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Garfield County Profile



Garfield County is located in south-central Utah in close proximity to Interstate 15. Panguitch, the largest city and the county seat, can be reached by Highway 20.

POPULATION

	2008 Population	Housing Units
Panguitch City	1,474	1,234
Garfield County	4,463	3,397
State of Utah	2,645,463	943,804

Source: Decision Data Resources

GARFIELD COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2008 Estimate	% Change	2013 Forecast	
Population	4,735	-5.7%	4,463	-3.8%	4,292	
Households	1,576	23.0%	1,939	11.3%	2,159	
Age	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
0 to 4	405	8.6%	325	7.3%	293	6.8%
5 to 14	814	17.2%	690	15.5%	625	14.6%
15 to 19	455	9.6%	341	7.6%	330	7.7%
20 to 24	238	5.0%	321	7.2%	318	7.4%
25 to 34	505	10.7%	483	10.8%	557	13.0%
35 to 44	591	12.5%	451	10.1%	396	9.2%
45 to 54	652	13.8%	577	12.9%	482	11.2%
55 to 64	408	8.6%	542	12.1%	560	13.0%
65 to 74	377	8.0%	370	8.3%	373	8.7%
75 to 84	222	4.7%	270	6.1%	256	6.0%
85+	68	1.4%	93	2.1%	102	2.4%
Median Age	34.0		36.7		35.5	
Ethnicity	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
Caucasian	4,496	95.0%	4,245	95.1%	4,089	95.3%
African American	8	0.2%	8	0.2%	8	0.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	87	1.8%	76	1.7%	69	1.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	21	0.4%	22	0.5%	21	0.5%
Other Races	53	1.1%	46	1.0%	60	1.4%
Two or More Races	70	1.5%	66	1.5%	45	1.1%
Hispanic Population	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
Hispanic	136	2.9%	172	3.9%	198	4.6%
Household Income	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
\$0 - \$14,999	263	16.7%	212	10.9%	197	9.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	272	17.3%	306	15.8%	298	13.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	244	15.5%	256	13.2%	276	12.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	346	22.0%	387	20.0%	381	17.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	293	18.6%	449	23.2%	528	24.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	121	7.7%	173	8.9%	229	10.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	35	2.2%	140	7.2%	211	9.8%
\$150,000 +	2	0.1%	16	0.8%	39	1.8%
Average Household Income	\$38,991		\$47,141		\$52,594	

Source: Decision Data Resources

MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Garfield County commissioners voted to allow Ruby’s Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, to become its own town. State law requires counties to approve a new town of 100 to 1,000 residents on contiguous land outside a municipality if landowners with more than half the combined property value want it. The new city will retain most of its sales tax revenue, estimated to be \$300,000. Only 4% of the county is private land and the remaining property is held by federal or state governments.¹
- The \$4.2 million Garfield Memorial Hospital expansion is nearing completion. The new expansion will include a larger clinic, fully equipped trauma and exam rooms and a long-awaited emergency room upgrade.²
- The Utah State Tax Commission released data showing a continued taxable sales growth of 14% from fourth quarter 2007 to 2008 for Garfield County. Much of this is due to increased visitors and tourism spending in the area.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Number of Employees
Ruby's Inn	250 to 499
Federal Government	100 to 249
Garfield County School District	100 to 249
Garfield Memorial Hospital	100 to 249
South Central Utah Telephone	100 to 249

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

GARFIELD COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Industry	2008	2007	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	9	9	0.0%	0
Construction	74	88	-15.9%	-14
Manufacturing	90	95	-5.3%	-5
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	288	274	5.1%	14
Information	131	131	0.0%	0
Financial Activities	34	35	-2.9%	-1
Professional & Business Services	16	17	-5.9%	-1
Education, Health & Social Services	301	238	26.5%	63
Leisure & Hospitality	1,223	1,169	4.6%	54
Other Services	15	27	-44.4%	-12
Government	656	629	4.6%	29
Totals	2,837	2,714	4.5%	123

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, June 2007 to June 2008 data

¹ Source: Deseret News

² Source: The Spectrum

TAXATION

Total Property Tax Rate – Panguitch*	0.009917
Garfield County	0.001482
Garfield County School District	0.005782
Panguitch	0.002170
Panguitch Cemetery Maintenance District	0.000162
Upper Sevier River Water Conservancy District	0.000035
Central Utah Water Conservancy District	0.000286
Total Property Tax Rate	0.009917
County Sales Tax	6.95% - 8.05%
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 – PANGUITCH

Average Annual Precipitation	10.07 inches
Elevation	6,624 feet
Average July High Temperature	88 degrees
Average January Low Temperature	9 degrees

Source: Garfield County

RECREATION

Hiking/Scenery	Bryce Canyon State Park, Capital Reef State Park, Bull Valley Gorge, and the Grand Escalante Staircase all contain beautiful scenery that ranges from forests to sandstone formations.
Museums	The Wildlife Museum in Panguitch exhibits many preserved animals including some more exotic animals from India, Europe and Africa. The Red Brick Home Tour shows some of the handy work of earlier settlers.
Water Recreation	On the far eastern side of the county are two great water recreation locations – the Colorado River and Lake Powell – which offer river rafting, boating, swimming, and other recreation.

Source: Garfield County

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