

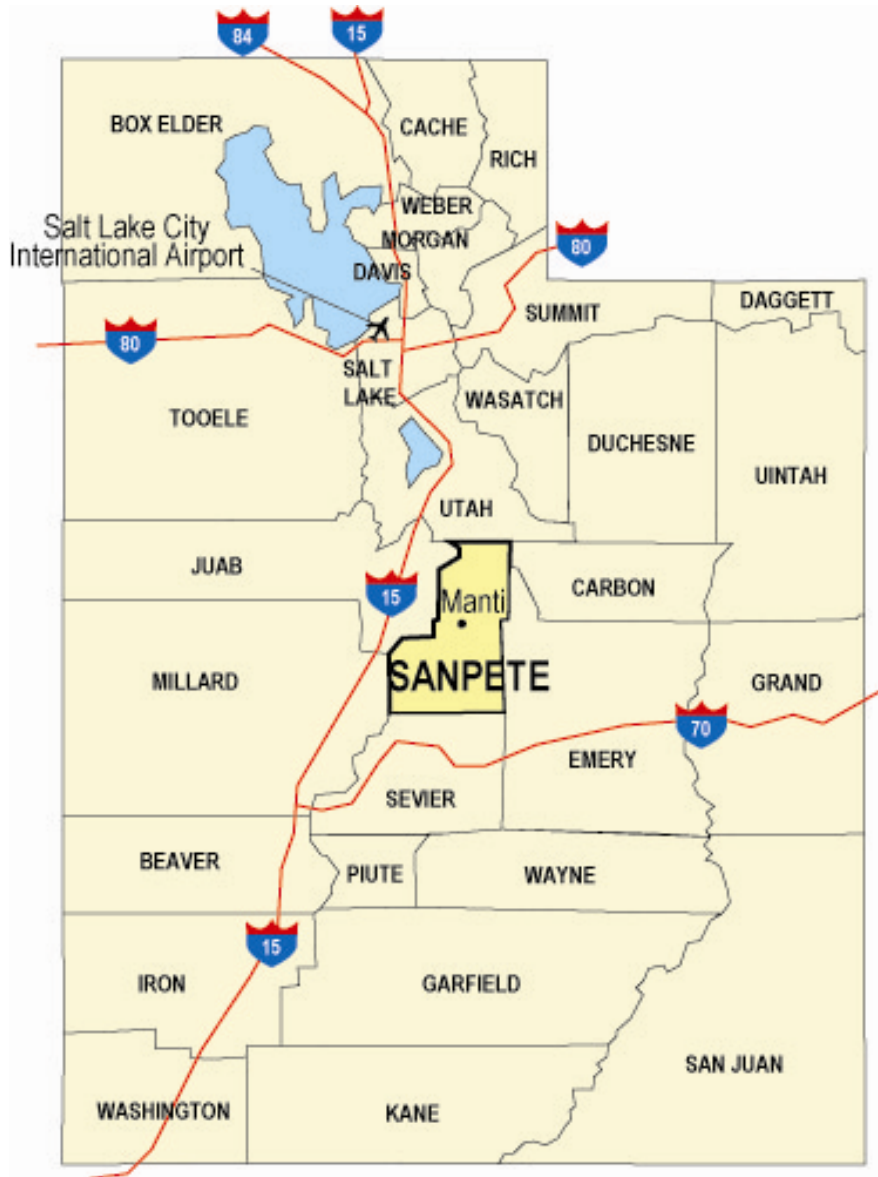
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Sanpete County

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Sanpete County Profile



Sanpete County is located in the middle of the state not far from major interstates I-15 and I-70. The largest city is Ephraim and the county seat is Manti.

