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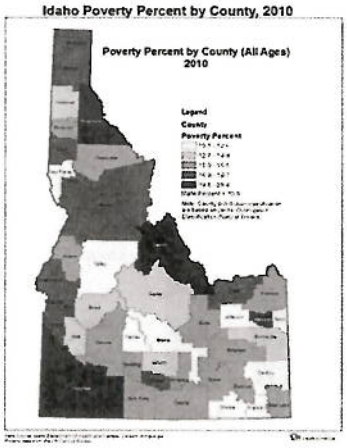
Current Program Trends

Idaho Poverty Percent by County, 2010



- Poverty is the primary driver for many public assistance programs.
- In 2006, Idaho had a lower poverty rate than the national rate. Idaho was 12.8%, while nationally, 13.3% lived below poverty.
- In 2010, Idaho poverty estimates exceeded national averages. An estimated 15.8% of Idaho citizens lived below poverty; 15.3% nationally were below poverty.
- The growth rate for some assistance programs is slowing, but workload remains high.

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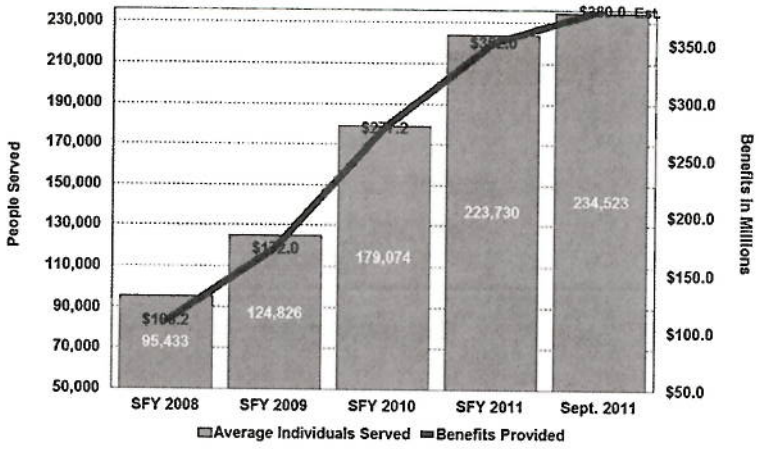
Food Stamp Growth



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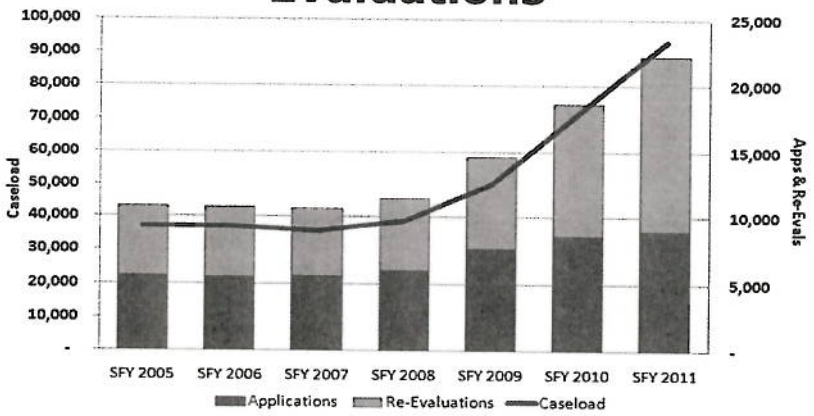
Food Stamp Applications and Re-Evaluations



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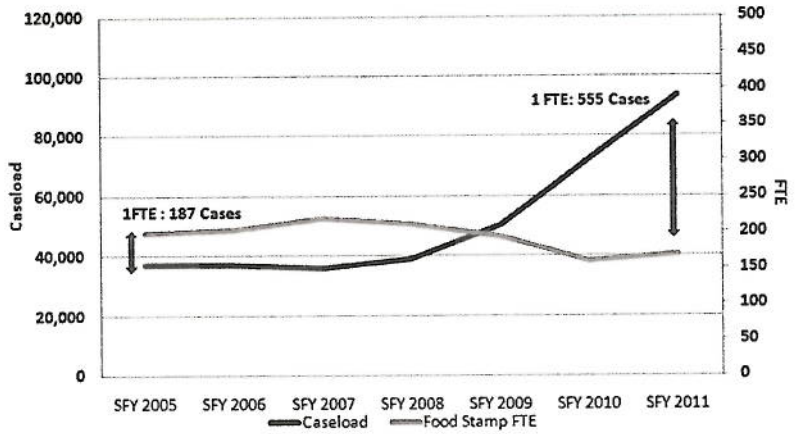

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Idaho's FS Program Performance

- **Idaho's annual administrative costs for each Food Stamp household was $218 in FFY 2010.**
- **By comparison, Utah was $468, Oregon was $372, and Montana $385.**
- **Estimated costs per 100,000 FS households:**
  - **Idaho $21.8 million**
  - **Utah $46.8 million**
  - **Oregon $37.2 million**
  - **Montana $38.5 million**

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Single Day FS Issuance vs. Multi-Day

- DHW crafted proposal following grocer request for multi-day issuance.
- Transition to multi-day payments has an initial one-time cost of $440,000.
- Proposal: DHW contributes $120,000 + Grocers $100,000 + Feds $220,000 = $440,000
- Ongoing annual costs of $220,000.

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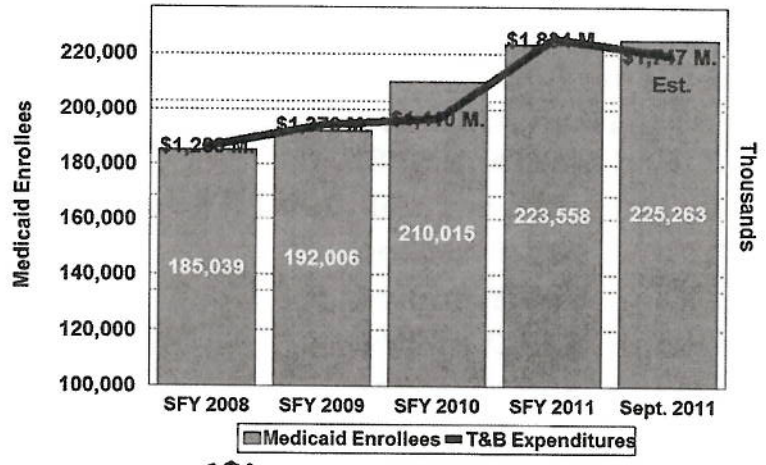
Medicaid: Enrollment slows; costs down



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Medicaid Does Not Plan a Supplemental Budget Request

- HB 260 reductions of $35 million state funds and $90 million total funds are on target.
- Rate of caseload growth is slowing.
- Legislative discussions are focused on managed care opportunities and other ideas to make Medicaid sustainable.

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Southwest Idaho Treatment Center

(Formerly: Idaho State School and Hospital)

- SWITC (formerly ISSH) was once surrounded by farmland; it is now in Nampa city limits. Land value has greatly increased.
- Residents of SWITC continue to discharge into community settings, reducing need for buildings and surrounding acreage.
- SWITC land and buildings are rented to Dept. of Corrections, Juvenile Corrections, JOB Corps and city of Nampa
- SWITC is a state asset—its future must be carefully planned.

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DHW Contracts for Master Plan

- Land analysis is expected to be completed in March 2012.
- Master Plan contract requires multiple options for state consideration.
- Along with this, DHW also will seek legislative approval for road rerouting to ensure good safety access to campus by fire and first responders.

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