



2135 South Ammon Road, Ammon, Idaho 83406

The City of Ammon

The City of Ammon has its own unique sense of community. Even as the City sustains solid growth rates, the citizens continue to value the quality of life associated with a less-urbanized lifestyle. It is the intent of the City that elected officials and staff be accessible to all of its citizens. Interested parties are welcome at public meetings and citizen input is important.

The City of Ammon is fiscally conservative. Objectives are accomplished through City planning and budgeting as well as the use of volunteers. Many good things are accomplished through the volunteer efforts of citizens, church groups, civic groups, and scout projects. Because of these efforts and the diligence of government leaders, Ammon maintains a low property tax rate relative to other cities within the state.

The City supports youth and families through City sponsored/non sponsored activities, programs, and events; such as swimming, T-ball, girls softball, Movies in the Park, Ammon Days, indoor soccer, little league programs, and activities for youth. Walking paths are found around Ammon Town Center, Peterson Park, Eagle Point Park and McCowin Park with proposed additions to other parks. It is the intent of City officials to work with local school officials to ensure that educational facilities and infrastructure are available as the local school population grows.

As of September 30, 2013, the City of Ammon has one Mayor, six Council Members, 31 full-time employees, and 33 paid call firefighters.

Statistics about Ammon, Idaho Taken from the US Census Bureau

People QuickFacts	Ammon	Idaho
Population, 2012 estimate	14,199	1,595,728
Population, 2010 (April 1) estimates base	13,810	1,567,652
Population, percent change, April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012	2.80%	1.80%
Population, 2010	13,816	1,567,582
Persons under 5 years, percent, 2010	10.60%	7.80%
Persons under 18 years, percent, 2010	36.30%	27.40%
Persons 65 years and over, percent, 2010	9.80%	12.40%
Female persons, percent, 2010	51.10%	49.90%
White alone, percent, 2010 (a)	94.10%	89.10%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2010 (a)	0.50%	0.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2010 (a)	0.50%	1.40%
Asian alone, percent, 2010 (a)	0.80%	1.20%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent, 2010 (a)	0.10%	0.10%
Two or More Races, percent, 2010	1.80%	2.50%
Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2010 (b)	6.40%	11.20%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent, 2010	90.60%	84.00%



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Living in same house 1 year & over, percent, 2007-2011	82.80%	82.00%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2007-2011	1.60%	5.90%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent age 5+, 2007-2011	6.80%	10.20%
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	94.80%	88.50%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25+, 2007-2011	30.20%	24.60%
Veterans, 2007-2011	891	127,438
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2007-2011	22.2	20
Housing units, 2010	4,747	667,796
Homeownership rate, 2007-2011	78.40%	70.60%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2007-2011	16.00%	15.10%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2007-2011	\$173,900	\$171,300
Households, 2007-2011	4,202	575,497
Persons per household, 2007-2011	3.08	2.64
Per capita money income in the past 12 months (2011 dollars), 2007-2011	\$20,733	\$22,788
Median household income, 2007-2011	\$55,617	\$46,890
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2007-2011	10.60%	14.30%
Business QuickFacts	Ammon	Idaho
Total number of firms, 2007	1,088	151,671
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.20%
American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.90%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	0.80%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	S
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	F	2.60%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	28.40%	23.50%
Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	NA	18,010,976
Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	12,674	14,286,715
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	246,713	20,526,631
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$19,214	\$13,691
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	25,923	2,415,951
Geography QuickFacts	Ammon	Idaho
Land area in square miles, 2010	7.26	82,643.12
Persons per square mile, 2010	1,903.60	19
FIPS Code	1990	16
Counties	Bonneville County	

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories.

D: Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information

F: Fewer than 25 firms

FN: Footnote on this item for this area in place of data



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NA: Not available

S: Suppressed; does not meet publication standards

X: Not applicable

Z: Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

Source U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, County Business Patterns, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits, Census of Governments

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Additional Information About Ammon, Idaho

There are 4,631.04 acres of land within the corporate limits of the City of Ammon.

