

# Sevier County

COUNTY PROFILE

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Sevier County is located near the middle of the state and is reached by Interstate 70 and comes very close to the intersection of Interstate 70 and Interstate 15. The largest city and county seat is Richfield.

## POPULATION

|               | 2010 Population | Housing Units |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Richfield     | 6,847           | 2,203         |
| Sevier County | 20,559          | 6,737         |
| State of Utah | 2,849,876       | 882,958       |

Source: Decision Data Resources

## SEVIER COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

|                                    | 2000 Census        | % Change | 2010 Estimate        | % Change | 2015 Forecast        |          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| <b>Population</b>                  | 18,842             | 9.11%    | 20,559               | 8.8%     | 22,375               |          |
| <b>Households</b>                  | 6,081              | 10.79%   | 6,737                | 7.5%     | 7,240                |          |
| <b>Age</b>                         | <b>2000 Census</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2010 Estimate</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2015 Forecast</b> | <b>%</b> |
| 0 to 4                             | 1,667              | 8.8%     | 1,989                | 9.7%     | 2,405                | 10.8%    |
| 5 to 14                            | 3,468              | 18.4%    | 3,248                | 15.8%    | 3,678                | 16.4%    |
| 15 to 19                           | 2,029              | 10.8%    | 1,656                | 8.1%     | 1,611                | 7.2%     |
| 20 to 24                           | 1,231              | 6.5%     | 1,593                | 7.7%     | 1,670                | 7.5%     |
| 25 to 34                           | 1,873              | 9.9%     | 3,065                | 14.9%    | 3,278                | 14.7%    |
| 35 to 44                           | 2,435              | 12.9%    | 1,943                | 9.5%     | 2,441                | 10.9%    |
| 45 to 54                           | 2,102              | 11.2%    | 2,360                | 11.5%    | 2,092                | 9.3%     |
| 55 to 64                           | 1,611              | 8.6%     | 1,958                | 9.5%     | 2,214                | 9.9%     |
| 65 to 74                           | 1,262              | 6.7%     | 1,434                | 7.0%     | 1,604                | 7.2%     |
| 75 to 84                           | 876                | 4.6%     | 935                  | 4.5%     | 1,002                | 4.5%     |
| 85+                                | 288                | 1.5%     | 378                  | 1.8%     | 380                  | 1.7%     |
| Median Age                         | 30.3               |          | 30.4                 |          | 30.7                 |          |
| <b>Ethnicity</b>                   | <b>2000 Census</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2010 Estimate</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2015 Forecast</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Caucasian                          | 18,014             | 95.6%    | 19,720               | 95.9%    | 21,486               | 96.0%    |
| African American                   | 51                 | 0.3%     | 53                   | 0.3%     | 53                   | 0.2%     |
| American Indian or Native American | 376                | 2.0%     | 358                  | 1.7%     | 358                  | 1.6%     |
| Asian or Pacific Islander          | 66                 | 0.4%     | 84                   | 0.4%     | 99                   | 0.4%     |
| Some Other Race                    | 149                | 0.8%     | 161                  | 0.8%     | 209                  | 0.9%     |
| Two or More Races                  | 186                | 1.0%     | 183                  | 0.9%     | 170                  | 0.8%     |
| <b>Hispanic Population</b>         | <b>2000 Census</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2010 Estimate</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2015 Forecast</b> | <b>%</b> |
| Hispanic                           | 481                | 2.6%     | 650                  | 3.2%     | 795                  | 3.6%     |
| <b>Household Income</b>            | <b>2000 Census</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2010 Estimate</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>2015 Forecast</b> | <b>%</b> |
| \$0 - \$14,999                     | 980                | 16.1%    | 686                  | 10.2%    | 630                  | 8.7%     |
| \$15,000 - \$24,999                | 902                | 14.8%    | 858                  | 12.7%    | 866                  | 12.0%    |
| \$25,000 - \$34,999                | 1,059              | 17.4%    | 849                  | 12.6%    | 808                  | 11.2%    |
| \$35,000 - \$49,999                | 1,296              | 21.3%    | 1,363                | 20.2%    | 1,423                | 19.7%    |
| \$50,000 - \$74,999                | 1,116              | 18.4%    | 1,518                | 22.5%    | 1,720                | 23.8%    |
| \$75,000 - \$99,999                | 490                | 8.1%     | 843                  | 12.5%    | 999                  | 13.8%    |
| \$100,000 - \$149,999              | 146                | 2.4%     | 485                  | 7.2%     | 630                  | 8.7%     |
| \$150,000 +                        | 92                 | 1.5%     | 135                  | 2.0%     | 164                  | 2.3%     |
| Average Household Income           | \$43,119           |          | \$54,345             |          | \$58,682             |          |

