2003 Idaho Sport Fishing Economic Report

Butte County

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Making Idaho's Fishing Dollars Work For You...

Current information about the substantial economic benefit of sport fishing in Idaho has not been available to local and county businesses and government. Idaho Department of Fish and Game conducted a mail survey by sending out 48,000 surveys to Idaho fishing license holders in 2003. The 25,583 completed responses are used for these results of the **Idaho 2003 Angler Economic Activity**. The following is economic information developed by Idaho Department of Fish and Game about fishing at the statewide level, county levels and selected waters.

STATEWIDE

In 2003, Idaho's population was 1,366,332 with one in four eligible people residing in Idaho purchasing a fishing license. There were 424,375 fishing licenses and 106,759 permits (chinook/steelhead/2 pole permits) sold to 400,824 individuals of which 124,297 were non-residents.

Fishing in Idaho generated $437,631,735 in statewide retail sales in 2003 with an additional $12,289,806 for fishing licenses and permits. Anglers fished 3,908,747 days on 2,917,972 trips with an average of 1.3 days per trip and 5.1 hours per day and $150 per trip.

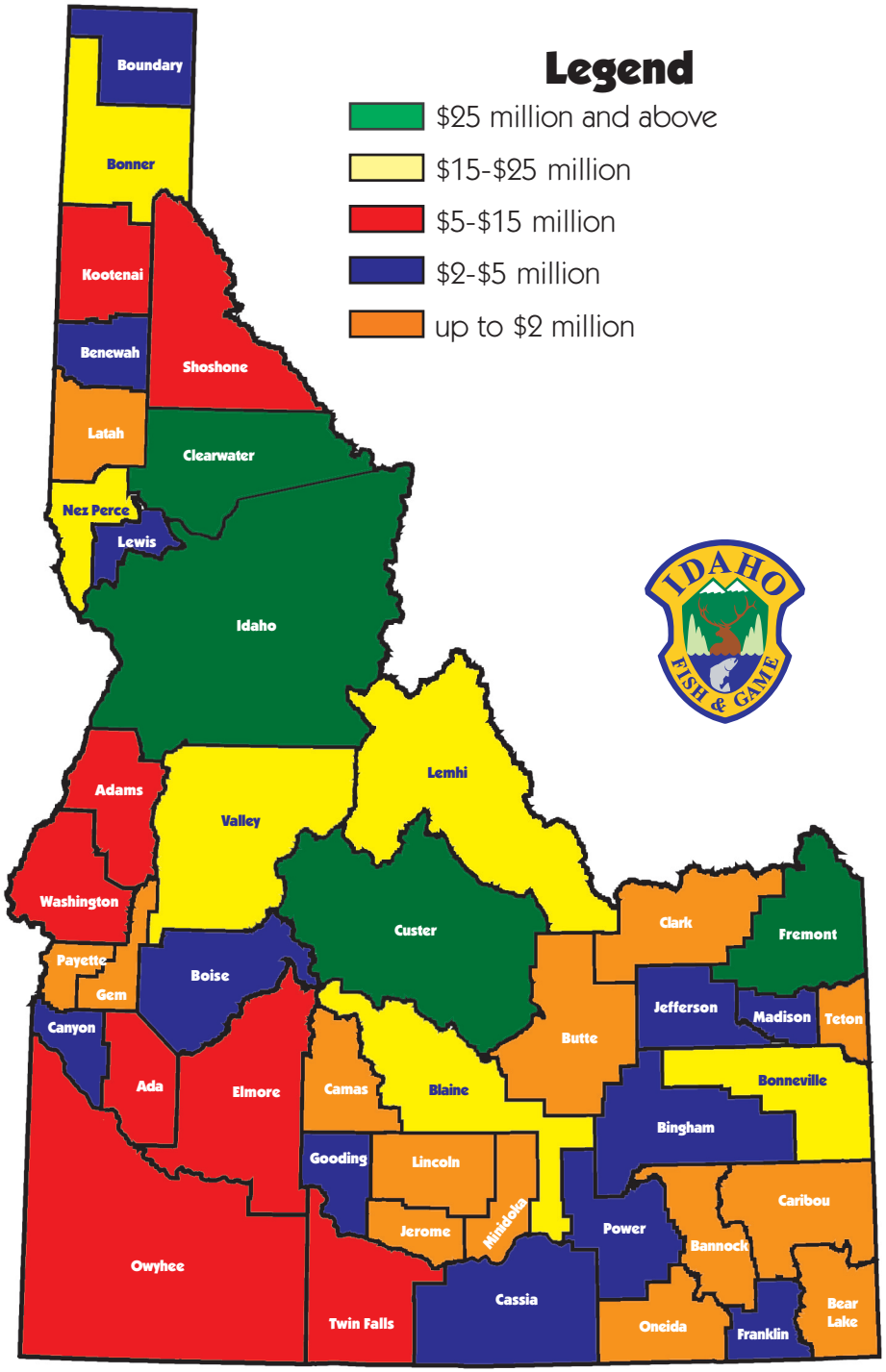
- $106,027,912 was spent on food and beverages in stores
- $ 42,241,442 was spent on food and beverages in restaurants
- $ 61,857,157 was spent on fishing supplies
- $ 59,982,392 was spent on other equipment and supplies
- $ 91,115,794 was spent on round-trip transportation
- $ 31,495,818 was spent on outfitters and/or guides
- $ 29,358,536 was spent on motels
- $ 10,008,279 was spent on campgrounds (public and/or private)
- $ 5,544,405 was spent on Access Fees (boat launches, parking, etc)
- $ 12,289,806 was spent on fishing licenses and permits