Schools – There are eleven elementary schools within the city limits of Ammon, seven of which are operated by School District 93 and four charter schools. There is one middle school, Sandcreek Middle School which opened in 1989. There is one high school, Hillcrest High School which opened in 1992. Both of these schools are operated by School District 93.

City Hall – The Ammon City building is located at 2135 South Ammon Road and was completed in 1995. The City Parks building is located at 3270 Molen. The Public Works and Technology are located at 3451 Ard Drive.

Fire Department – The Fire Department has undergone significant changes in recent years. What was once a true volunteer organization, relying on the commitment of a score of dedicated men and women for fire protection, is now a professional department with a combination of full time firefighters and paid-call firefighters. Ammon has a highly rated fire department.

In 2000 the Fire Department moved into the current station at 2137 South Ammon Road, which houses the administrative offices and seven bays for response vehicles. In 2008, a remodel on the station was completed that added living quarters, a dedicated training room and various upgrades enabling it to be prepared for future growth.

Police – Police protection is furnished through the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department. This service is upgraded by contract with the department to provide additional service to the City above what would normally be provided for county residents. This contract adds additional coverage on a daily basis to the City and provides the services that the Sheriff's Department has to offer for major crime scenes. The City also employs a full time enforcement officer. The enforcement officer is in charge of code enforcement and animal control.

Library – The City of Ammon is part of the Bonneville County Library District, which entitles all residents the use of the Idaho Falls library.

Water – The City is presently served by the City of Ammon water system, which includes ten wells, and by the Falls Water Company. In early 2011 the City Water Department completed and occupied a new water maintenance building located at 3451 Ard Drive.



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Sewer – Two (2) sewer districts provide service to the City. The Iona-Bonneville Sewer District has jurisdiction over certain portions of the City while the rest of the City is connected to the Ammon City Sewer System. Residents served under the jurisdiction of the City of Ammon are served by the Eastern Idaho Regional Wastewater Authority (EIRWWA). The treatment plant was built in a cooperative effort between the City of Ammon, the City of Shelley, Bonneville County and Bingham County. The City connected to the treatment facility on December 5, 2011. Ammon has approximately 52 miles of sewer collection lines, 983 manholes, five sewer lift stations, and three miles of force mains.

Sanitation – The City provides garbage collection to residences and businesses. There are 4,552 cans and 173 dumpsters used to service the City.

Electricity, Gas, Telephone, Television and Internet – Electrical power is furnished throughout the City by Rocky Mountain Power, natural gas is supplied by Intermountain Gas Company, and land line based telephone service is available along with internet and cellular base services from various businesses.

Fiber – In December of 2008 a resolution establishing broadband service as an essential service for City residents was adopted. With the adoption of that resolution the City has systematically moved forward with the construction of a fiber optic system which provides broadband access to meet the needs of:

- A. City Departments
- B. Public Safety Organizations
- C. Other Publicly Owned and Operated Facilities
- D. Community Anchor Institutions
- E. Businesses
- F. Residents

Ammon currently has just under 30 miles of fiber in the ground.

The City of Ammon has nine existing parks that cover a total of approximately 59 acres:

McCowin Park, approximately 18.5 acres, supports the following amenities: an outdoor swimming facility, three tennis courts, one basketball court, three junior baseball fields also used for other field sports, two junior soccer fields with one adult soccer field, two picnic shelters with water, power, and tables, playground equipment, 0.71 mile walking/bike path with distance markers, animal clean up stations, along with four mini shelters with benches, nine station disc golf course, one volleyball court and restroom.

Lions Park, approximately 1.5 acres, includes one little league baseball diamond, playground equipment, and picnic shelter with tables.

Falcon Park is approximately 1.5 acres of open green space with trees.

