

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society was originally incorporated in 1881 as the Historical Society of Idaho Pioneers by members of the Territorial Legislature and Boise pioneers. The Society became a state agency on March 12, 1907, and began to assemble information and collect objects relating to the history of Idaho and the Pacific Northwest.

The Society exhibited the collections in the basement of the west wing of the then newly completed State Capitol. A new museum building in Julia Davis Park was opened in 1950 and housed the entire agency for over 20 years.

Today, the Society has various programs throughout the State that include the following:

- **The Idaho State Historical Museum** collects objects from the State's past. Exhibits tell the story of Idaho from prehistoric times through the fur trade, gold rush, and pioneer settlement to the present day.
- **The Public Archives and Research Library** holds transcripts, state archives, books, periodicals, motion pictures, videos, microfilm, and maps for use by researchers.
- **The Historic Preservation Office** works to recognize, document, and preserve buildings, structures, or places important to Idaho's history or prehistory.

Appropriation

In fiscal year 2007, the General Fund appropriation was increased by 6.6 percent from the previous year. This was mostly due to an increase in full-time positions (FTP) appropriated to the agency. The agency was appropriated 50.36 FTP up from 46.36 FTP the previous year. These positions were added to assist in the cataloging of historic materials and elements as part of the Capitol restoration effort.

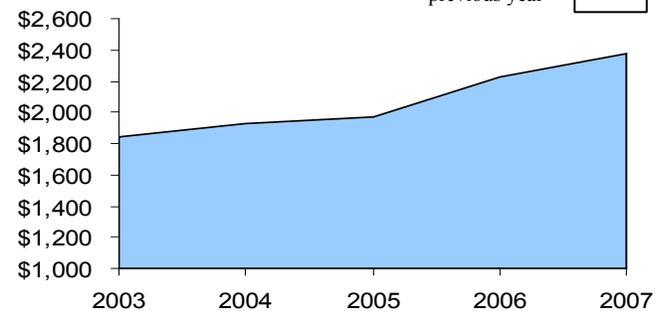
General Fund Appropriation

Fiscal Years 2003 - 2007

(Dollars in thousands)

Change from previous year

6.6%



Data Source: Idaho Legislative Fiscal Report 2007

	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06 Est.
Administration				
Number of Society memberships	867	566	700	800
Historical & Geological Libraries and Related Materials				
Cubic feet of state archives material added	2,876	3,777	2,500	2,000
Patrons served	9,510	10,697	10,000	9,000
Historical Museums				
Number of visitors to state museums	201,000	190,000	190,000	200,000
Number of school and public performances	550	625	625	630
Historic Preservations				
Review of environmental impact clearances for adverse impact on cultural/historical resources, as required by law	982	1,100	1,200	1,300

Data Source: Idaho Legislative Budget Book, Fiscal Year 2007