



## IDAHO

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### MAJOR CITIES:

North Idaho	Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston
West Idaho	Boise City, Nampa
East Idaho	Idaho Falls
South Idaho	Pocatello

### IDAHO – CLIMATE

The four seasons are distinct in all parts of Idaho, but not simultaneous. Spring comes earlier and winter later to Boise and Lewiston, which are protected from severe weather by nearby mountains and call themselves "banana belts." Eastern Idaho has a more continental climate, with more extreme temperatures; climatic conditions there and elsewhere vary with the elevation. Mean temperatures in Boise range from 29°F (−2°C) in January to 74°F (23°C) in July. The record low, −60°F (−51°C), was set at Island Park Dam on 16 January 1943; the record high, 118°F

(48°C), at Orofino on 28 July 1934. The corresponding extremes for Boise are −23°F (−31°C) and 111°F (44°C).

Humidity is low throughout the state. Precipitation in southern Idaho averages 13 in (33 cm) per year; in the north, over 30 in (76 cm). Average annual precipitation (1971–2000) at Boise was 12.2 in (31 cm), with more than 21 in (53 cm) of snow. Much greater accumulations of snow are experienced in the mountains.

City	Elevation	Annual Precip.	Mean Snowfall	July High Temp.	January Low Temp.
Boise	2,840 ft.	12.1 in.	21.3 in.	90.2	21.6
Coeur d'Alene	2,158 ft.	25.9 in.	52.2 in.	85.4	23.3
Idaho Falls	4,730 ft.	10.9 in.	37.5 in.	86.0	10.0
Lewiston	1,440 ft.	12.4 in.	19.8 in.	89.0	27.6
Pocatello	4,450 ft.	12.1 in.	47.2 in.	88.1	14.4
Twin Falls	3,670 ft.	10.4 in.	31.3 in.	85.0	18.6

## **Temperature**

The highest annual average temperatures for Idaho are found in the lower elevations of the Clearwater and Little Salmon River Basins, and in the stretch of the Snake River Valley from the vicinity of Bliss downstream to Lewiston, including the open valleys of the Boise, Payette, and Weiser Rivers. At Swan Falls the annual mean is 55° F, the highest in the State. Obsidian, at an elevation of 6,780 feet in Custer County, has the lowest annual average, 35.4° F, with such places as Sun Valley, Stanley and Island Park not far behind.

In the basin of the Snake River and its tributaries, between Twin Falls and Idaho Falls, monthly mean temperatures of 32° F or lower persist from December through February, while downstream from Twin Falls, at the lower elevations, monthly mean temperatures are freezing or below only in December and January. Low-level areas like Riggins and Lewiston show no month in the year with mean temperature of 32° F or lower.

Boise temperatures can range from very chilly winters to very hot summers. The coldest monthly mean minimum temperature has been -20° F, and the warmest monthly mean maximum 104° F.

## **Precipitation**

To a large extent, the source of moisture for precipitation in Idaho is the Pacific Ocean. In summer, there are some exceptions to this when moisture-laden air is brought in from the south at high levels to produce thunderstorm activity, particularly in the eastern part of Idaho.

Sizeable areas in the Clearwater, Payette, and Boise River Basins receive an average of 40 to 50 inches per year, with a few points or small areas receiving in excess of 60 inches. Large areas including the northeastern valleys, much of the Upper Snake River Plains, Central Plains, and the lower elevations of the Southwestern Valleys receive less than 10 inches annually.

## **Snowfall**

Snowfall distribution is affected both by availability of moisture and by elevation. Annual snowfall totals in North Idaho have reached nearly 500 inches in the past. The greatest long-term (1942-56) seasonal average was 182 inches at Mullan Pass, while the greatest snow depth (also 182 inches) was recorded at that station on February 20, 1954. The major mountain ranges of the state accumulate a deep snow cover during the winter months, and the release of water from the melting snowpack in late spring furnishes irrigation water for more than two million acres, mainly within the Snake River Basin above Weiser.

## **Sunshine**

The annual average percentage of possible sunshine ranges from about 50 in the north to about 70 in the south. Winter, with its frequent periods of cloudy weather, has about 40 percent of possible sunshine in the large open valleys of the south and less than 30 percent in the north. In July and August the average percentage rises to the upper 80s in the southwest and to near 80 in the east and north.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boise,\\_Idaho#Climate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boise,_Idaho#Climate)

click here for more information about Idaho climate.

# **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

<https://visitidaho.org/things-to-do/>

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- **American Falls Theatre Guild, Inc**

American Falls Theatre Guild presents 5 Theatre Productions a year.

