

Washington County

COUNTY PROFILE

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Washington County, located in the southwest corner of the state, is served by the major transportation artery of Interstate 15, as well as the St. George Municipal Airport. St. George, the largest city in Washington County and the county seat, is located 305 miles southwest of Salt Lake City and 122 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada.

POPULATION

	2010 Population	Housing Units
St. George City	75,754	26,752
Washington County	145,476	49,180
State of Utah	2,849,876	882,958

Source: *Demographics Now*

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2010 Estimate	% Change	2015 Forecast	
Population	90,354	61.01%	145,476	18.1%	171,765	
Households	29,939	64.27%	49,180	17.0%	57,544	
Age	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
0 to 4	8,229	9.1%	15,071	10.4%	19,332	11.3%
5 to 14	15,095	16.7%	23,061	15.9%	30,390	17.7%
15 to 19	8,598	9.5%	9,647	6.6%	11,810	6.9%
20 to 24	6,755	7.5%	9,845	6.8%	10,693	6.2%
25 to 34	10,202	11.3%	25,462	17.5%	25,581	14.9%
35 to 44	10,019	11.1%	15,358	10.6%	22,921	13.3%
45 to 54	8,632	9.6%	12,296	8.5%	14,371	8.4%
55 to 64	7,481	8.3%	10,001	6.9%	12,286	7.2%
65 to 74	8,255	9.1%	9,876	6.8%	9,629	5.6%
75 to 84	5,562	6.2%	9,948	6.8%	9,811	5.7%
85+	1,526	1.7%	4,914	3.4%	4,945	2.9%
Median Age	31.1		30.7		31.0	
Ethnicity	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
Caucasian	84,543	93.6%	132,559	91.1%	154,862	90.2%
African American	186	0.2%	1,290	0.9%	1,875	1.1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1,328	1.5%	837	0.6%	583	0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	789	0.9%	1,504	1.0%	1,894	1.1%
Some Other Race	2,020	2.2%	5,283	3.6%	7,715	4.5%
Two or More Races	1,488	1.7%	4,003	2.8%	4,836	2.8%
Hispanic Population	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
Hispanic	4,727	5.2%	10,494	7.2%	13,970	8.1%
Household Income	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
\$0 - \$14,999	3,965	13.2%	3,592	7.3%	3,478	6.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	4,849	16.2%	4,545	9.2%	4,293	7.5%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	4,898	16.4%	6,125	12.5%	6,611	11.5%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	6,289	21.0%	10,206	20.8%	11,753	20.4%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	5,780	19.3%	11,727	23.8%	14,265	24.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	2,109	7.0%	6,517	13.3%	8,699	15.1%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	1,409	4.7%	4,261	8.7%	5,533	9.6%
\$150,000 +	640	2.1%	2,207	4.5%	2,912	5.1%
Average Household Income	\$47,252		\$63,166		\$67,554	

Source: Decision Data Resources

MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS¹

- The new 1,200-acre St. George City Municipal Airport began operation in January of 2011. The \$159M project features a 9,500 foot runway and 34,000 square foot terminal building. Flights are available daily to Salt Lake City and the surrounding area, as well as to Los Angeles, California.
- The new airport will be served by the Southern Parkway, a new, divided lane, high-speed highway connected to Interstate 15 on the west by the new Atkinville Interchange, and on the east in Hurricane City, while serving Washington City in the middle of the 21 mile route. The Southern Parkway is the first section of a belt-loop highway system that will surround the growing areas of the county.
- Intermountain Healthcare has completed construction and is now operating an 110,000 square foot outpatient center, located on the eastern portion of the Dixie Regional Medical Center campus. The \$70 million project includes a spine and pain management center, aquatic rehabilitation center and an orthopedics center.
- St. George City has completed the first phase of a city solar farm project. The project's first phase produces 100 kilowatts of power, enough to power approximately 25 to 30 homes. The project is a collaborative effort between two local utility companies, St. George City Energy Services and Dixie Escalante Electric. Residents can purchase ownership in the project and enjoy the tax advantages of alternative energy generation.
- Litehouse, Inc. will build a new facility in Hurricane, an expected investment over \$10M. The facility will add 162 new full-time positions in the rural community. Litehouse began as a restaurant, and has now expanded into a retail market, selling salad dressings and other food related items.²
- Czarnowski Display Service, Inc. is investing more than \$6.5 million and creating 50 jobs in St. George. It will occupy a 100,000-square-foot facility there. The company has headquarters in Chicago, and provides design, fabrication, installation, warehousing, and other services for the exhibition and event industries.³

