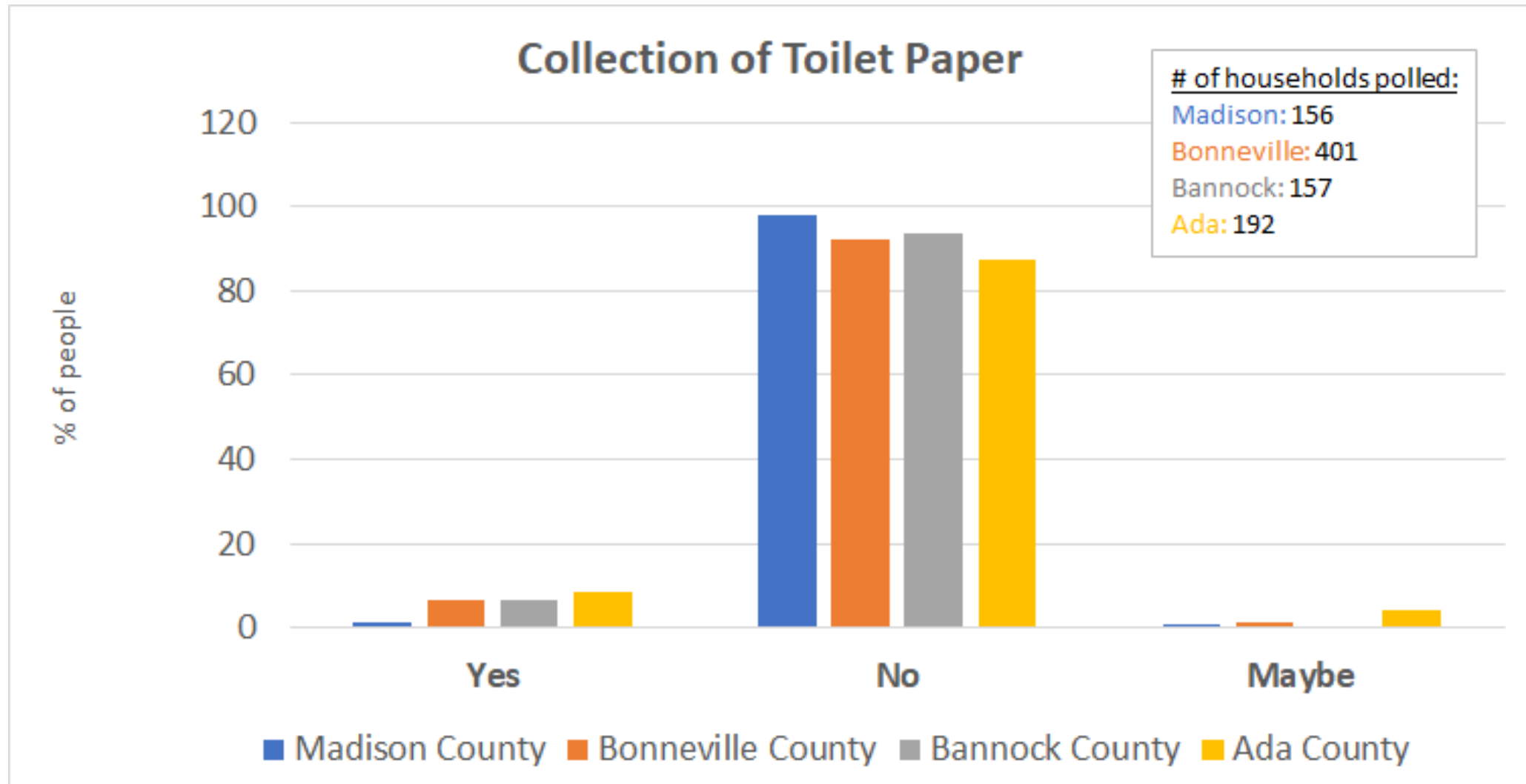
Due to the pandemic, many spent more time outside enjoying these activities:



Those concerned about emergency preparedness due to the pandemic and other natural disasters:



Since the introduction of COVID, has your collection habits of toilet paper changed?





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