

## **2021 College Savings Report Summary**

IDeal – Idaho's 529 College Savings Program is the official, tax advantaged savings program that helps families save for the cost of future education. There were **more than 22,000 Idahoans saving for more than 38,422 Idaho students** in IDeal – Idaho College Savings Program accounts in 2021.

#### Learn more at www.idsaves.org.



\$97 million increase in assets from 2020 to 2021 <sup>1</sup>



Family contributions to IDeal accounts increased by 20 percent in 2021



Idaho savers have an average of more than \$16,000 in their IDeal accounts to use for future education.



# +\$54 million

Used from IDeal college savings accounts toward higher education costs during the past year.



Students under the age of 18 currently have an IDeal account for their future education costs

**3,400**<sup>2</sup> More Idaho students with IDeal

accounts compared to last year

8.7%

The percent active IDeal college savings accounts grew during this last year



Account owners received more than **\$5.4 million** in gift contributions through the Program's Ugift platform from friends and family, which is a **56 percent increase** compared to 2020 gifting.

Regions	Total Accounts per Capita	Beneficiary Accounts: Year Over Year Growth	Account Owner Year- Over Year Growth	Account Withdrawl: Paying for Education <sup>3</sup>
North	3.2%	+8.7% (+502)	+8.4% (+244)	\$7 million
East	2.6%	+9.8% (+450)	+11.5% (+244)	\$4.6 million
Southwest	3.8%	+8.5% (+2270)	+8.4% (+1169)	\$40 million
Central	1.5%	+7.7% (+210)	+8% (+105)	\$3.6 million

<sup>1</sup>Positive market performance, reduced management fees, and contributions contributed to increased investments in IDeal savings accounts. The total investment growth from 2020 to 2021 includes a decrease from account withdrawals to pay for education expenses.

<sup>2</sup>These are net numbers. Over the same period 1,917 Idahoans used all their college savings and closed their accounts.

<sup>3</sup>In 2021, Idaho beneficiaries withdrew more than \$60 million to pay for qualified education expenses. More than \$54 million was used to pay for higher education and \$5.7 million was used for K-12 education expenses.

## 2022 IDeal Savers - North Idaho

### The Johnsons

Michelle Johnson first heard about IDeal when her in-laws started accounts for her nephews. Michelle and her husband, Ryan, felt like it was no-brainer to open an account for their oldest daughter, Kennedy, when she was born after seeing the benefits of saving for college early. Their second daughter, Reese, was also added to the account when she was born.

Other family members were invited early on to make contributions to Kennedy and Reese's college savings for birthdays and other holidays. Their aunt has been a consistent contributor to their shared account. She likes to send a check in the mail that includes an extra envelope and stamp so the girls can mail the check by themselves.



Michelle and Ryan want to cultivate a culture of attending college in their family and IDeal helps them to set the expectation with their daughters that they will move on to post-secondary education after high school. They like that IDeal sends the message to their daughters that their parents are investing in their opportunity to attend college and planning for their future. Kennedy and Reese love that their family contributes to their account, and it has helped to reinforce the expectation of attending college.

County	Account Owner % Change	Growth of Total Assets	Account Withdrawals to Pay for Education
Idaho	15% (+9)	\$335,000	\$131,000
Bonner	10.1% (+31)	\$1.5 million	\$876,000
Nez Perce	5% (+15)	\$817,000	\$616,000
Kootenai	8.6% (+133)	\$6.4 million	\$3.7 million
Latah	7.1% (+37)	\$1.7 million	\$1.4 million
Shoshone	15% (+6)	\$29,000	\$43,000
Benewah	18.5% (+5)	\$51,000	\$28,000
Lewis	3.3% (+1)	\$58,000	\$23,000
Clearwater	7.1% (+3)	\$61,000	\$119,000
Boundary	9.5% (+4)	\$4,000	\$132,000
Northern Idaho Region Totals	+8.4% (+244)	\$11 million	\$7 million

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