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS⁴

- Dixie State College, in St. George, is a four-year college with an enrollment of roughly 6,500 students. This college offers Bachelor's degrees in Accounting, Aviation, Biology, Business Administration, Communications, Computer and Information Technology, Criminal Justice, Dental Hygiene, Elementary Education, English, Integrated Studies, Music and Nursing, along with 26 Associate Degrees.
- The Utah College of Applied Technology's Dixie Campus, located in St. George, offers certification in a number of programs including manufacturing, welding and diesel mechanics. This campus also administers Utah's Custom Fit Training program, providing employee custom training for local businesses.

¹ Source: Washington County

² Source: Litehouse Inc

³ Source: Areadevelopment.com

⁴ Source: Utah State Office of Education, Dixie State College, Utah College of Applied Technology

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Number of Employees
Intermountain Health Care	2,000 to 2,999
Washington County School District	2,000 to 2,999
Wal-Mart	1,000 to 1,999
Dixie State College	1,000 to 1,999
St. George City	500 to 999
SkyWest Airlines	500 to 999
Cross Creek Manor	500 to 999
Federal Government	500 to 999
Lin's Marketplace	250 to 499
Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center	250 to 499
Washington County	250 to 499
Viracon	250 to 499

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

WASHINGTON COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Washington County has an unemployment rate of 10.2% as of December 2010.

Industry	2009	2010	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	227	149	-34.4%	-78
Construction	3,778	3,585	-5.1%	-193
Manufacturing	2,341	2,275	-2.8%	-66
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	11,286	10,912	-3.3%	-374
Information	740	696	-5.9%	-44
Financial Activities	1,951	1,812	-7.1%	-139
Professional & Business Services	3,532	3,618	2.4%	86
Education, Health & Social Services	7,817	8,075	3.3%	258
Leisure & Hospitality	6,875	6,755	-1.7%	-120
Other Services	1,241	1,263	1.8%	22
Government	7,153	7,276	1.7%	123
Totals	46,945	46,420	-1.1%	-525

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

TAXATION

Total Property Tax Rate – St. George*	0.012526
Washington County	0.001971
Washington County School District	0.007804
St. George City	0.001750
Washington County Water Conservancy District	0.000964
Southwest Mosquito Abatement & Control District	0.000037
State & Local Sales & Use Tax (Washington)	5.95% - 7.55%
State Corporate Franchise Tax	5.00%

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

Source: Utah State Tax Commission

CLIMATE

Average Annual Rainfall	8.1 inches
Average Annual Snowfall	0.0 inches
Elevation	2,800 feet
Average July High Temperature	102.0 degrees
Average January Low Temperature	27.1 degrees

Source: Washington County

RECREATION

Golf	Washington County has 11 golf courses, with a total of almost 68,000 yards of course and 189 individual holes.
Hiking / Biking	Washington County is a hikers/bikers paradise, with miles upon miles of trails and levels of difficulty to keep the novice as entertained as the professional. One route revered by diehard bikers is the Green Valley trail; this six-mile ride features stiff hikes, and breath taking drops bound to take anyone's breath away.
Culture	The Tuacahn Amphitheatre in the city of Ivins is home to many plays and concerts each year; some include <i>The King and I</i> , <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> , and <i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i> .
Events	Washington County is home to numerous special events each year, one of the most popular being the St. George Rock Crawl, where some of the world's top rock crawlers compete to open the UROC Season.
Museums	St. George is home to the Southern Utah Art Museum, featuring several original collections and numerous special exhibitions every year, as well as The Southern Utah Air Museum, where visitors can sit in the cockpits of some of the world's most famous aircraft of the last 50 years.

Source: Washington County

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF UTAH (EDCUtah)

The Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCUtah) is a private, statewide, non-profit organization, formed in 1987, to provide a unified and professionally managed, economic development program promoting the state of Utah.

EDCUtah is an investor-based organization with more than 230 private sector businesses, organizations, chambers of commerce, municipalities, and counties. Through these partnerships, EDCUtah facilitates an on-going effort to develop and nurture a thriving business climate throughout Utah.

EDCUtah specializes in assisting companies who are 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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