Counties Ranked by Angler Spending

Rank	County	Estimated Total Spending	Estimated Number of Trips	Average Trip Cost
1	FREMONT	$50,815,785	167,275	$304
2	IDAHO	$41,144,327	178,305	$231
3	CUSTER	$32,877,278	107,984	$304
4	CLEARWATER	$28,316,338	131,451	$215
5	BONNER	$24,637,855	144,636	$170
6	LEMHI	$23,216,577	81,205	$286
7	VALLEY	$22,058,893	121,829	$181
8	BONNEVILLE	$18,468,047	122,117	$151
9	BLAINE	$17,557,631	89,035	$197
10	NEZ PERCE	$15,336,838	112,910	$136
11	WASHINGTON	$13,998,712	115,882	$121
12	KOOTENAI	$13,639,955	209,275	$65
13	OWYHEE	$12,428,646	110,498	$112
14	ELMORE	$11,198,051	85,975	$130
15	ADAMS	$8,932,947	40,840	$219
16	SHOSHONE	$8,439,539	75,237	$112
17	ADA	$6,602,481	127,355	$52
18	TWIN FALLS	$5,755,453	94,672	$61
19	BOISE	$4,225,916	42,225	$100
20	CANYON	$3,730,208	68,802	$54
21	FRANKLIN	$3,702,381	43,475	$85
22	BINGHAM	$3,549,896	44,953	$79
23	MADISON	$3,198,646	12,619	$253
24	GOODING	$3,159,053	55,241	$57
25	CASSIA	$3,118,993	37,179	$84
26	POWER	$2,827,838	33,765	$84
27	BOUNDARY	$2,739,638	37,089	$74
28	BENEWAH	$2,682,359	19,611	$137
29	LEWIS	$2,143,510	24,744	$87
30	JEFFERSON	$2,003,564	26,825	$75
31	CARIBOU	$1,983,982	25,409	$78
32	CLARK	$1,807,823	18,530	$98
33	PAYETTE	$1,687,113	19,847	$85
34	ONEIDA	$1,510,673	25,538	$59
35	GEM	$1,363,499	23,562	$58
36	BEAR LAKE	$1,316,580	15,212	$87
37	BANNOCK	$1,083,198	18,006	$60
38	LATAH	$1,009,665	27,185	$37
39	TETON	$968,332	9,158	$106
40	CAMAS	$437,817	4,181	$105
41	BUTTE	$378,946	3,442	$110
42	JEROME	$304,683	5,773	$53
43	MINIDOKA	$249,677	8,619	$29
44	LINCOLN	$112,514	2,170	$52

Anglers also spent and additional $30,909,878 in unspecified counties

Spending while fishing in each county in Idaho during 2003



BUTTE COUNTY

Spending by anglers on fishing trips to Butte County ranked 41st out of 44 in 2003. Anglers fished 4,611 days on 3,442 trips to Butte County spending an average of $110 per trip. Angler spending on fishing with destinations in Butte County was $378,946 in 2003. Anglers spent an additional $27,181 on fishing licenses and permits purchased in Butte County.

- $ 189,279 was spent on food and beverages in stores
- $ 7,323 was spent on food and beverages in restaurants
- $ 28,600 was spent on fishing supplies
- $ 79,027 was spent on other equipment and supplies
- $ 72,042 was spent on round-trip transportation
- $ —— was spent on outfitters and/or guides
- $ —— was spent on motels
- $ 2,675 was spent on campgrounds (public and/or private)
- $ —— was spent on Access Fees (boat launches, parking, etc)
- $ 27,181 was spent on fishing licenses and permits purchased in Butte County

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Spending on fishing trips with destinations in Butte County and its top waters for 2003.

		Statewide Totals	Butte County	Little Lost River	Antelope Creek
Groceries	Before*	$70,393,878	$164,871	$58,838	$73,610
	During*	35,634,034	24,408	16,098	3,909
	Total	106,027,912	189,279	74,936	77,519
Restaurants	Before*	9,146,659	2,914	604	2,310
	During*	33,094,783	4,409	1,208	3,202
	Total	42,241,442	7,323	1,812	5,512
Fishing Supplies	Before*	43,766,767	24,773	11,274	9,069
	During*	18,090,390	3,827	1,071	2,756
	Total	61,857,157	28,600	12,345	11,825
Equipment	Before*	46,537,648	64,515	28,423	14,087
	During*	13,444,744	14,512	14,066	——
	Total	59,982,392	79,027	42,489	14,087
Transportation		91,115,794	72,042	20,072	33,921
Guides/Outfitters		31,495,818	——	——	——
Motels		29,358,536	——	——	——
Campgrounds		10,008,279	2,675	——	2,675
Access Fees		5,544,405	——	——	——
Total Spending		$437,631,735	$378,946	$151,654	$145,539
Total Trips		2,917,972	3,442	1,434	1,568
Average Trip Spending		$150	$110	$106	$93
Fishing License /Permit sales		$12,289,806	$27,181		

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*** "Before" is the amount of money spent "before" going on a fishing trip and "during" is the amount of money spent "during" a fishing trip.**

Additional information regarding the ***Idaho 2003 Angler Economic Activity*** can be obtained on compact disk by writing to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at:
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