

Labor Market of the Silver Valley



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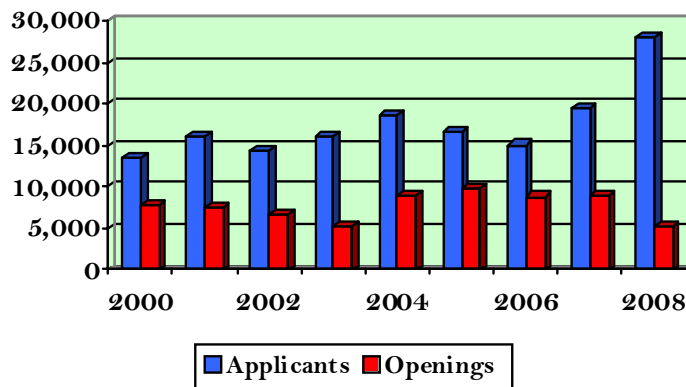
This page and the following page provide statistics about job service applicants registered with the Idaho Department of Labor (formerly known as Job Service) offices in the Silver Valley and Coeur d'Alene and job openings listed by employers with the two offices. These statistics grossly understate the potential labor force because:

- (1) Many job seekers do not register with any Job Service offices.
- (2) Many people who already are working would be willing to change jobs and occupations, if given opportunities for higher pay, more year-around work, better benefits, more hours of work, greater flexibility, or more interesting responsibilities. Hundreds of Shoshone County residents commute to Kootenai County or even to Montana or Washington State for work, and would be pleased to accept jobs closer to home. About 1,000 Shoshone County residents work outside the county.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009:

- ☞ 42 percent of the adult applicants had completed high school and received no additional schooling and
- ☞ 48 percent had attended college or technical school after high school.

Job Applicants & Openings



From 2000 to 2008, job applicants registered with the Idaho Department of Labor offices in the Silver Valley and Coeur d'Alene more than doubled from 13,548 to 28,034, while job openings fell 32% from 7,769 to 5,296.