# Idaho ENERGY AND EMPLOYMENT - 2022

# **Overview**

Idaho had 32,356 energy workers statewide in 2021, representing 0.4% of all U.S. energy jobs. Of these energy jobs, 2,439 are in electric power generation; 2,060 in fuels; 6,647 in transmission, distribution, and storage; 8,684 in energy efficiency; and 12,527 in motor vehicles. From 2020 to 2021, energy jobs in the state increased 1,513 jobs, or 4.9%. The energy sector in Idaho represents 4.1% of total state employment.

## Figure ID-1.

#### **Employment by Major Energy Technology Application**



# **Breakdown by Technology Applications**

#### **Electric Power Generation**

The electric power generation sector employed 2,439 workers in Idaho, 0.3% of the national electricity total, and added 282 jobs over the past year (13.1%).

#### Figure ID-2.

#### Electric Power Generation Employment by Detailed Technology Application



Construction work represents the largest industry sector in the electric power generation sector, with 30.5% of jobs. Professional and business services is second largest with 26.7%.





## **Fuels**

The fuel sector employed 2,060 workers in Idaho, 0.2% of the national total in fuels. The sector gained 24 jobs and increased 1.2% in the past year.



#### Figure ID-4. Fuels Employment by Detailed Technology Application

Professional and business services jobs represent 38.4% of fuel jobs in Idaho.

## Figure ID-5. Fuels Employment by Industry Sector



## Transmission, Distribution and Storage

The transmission, distribution, and storage (TDS) sector employed 6,647 workers in Idaho, 0.2% of the national TDS total. The sector lost 447 jobs and decreased 6.3% in the past year.

#### Figure ID-6. Transmission, Distribution and Storage Employment by Detailed Technology



Utilities work represents the greatest proportion of TDS jobs in Idaho, accounting for 31.8% of the sector's jobs statewide.

#### Figure ID-7. Transmission, Distribution and Storage Employment by Industry Sector



## **Energy Efficiency**

The energy efficiency (EE) sector employed 8,684 workers in Idaho, 0.4% of the national EE total. The EE sector added 365 jobs and increased 4.4% in the past year.





EE employment is primarily found in the construction industry.

#### Figure ID-9. Energy Efficiency Employment by Industry Sector



## Motor Vehicles and Component Parts

The motor vehicles and component sector employed 12,527 workers in Idaho, 0.5% of the national total for the sector. Motor vehicles and component parts added 1,288 jobs and increased 11.5% in the past year. Repair and maintenance work represents the largest proportion of motor vehicle jobs.

#### Figure ID-10. Motor Vehicle Employment by Industry Sector



## **Workforce Characteristics**

#### Employer Growth

Employers in Idaho are less optimistic than their peers across the country about energy sector job growth over the next year.

#### Table ID-1

#### Projected Growth by Major Technology Application

Technology	State Projected Growth Next 12 Months (percent)	U.S. Projected Growth Next 12 Months (percent)	
Electric Power Generation	-0.4	2.2	
Electric Power Transmission, Distribution, and Storage	-0.9	1.1	
Energy Efficiency	-0.6	1.7	
Fuels	0.0	3.0	
Motor Vehicles	0.1	3.2	

# Hiring Difficulty

Employers in Idaho reported 50.9% overall hiring difficulty.

## Table ID-2 Hiring Difficulty

Hiring Difficulty	Very Difficult (percent)	Somewhat Difficult (percent)	Not at All Difficult (percent)	Did Not Hire (percent)	Overall Hiring Difficulty
Overall	25.3	25.7	10.8	38.3	50.9