POPULATION

| | 2008 Population | Housing Units |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Ephraim | 4,641 | 1,318 |
| Sanpete County | 24,639 | 8,727 |
| State of Utah | 2,645,463 | 943,804 |

Source: Decision Data Resources

SANPETE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

| | 2000 Census | % Change | 2008 Estimate | % Change | 2013 Forecast | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Population | 22,763 | 8.2% | 24,639 | 4.6% | 25,775 | |
| Households | 6,547 | 11.0% | 7,267 | 5.8% | 7,690 | |
| Age | 2000 Census | % | 2008 Estimate | % | 2013 Forecast | % |
| 0 to 4 | 1,897 | 8.3% | 2,077 | 8.4% | 2,474 | 9.6% |
| 5 to 14 | 4,145 | 18.2% | 3,844 | 15.6% | 3,892 | 15.1% |
| 15 to 19 | 3,170 | 13.9% | 2,428 | 9.9% | 1,904 | 7.4% |
| 20 to 24 | 2,085 | 9.2% | 2,635 | 10.7% | 2,365 | 9.2% |
| 25 to 34 | 2,365 | 10.4% | 3,761 | 15.3% | 4,680 | 18.2% |
| 35 to 44 | 2,597 | 11.4% | 2,532 | 10.3% | 2,826 | 11.0% |
| 45 to 54 | 2,390 | 10.5% | 2,508 | 10.2% | 2,424 | 9.4% |
| 55 to 64 | 1,651 | 7.3% | 2,095 | 8.5% | 2,291 | 8.9% |
| 65 to 74 | 1,315 | 5.8% | 1,449 | 5.9% | 1,566 | 6.1% |
| 75 to 84 | 822 | 3.6% | 948 | 3.8% | 1,002 | 3.9% |
| 85+ | 326 | 1.4% | 361 | 1.5% | 353 | 1.4% |
| Median Age | 25.3 | | 27.9 | | 29.4 | |
| Ethnicity | 2000 Census | % | 2008 Estimate | % | 2013 Forecast | % |
| Caucasian | 21,040 | 92.4% | 22,804 | 92.6% | 23,884 | 92.7% |
| African American | 71 | 0.3% | 74 | 0.3% | 76 | 0.3% |
| American Indian or Native American | 199 | 0.9% | 199 | 0.8% | 196 | 0.8% |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 190 | 0.8% | 242 | 1.0% | 276 | 1.1% |
| Some Other Race | 924 | 4.1% | 972 | 3.9% | 1,044 | 4.1% |
| Two or More Races | 339 | 1.5% | 348 | 1.4% | 299 | 1.2% |
| Hispanic Population | 2000 Census | % | 2008 Estimate | % | 2013 Forecast | % |
| Hispanic | 1,510 | 6.6% | 2,039 | 8.3% | 2,377 | 9.2% |
| Household Income | 2000 Census | % | 2008 Estimate | % | 2013 Forecast | % |
| \$0 - \$14,999 | 1,197 | 18.3% | 929 | 12.8% | 857 | 11.1% |
| \$15,000 - \$24,999 | 1,145 | 17.5% | 1,012 | 13.9% | 907 | 11.8% |
| \$25,000 - \$34,999 | 1,113 | 17.0% | 1,117 | 15.4% | 1,093 | 14.2% |
| \$35,000 - \$49,999 | 1,271 | 19.4% | 1,407 | 19.4% | 1,390 | 18.1% |
| \$50,000 - \$74,999 | 1,155 | 17.6% | 1,405 | 19.3% | 1,619 | 21.1% |
| \$75,000 - \$99,999 | 399 | 6.1% | 763 | 10.5% | 918 | 11.9% |
| \$100,000 - \$149,999 | 188 | 2.9% | 460 | 6.3% | 633 | 8.2% |
| \$150,000 + | 79 | 1.2% | 174 | 2.4% | 273 | 3.6% |
| Average Household Income | \$41,365 | | \$50,193 | | \$55,853 | |

