

Idaho

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“Budget stability and fiscal responsibility also are key parts of our State efforts to promote economic development and job creation. They are essential to enabling existing businesses to grow and new enterprises to make their home here, as well as advancing the kinds of public-private partnerships that will be an increasing part of America’s 21st century social dynamic.”

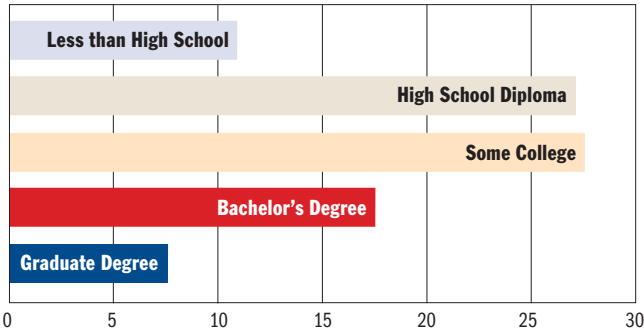
— Gov. C. L. Otter, January 7, 2013, State of the State and Budget Address

Governor: C. L. Otter (R) commerce.idaho.gov

Right-to-work state: Yes

Population 2013: 1,603,207 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018:** 3.92% **Median household income:** \$50,811 **Median age:** 34.7

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	42 (\$50,976*)
Business Tax Climate	18
Small Business Policy	32
Career Readiness Certificates	48 (58)
High School Graduation	13
Health	12

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- House Bill 100 codifies the rules currently on the books associated with how moneys in the Business and Jobs Development Fund are to be expended, adds that the local governments use some matching funds for these moneys, and renames the fund the Idaho Opportunity Fund.

- H 1 is the annual tax conformity bill, which conforms provisions in state tax law with Internal Revenue Code in an effort to simplify the tax structure.
- S 1145 extends the sunset of current law that reduces the tax on worker's compensation premiums from 2.5 percent to 2.0 percent through December 31, 2015.