Peterson Park, approximately nine acres designed with grassy hills supports two little league baseball fields also used for other field sports, two picnic shelters – one larger with water, power, and tables – and one smaller with water and tables only, ADA accessible playground equipment with mini shelter and bench, restroom facility, .50 mile walking/bike path with distance markers, mini shelter and animal clean up stations and a multi station disc golf course.

Tiebreaker Park, approximately one acre, has one small shelter with table only, and playground equipment. Adjacent to Tiebreaker Park is approximately four acres of undeveloped land that has been donated to the City to expand the park. This land will most likely be developed along with future development of the surrounding undeveloped areas adjacent to the Tiebreaker subdivision.



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Eagle's Homestead Park is ten acres and supports the following amenities: one 25' x 50' shelter with water, power, and tables, one 34' x 24' (East shelter) with water, power, and tables, one 34' x 24' (West shelter) with water and tables, restroom facility, three ADA accessible playground areas including a toddler playground with mini shelter and bench, one fitness equipment area, .57 mile walking/bike path includes three mini shelters with benches, distance markers, and animal clean up stations, one bocci court, one volleyball court, one junior soccer field and one little league baseball field.

Woodland Hills Park is 13 acres of open green space with trees supporting one playground facility and a nine station disc golf course. Additional park amenities are scheduled for future development.

Target Park, approximately one acre green space, includes two benches along a walking path that continues north behind the Ammon Town Center to 17th Street and includes a bridge over Sand Creek connecting to the Hillsdale subdivision.

Quail Ridge Park is 3.5 acres of green space with trees.

Building – The value of any City is realized in the quality and safety of its buildings, homes, and businesses. The City of Ammon's Building Department realizes this and has high standards that building contractors and building owners are required to comply with. Some of these standards include fire and life safety, accessibility, structural stability, comfort and energy efficiency. The City adopts and enforces the latest model codes required by the State of Idaho. Our City has also been a leader in energy efficiency by being one of the first in the State to require heat load calculations and duct design for homes and businesses. We also require air balance testing to certify that homes and businesses are efficient and comfortable. You may not realize the value and effort for safety, comfort, and efficiency that has gone into the homes and business buildings within our City, but you can know that they are there.

Article from <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/2013/best-cities-idaho-young-families/>

The Best Cities in Idaho for Young Families



by [Mike Anderson](#) on September 21, 2013

Families may visit Idaho for its natural spaces, but they settle down for more, including educational opportunities for their kids.

With that in mind, we asked the following questions as we analyzed cities and places across the state:

1. **Does the city have good public schools?** We measured schools' academic performance with ratings from GreatSchools. This non-profit compares a given school's standardized test scores to the state



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average to obtain a rating on a 1 to 10 scale (10 representing the highest score). Higher ratings led to a higher overall score.

2. **Can you afford to live there?** We looked at both median home values in each city and ongoing monthly home costs, including mortgage payments, real estate taxes, insurance costs, utilities, fuel and other bills. Lower costs led to a higher overall score.
3. **Is the city growing and prospering?** We assessed a city's economy by looking at median household income and income growth over the last decade. Higher income and greater growth led to a higher overall score.

Check out our cost of living calculator [here](#) as well as our mortgage rates calculator [for more information](#).

The Best Cities for Young Families

1. McCall

McCall sits on the southern edge of Payette Lake, which is known for its boating and beaches. A local high school, McCall-Donnelly, boasts a 99% graduation rate. MDHS is also an Idaho Department of Education [5-star school](#), a designation given to schools for student growth, proficiency and participation on standardized tests.

2. Rigby

Rigby is the seat of Jefferson County, in the central-eastern region of the state. In the last decade, the county saw [significant growth](#), with civilian employment increasing by 10.8% from 1996 to 2006. The government and the trade sector are the biggest employers in the area.

3. Kimberly

Kimberly is in the northwest region of Twin Falls County, located along the south-central border of Idaho. Kimberly High School was awarded a ["Go On" grant](#), which offers \$10,000 to \$40,000 in funding to support students' pursuits after high school.