Source: Decision Data Resources

MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A state panel has given Sanpete County \$50,000 in support for Sanpete becoming the main resource center for agricultural-related business. This funding will go toward starting up an agribusiness resource center.¹
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture is supporting a Head Start school in northern Sanpete County. The USDA's Rural Development office is lending \$300,000 to Centro de la Familia to build the school. The nonprofit group secured \$600,000 in financing through Zions Bank and needed the remaining \$300,000 to construct the 10,000-square-foot building. The school will have five classrooms, two meeting rooms and three offices and will be used to offer school-readiness programs for children from low-income families.²
- Sanpete County commissioners are supporting the idea for a bike path between Manti and Pigeon Hollow Junction. Several bicycling enthusiasts are looking to the county commissioners for funding.³

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS⁴

- Ephraim is home to Snow College, which offers two-year programs. Snow College's biggest draws are its small class sizes, low costs, and relatively easy enrollment relative to large universities.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

| Company Name | Number of Employees |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Moroni Feed | 500 to 999 |
| Snow College | 500 to 999 |
| North Sanpete School District | 250 to 499 |
| South Sanpete School District | 250 to 499 |
| State of Utah | 250 to 499 |
| Gunnison Valley Hospital | 100 to 249 |
| Sanpete Valley Hospital | 100 to 249 |
| Terrel's Foods | 100 to 249 |
| Wal-Mart | 100 to 249 |
| Western Wats | 100 to 249 |

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

¹ Source: Sanpete Messenger

² Source: Deseret News

³ Source: Salt Lake Tribune

⁴ Source: Utah State Office of Education, Snow College

SANPETE COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Sanpete County has an unemployment rate of 3.9% as of November 2008.

| Industry | 2008 | 2007 | % Change | Numeric Change |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Mining | 121 | 70 | 72.9% | 51 |
| Construction | 452 | 513 | -11.9% | -61 |
| Manufacturing | 969 | 913 | 6.1% | 56 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,326 | 1,303 | 1.8% | 23 |
| Information | 185 | 185 | 0.0% | 0 |
| Financial Activities | 238 | 246 | -3.3% | -8 |
| Professional & Business Services | 240 | 187 | 28.3% | 53 |
| Education, Health & Social Services | 799 | 653 | 22.4% | 146 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 445 | 505 | -11.9% | -60 |
| Other Services | 158 | 220 | -28.2% | -62 |
| Government | 2,938 | 2,866 | 2.5% | 72 |
| Totals | 7,871 | 7,661 | 2.7% | 210 |

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

TAXATION

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|---|----------------------|
| Total Property Tax Rate – Ephraim* | 0.013620 |
| Sanpete County | 0.002694 |
| South Sanpete County School District | 0.008304 |
| Ephraim | 0.002051 |
| Sanpete County Water Conservancy District | 0.000285 |
| Central Utah Water Conservancy District | 0.000286 |
| Total Property Tax Rate | 0.013620 |
| County Sales Tax | 5.95% - 6.25% |
| 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 – EPHRAIM

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| Average Annual Precipitation | 12.7 inches |
| Elevation | 5,515 feet |
| Average July High Temperature | 92 degrees |
| Average January Low Temperature | 14 degrees |

Source: Sanpete County

RECREATION

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| Trails | Sanpete has various trails that are open for ATV's, biking or simply hiking. |
| Golf | Sanpete has two 18-hole golf courses, Palisade State Park in Sterling and Skyline Mountain Resort Golf Course in Fairview. |
| Winter Trails | The Wasatch Plateau offers a great area for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing. |
| Snowboarding | Fairview Canyon is a popular snowboarding location. |
| Camping | Sanpete has many campsites and also allows primitive camping in the Manti-La Sal National Forest. |
| Fishing | Electric Lake and Huntington Creek are just a few of the accessible fishing locations. |
| Hunting | Sanpete has hunting for deer, elk, rabbits, pheasants, and even bear and cougar on a limited basis. |

Source: Sanpete County

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