- **Nearest Community:** Pocatello
- **Region:** Southeastern
- **Type:** Arts & Culture

- **Anne Reed Gallery**

The first gallery in the state to exhibit large-scale contemporary photographs.

**Nearest Community:** Ketchum  
**Region:** Central  
**Type:** Arts & Culture

- **Art Under the Elms**

3-Day artisans fair with over 100 artists booths, over 20 delicious food vendors, a family fun fair with attractions, and LIVE entertainment on two stages! Signature event of the Dogwood Festival.

**Nearest Community:** Lewiston  
**Region:** North Central  
**Type:** Arts & Culture

- **Basque Museum and Cultural Center**

More Basques reside in Boise than any other city in America - learn about their history and culture with exhibits, archives, a library and a gift shop.

- **Nearest Community:** Boise
- **Region:** Southwestern
- **Type:** Arts & Culture

- **Atlanta Area**

Atlanta is a small mining town on the west side of the Sawtooth Mountains, established in 1864. The small community boasts hot springs, historic buildings and breathtaking views of Greylock Mountain.

- **Nearest Community:** Atlanta
- **Region:** Southwestern
- **Type:** Ghost/Mining Era Towns

[http://www.ehow.com/info\\_8177053\\_cultural-activities-Idaho.html](http://www.ehow.com/info_8177053_cultural-activities-Idaho.html)

## GROCERY SHOPPING

Save-A-Lot Albertsons Edwards Food Giant Harris Teeter Archie's IGA Plus Rosauers Supermarkets	Bi-Lo, LLC Whole Foods Market, Inc. Wal-Mart Costco Wholesale Publix Super Market
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[http://idaho.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery\\_stores.html](http://idaho.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery_stores.html) Click here for more information

## SHOPPING

Area	City	Mall
Boise area	Boise ID	<a href="#">Boise Factory Outlets</a>
Boise area	Boise ID	<a href="#">Boise Towne Square</a>
Boise area	Nampa ID	<a href="#">Karcher Mall</a>
Eastern ID	Idaho Falls ID	<a href="#">Grand Teton Mall</a>
Eastern ID	Pocatello ID	<a href="#">Pine Ridge Mall</a>
Eastern ID	Twin Falls ID	<a href="#">Magic Valley Mall</a>
	Lewiston ID	<a href="#">Lewiston Center Mall</a>
	Moscow ID	<a href="#">Palouse Mall</a>
Northern ID	Coeur d' Alene ID	<a href="#">Silver Lake Mall</a>

<http://www.mallseeker.com/idahomalls.aspx>

## PHARMACIES

Walgreens

K Mart

Sav-On Pharmacy

Fred Meyer Pharmacy

Hy-Way Pharmacy

Rite Aid

Sam's Club Pharmacy

Costco

Albertson's Pharmacy

Wal-Mart

## **POST OFFICES/SHIPPING**



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/ID.html>

click here for more information/type in your city and state.



<http://local.fedex.com/id/idaho-falls/>

click here for more information/type in your city and state under "Find A Location"



[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

click here for more information/type in the city and state where you are living.

## **TIME ZONES**

### **Idaho Time Zone - Idaho Current Local Time – Mountain Daylight Time**

12 March      to      05 November

<http://localtimes.info/search/?s=Idaho&x=0&y=0>

type in the state where you live by the "spy glass"

## **COST OF LIVING IN IDAHO**

Cost of Living	Idaho, ID	United States
<a href="#">Overall</a>	100.2	100
<a href="#">Grocery</a>	101.4	100
<a href="#">Health</a>	94.1	100
<a href="#">Housing</a>	116.5	100
<a href="#">Utilities</a>	89	100
<a href="#">Transportation</a>	87.8	100
<a href="#">Miscellaneous</a>	95.3	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Idaho, ID is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Idaho, ID is more expensive.

Overall, Idaho, ID cost of living is 100.2.

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/Idaho](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/Idaho) click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2019 Minimum Wage	2019 Tipped Wage
ID	\$7.25	\$3.35

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm#stateDetails>  
click here for more information/click on the state where you are currently living.

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<http://www.iic.idaho.gov/>  
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## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

IRC (IDA-RIDE Corporation)	Boise City
Valley Regional Transit	Boise City
PRT (Pocatello Regional Transit	Pocatello
ISUCE (Idaho State University Commuter Express)	Pocatello
Grizzly Transportation	Coeur d'Alene
NICE (North Idaho Community Express)	Coeur d'Alene
TRPTA (Targhee Regional Public Transportation)	Idaho Falls
PTA (Targhee Regional Public Transit Authority)	Idaho Falls

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/>  
click here for more information