4. Ammon

Ammon is located in the Upper Snake River Valley, to the east of Idaho Falls. Between 2000 and 2010, Ammon saw its population double; it grew by 123.3%. The city has [grown so quickly](#) because of its relatively low housing prices and proximity to Idaho Falls, the state's largest city outside the Boise metro area.

5. Rathdrum

Located along Idaho's western panhandle, Rathdrum is just a few miles from Coeur d'Alene, one of the state's largest metropolitan areas. The larger county boasts 245,000 acres of [national forest area](#).



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Rathdrum in particular is surrounded by mountains and is in [close proximity](#) to thirteen lakes, making it a popular location for families who love the outdoors.

6. Malad City

Malad City is the only incorporated city in Oneida County, which rests along the southeastern edge of Idaho. The city is located close to more than [half a dozen](#) universities and technical colleges and a larger metro area, Salt Lake City, 100 miles south.

7. Sandpoint

Sandpoint lies in the northern tip of Idaho and on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille, the state's largest lake. In the last several years, the city has [grown significantly](#), particularly in the retail and manufacturing sectors. The job market for the latter [nearly doubled](#) between 1996 and 2006.

8. Dalton Gardens

Dalton Gardens is on the northern border of Coeur d'Alene, the [fourth-fastest growing](#) housing market in the nation. [Top employers](#) in Dalton Gardens include service, retail and government.

9. Eagle

Eagle is a suburb of the state capital, Boise. Running through the city is the Boise River, and just a couple miles away is one of the area's most popular recreational spaces, the [Greenbelt](#), a 25-mile green pathway that runs along the water's edge.

10. Orofino

Orofino is the seat of Clearwater County, and it is known for its fresh air and [beautiful scenery](#). Clearwater River runs through the city, and the surrounding landscape gives residents an opportunity to hike, ski, hunt, golf and fish.

Rank	City	Nearest big city	GreatSchools rating	Median home value	Monthly owner costs	Median household income	Growth, '99-'11	Overall score for young families
1	McCall	—	8	\$237,000	\$1,409	\$54,545	50.5%	77.1
2	Rigby	Idaho Falls	7	\$132,200	\$1,024	\$45,089	49.3%	74.1
3	Kimberly	Twin	8	\$119,100	\$1,012	\$39,450	16.4%	71.4



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		Falls						
4	Ammon	Idaho Falls	8	\$173,900	\$1,305	\$55,617	16.3%	71.2
5	Rathdrum	Coeur d'Alene	8	\$167,200	\$1,265	\$47,285	14.9%	69.9
6	Malad City	–	7	\$113,800	\$1,033	\$38,750	20.2%	66.7
7	Sandpoint	–	7	\$217,800	\$1,282	\$41,851	28.9%	65.7
8	Dalton Gardens	Coeur d'Alene	7	\$338,000	\$1,612	\$58,269	30.8%	64.5
9	Eagle	Boise	7	\$332,100	\$1,970	\$80,724	23.6%	64.4
10	Orofino	–	5	\$113,300	\$911	\$45,536	48.9%	64.1

Methodology

The overall score for each city was derived from the following measures:

1. [GreatSchools](#) city rating. GreatSchools city ratings are calculated by averaging the weighted overall rating for each school in the city (weighted by the number of students enrolled at the school)
2. Median home value from the U.S. Census (2011 ACS, data set DP04, half-weighted)
3. Monthly homeowner costs from the U.S. Census (2011 ACS, data set DP04, half-weighted)
4. Median household income from the U.S. Census (2011 ACS, data set DP03, half-weighted)
5. Income change between 1999 and 2011 from the U.S. Census (data sets P053 and DP03, half-weighted)

63 Idaho cities and areas designated as places by the U.S. Census were included in this analysis. Only places with a population greater than 2,000 were considered.