Source: Decision Data Resources

## MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- An independent energy company continues to produce oil from a discovery in 2004. Seismic work completed in 2008 will spur more exploratory wells in the years to come. Oil production from the existing fields continues to produce high quality crude and has created a solid base for this industry's continue growth.<sup>1</sup>
- Richfield City opened a new industrial park south of Richfield. Utilities have been installed with the property ready for new tenants. The site is located near the municipal airport.<sup>2</sup>

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS<sup>3</sup>

- Snow College is expanding its health care programs at the Richfield Campus. Space is being made available for additional instruction in its nursing programs.

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS<sup>4</sup>

| Company Name                  | Number of Employees |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sevier County School District | 500 to 999          |
| Barney Trucking               | 250 to 499          |
| Canyon Fuels Company          | 250 to 499          |
| Wal-Mart                      | 100 to 249          |
| Federal Government            | 100 to 249          |
| State of Utah                 | 100 to 249          |
| Intermountain Healthcare      | 100 to 249          |
| Richfield City                | 100 to 249          |
| Robinson Transport            | 100 to 249          |
| Sevier Valley Hospital        | 100 to 249          |
| Snow College South            | 100 to 249          |
| Sorenson's Ranch School       | 50 to 99            |
| US Gypsum Company             | 50 to 99            |

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Sevier County

<sup>2</sup> Source: Sevier County

<sup>3</sup> Source: Utah State Office of Education

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## SEVIER COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Sevier County has an unemployment rate of 8.3% as of December 2010.

| Industry                            | 2009         | 2010         | % Change    | Numeric Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Mining                              | 566          | 562          | 0.7%        | 4              |
| Construction                        | 335          | 353          | -5.1%       | -18            |
| Manufacturing                       | 365          | 333          | 9.6%        | 32             |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities   | 2585         | 2590         | -0.2%       | -5             |
| Information                         | 72           | 72           | 0.0%        | 0              |
| Financial Activities                | 204          | 191          | 6.8%        | 13             |
| Professional & Business Services    | 352          | 389          | -9.5%       | -37            |
| Education, Health & Social Services | 827          | 739          | 11.9%       | 88             |
| Leisure & Hospitality               | 937          | 945          | -0.8%       | -8             |
| Other Services                      | 135          | 133          | 1.5%        | 2              |
| Government                          | 1675         | 1654         | 1.3%        | 21             |
| <b>Totals</b>                       | <b>7,961</b> | <b>8,053</b> | <b>1.2%</b> | <b>92</b>      |

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, September 2009 to September 2010 data

## TAXATION

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>Property Tax – Richfield City*</b>                 | <b>0.011281</b>      |
| Sevier County   | 0.003133             |
| Sevier County School District                         | 0.006267             |
| Richfield City  | 0.001881             |
| <b>Property Tax – Salina*</b>                         | <b>0.012379</b>      |
| Sevier County   | 0.003133             |
| Sevier County School District                         | 0.006267             |
| Salina  | 0.002979             |
| <b>State &amp; Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (Sevier)</b> | <b>5.95% - 6.35%</b> |
| <b>State Corporate Franchise Tax</b>                  | <b>5.00%</b>         |

\*Primary residential property taxed at 55% of assessed value, commercial property taxed at 100% of assessed value.

Source: Utah State Tax Commission

## CLIMATE – RICHFIELD

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Average Annual Precipitation    | 8.51 inches |
| Elevation                       | 5,308 feet  |
| Average July High Temperature   | 89 degrees  |
| Average January Low Temperature | 16 degrees  |

Source: Sevier County

## RECREATION

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Golf       | Cove View Golf Course near Richfield offers nine holes of golf that is soon to be expanded to eighteen.                             |
| ATV's      | The Piute Trail is home to the annual Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree.  |
| State Park | Freemont Indian State Park offers a museum introducing the Freemont Indians and trails that display the Freemont Indian's rock art. |
| Fish Lake  | Fish Lake offers great fishing for Mackinaw trout as well as hiking, biking, and horseback riding in the surrounding area.          |

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EDCUtah specializes in assisting companies considering Utah for a business relocation or expansion. The corporate recruitment team of EDCUtah coordinates all of the information key decision makers and economic development/site consultants need as they evaluate Utah as a site location.

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