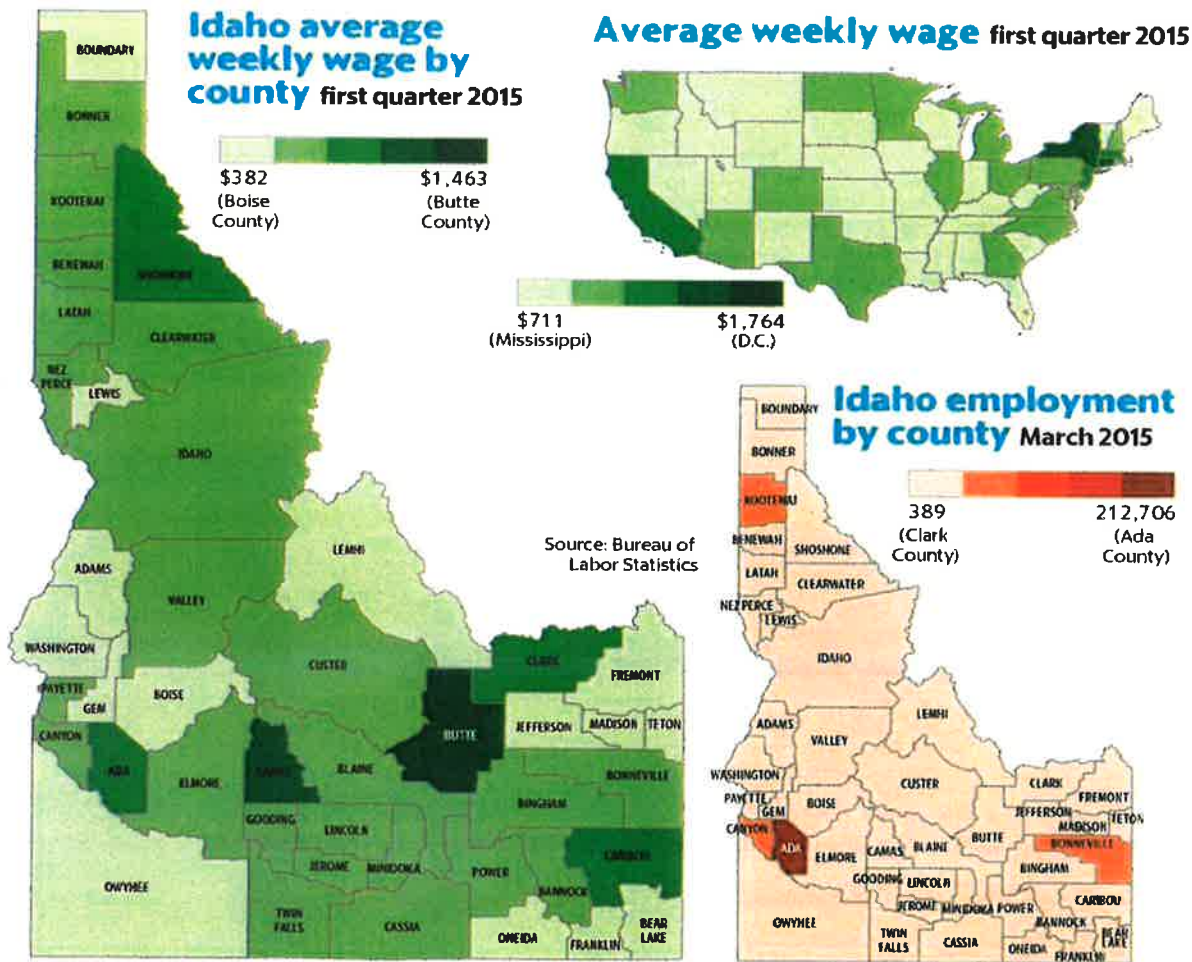


Idaho wages 50th in nation as inflation-adjusted wages fall in Boise



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Boise is among the nation's bottom 10 mid-sized metro areas for wage growth, among both the lowest- and highest-paid workers, according to Headlight Data, a data aggregation company.

Analysts reviewed U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data between 2005 and 2014. They found Boise's median wages, adjusted for inflation, declined 6.1 percent for the highest-paid workers and 8.1 percent for the lowest-paid workers.

According to BLS data for the first quarter of 2015, the average weekly wage in Ada County was \$873. In Canyon County, it was \$630. The average statewide was \$736, compared with \$1,048 nationwide and ranking Idaho 50th in the U.S. for wages, ahead of only Mississippi.

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