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Wasatch County Profile



Wasatch County is a rural county with a small population nestled between two national forests on both the northeast and southwest side of its borders. The county is close to two major highway arteries, I-15 and I-80. The largest city and county seat of Wasatch County is Heber, which is located 44 miles outside of Salt Lake City.

POPULATION

	2008 Population	Housing Units
Heber City	10,023	3,388
Wasatch County	21,855	9,329
State of Utah	2,645,463	943,804

Source: Decision Data Resources

WASATCH COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2008 Estimate	% Change	2013 Forecast	
Population	15,215	43.6%	21,855	18.3%	25,858	
Households	4,743	42.4%	6,755	18.1%	7,975	
Age	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
0 to 4	1,398	9.2%	2,186	10.0%	2,615	10.1%
5 to 14	2,892	19.0%	3,474	15.9%	4,347	16.8%
15 to 19	1,392	9.2%	1,594	7.3%	1,829	7.1%
20 to 24	1,028	6.8%	1,647	7.5%	1,746	6.8%
25 to 34	2,093	13.8%	3,860	17.7%	3,996	15.5%
35 to 44	2,318	15.2%	2,783	12.7%	3,577	13.8%
45 to 54	1,758	11.6%	2,524	11.5%	2,898	11.2%
55 to 64	1,052	6.9%	1,797	8.2%	2,361	9.1%
65 to 74	739	4.9%	1,108	5.1%	1,430	5.5%
75 to 84	408	2.7%	637	2.9%	794	3.1%
85+	137	0.9%	244	1.1%	265	1.0%
Median Age	29.5		30.0		31.4	
Ethnicity	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
Caucasian	14,549	95.6%	20,920	95.7%	24,775	95.8%
African American	33	0.2%	48	0.2%	56	0.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	65	0.4%	86	0.4%	56	0.2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	60	0.4%	96	0.4%	122	0.5%
Some Other Race	298	2.0%	403	1.8%	503	2.0%
Two or More Races	210	1.4%	302	1.4%	307	1.2%
Hispanic Population	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
Hispanic	775	5.1%	1,723	7.9%	2,326	9.0%
Household Income	2000 Census	%	2008 Estimate	%	2013 Forecast	%
\$0 - \$14,999	349	7.4%	368	5.4%	395	5.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	506	10.7%	426	6.3%	383	4.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	600	12.7%	712	10.5%	729	9.1%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	937	19.8%	1,044	15.5%	1,090	13.7%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	1,246	26.3%	1,704	25.2%	1,878	23.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	572	12.1%	1,069	15.8%	1,367	17.1%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	268	5.7%	854	12.6%	1,283	16.1%
\$150,000 +	265	5.6%	578	8.6%	850	10.7%
Average Household Income	\$62,412		\$75,806		\$84,799	

Source: Decision Data Resources

MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The development committees in Midway are currently facing unprecedented growth challenges in the area. Various committees have been given a six-month time frame to provide solutions to the new growth and the concerns for open space. One solution brought forth has been the transfer of development rights. The idea behind it is to preserve open space.¹

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Number of Employees
Wasatch County School District	500 to 999
D Brothers, Inc.	100 to 249
Heber Valley Medical Center	100 to 249
Homestead Resort	100 to 249
RMD Management, Inc.	100 to 249
Smith's Food & Drug Centers	100 to 249
State of Utah	100 to 249
Wasatch County	100 to 249
Zermatt Resort	100 to 249

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

WASATCH COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Wasatch County has an unemployment rate of 3.7% as of November 2008.

Industry	2007	2006	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	60	89	-32.6%	-29
Construction	1,237	1,151	7.5%	86
Manufacturing	220	224	-1.8%	-4
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,739	1,472	18.1%	267
Information	102	128	-20.3%	-26
Financial Activities	315	344	-8.4%	-29
Professional & Business Services	465	473	-1.7%	-8
Education, Health & Social Services	475	496	-4.2%	-21
Leisure & Hospitality	1,365	1,162	17.5%	203
Other Services	159	118	34.7%	41
Government	1,318	1,282	2.8%	36
Totals	7,455	6,939	7.4%	516

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, December 2006 to December 2007 data

¹ Source: The Wasatch Wave

TAXATION

Total Property Tax Rate – Heber City*	0.008884
Wasatch County	0.001721
Wasatch County School District	0.005732
Heber City	0.000749
Wasatch County Fire Protection Special Service District	0.000185
Wasatch County Special Service District # 21	0.000211
Central Utah Water Conservancy District	0.000286
Total Property Tax Rate	0.008884
County Sales Tax	5.95% - 7.35%
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 – HEBER CITY

Average Annual Precipitation	16.22 inches
Elevation	5,593 feet
Average July High Temperature	89.0 degrees
Average January Low Temperature	11.0 degrees

Source: Wasatch County

RECREATION

Tourist Attractions	The Heber Valley Historic Railroad is a well-known great ride on restored trains through beautiful Utah scenery.
Golf	The Heber Valley has five championship golf courses including Homestead Resort, Wasatch Mountain State Park, and Soldier Hollow.
Camping/Hiking	With both the Wasatch and Uintah National Forests running through it, as well as several other beautiful natural areas, Wasatch County offers multiple locations for hiking, biking, and camping. For more info visit: http://www.hebervalleycc.org/recreation/
Water Sports	Wasatch County is home to Deer Creek and Jordanelle Reservoir, a great spot for boating, waterskiing, or jet skiing.
Skiing/Boarding	Wasatch County shares part of the world-renowned Deer Valley ski resort. It is also home to Olympic venue Soldier Hollow, a cross-country and biathlon skiing location.
Fishing	Strawberry Reservoir is Utah's top trout fishery.
Winter Sports	Soldier Hollow, an Olympic venue, offers great trails for cross-country skiing. Wasatch county is also filled with many miles of snowmobiling trails in its national forest.

Source: Wasatch County

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