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# Washington County

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# Washington County Profile



Washington County, located in the southwest corner of the state, is situated near major transportation artery I-15, St. George Municipal Airport and available land. 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

	2008 Population	Housing Units
St. George City	73,572	32,221
Washington County	138,428	57,716
State of Utah	2,645,463	943,804

Source: *Demographics Now*

## WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2008 Estimate	% Change	2013 Forecast	
<b>Population</b>	90,354	53.2%	138,428	21.3%	167,873	
<b>Households</b>	29,939	62.4%	48,623	23.6%	60,081	
<b>Age</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
0 to 4	8,229	9.1%	12,988	9.4%	17,646	10.5%
5 to 14	15,095	16.7%	20,741	15.0%	26,783	16.0%
15 to 19	8,598	9.5%	10,198	7.4%	11,685	7.0%
20 to 24	6,755	7.5%	11,144	8.1%	11,622	6.9%
25 to 34	10,202	11.3%	25,081	18.1%	28,089	16.7%
35 to 44	10,019	11.1%	14,233	10.3%	21,976	13.1%
45 to 54	8,632	9.6%	11,772	8.5%	14,062	8.4%
55 to 64	7,481	8.3%	9,693	7.0%	11,915	7.1%
65 to 74	8,255	9.1%	10,085	7.3%	10,608	6.3%
75 to 84	5,562	6.2%	9,088	6.6%	9,330	5.6%
85+	1,526	1.7%	3,396	2.5%	4,159	2.5%
Median Age	31.1		30.2		31.2	
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
Caucasian	84,543	93.6%	126,051	91.1%	151,579	90.3%
African American	186	0.2%	1,265	0.9%	1,924	1.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1,328	1.5%	800	0.6%	577	0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	789	0.9%	1,443	1.0%	1,857	1.1%
Some Other Race	2,020	2.2%	5,051	3.7%	7,316	4.4%
Two or More Races	1,488	1.7%	3,818	2.8%	4,620	2.8%
<b>Hispanic Population</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
Hispanic Ethnicity	4,727	5.2%	10,077	7.3%	13,415	8.0%
<b>Household Income</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
\$0 - \$14,999	3,965	13.2%	4,174	8.6%	4,422	7.4%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	4,849	16.2%	6,096	12.5%	6,087	10.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	4,898	16.4%	6,129	12.6%	6,855	11.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	6,289	21.0%	9,708	20.0%	10,613	17.7%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	5,780	19.3%	10,009	20.6%	13,544	22.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	2,109	7.0%	6,088	12.5%	8,174	13.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	1,409	4.7%	4,041	8.3%	6,481	10.7%
\$150,000 +	640	2.1%	2,378	4.9%	3,968	6.6%
Average Household Income	\$47,252		\$60,418		\$67,710	

Source: Decision Data Resources

## MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The St. George City Council is providing \$6 million for an 86-acre parcel of land – a portion of the 1,300-acre area site for the new airport. The Federal Aviation Administration provided \$7 million in funding to purchase additional land. The project still needs 770 more acres of land purchased. Construction on this \$190 million project is expected to commence in spring 2008 and the airport is anticipated for completion by 2011.
- Intermountain Healthcare is underway on construction of a new outpatient center, located east of the Dixie Regional Medical Center campus. The \$70 million project will include a spine and pain management center, aquatic rehabilitation center and an orthopedics center. Construction is expected for completion in the summer of 2009.<sup>1</sup>
- St. George City Council awarded bids of \$674,000 for work related to the first phase of a city solar farm project. The project's land excavation was awarded to Cindy Taylor Trucking and Construction, a local business, with a bid of \$175,867. The council also awarded a \$498,798 bid to AEE Solar for solar panels and inverters. The first phase of the project is estimated to produce 100 kilowatts of power, enough to power approximately 25 to 30 homes. The project is a collaborative effort between two utility companies, St. George City Energy Services and Dixie Escalante Electric.

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS<sup>2</sup>

- Dixie State College, in St. George, is a four-year university with an enrollment of roughly 5,200 students. This college offers Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration, Computer and Information Technology and Elementary Education.
- The Utah College of Applied Technology's Dixie Campus, located in St. George, offers certification in a number of programs including welding and diesel mechanics. This campus also administers Utah's Custom Fit Training program, providing employee custom training for local businesses.

## 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	500 to 999
St. George City	500 to 999
Boulevard Furniture	250 to 499
Cabinetec	250 to 499
Cross Creek Manor	250 to 499
Federal Government	250 to 499
Lin's Marketplace	250 to 499
SkyWest Airlines	250 to 499

<sup>1</sup> Source: *The Spectrum*

<sup>2</sup> Source: *Utah State Office of Education, Dixie State College, Utah College of Applied Technology*

Sunroc Corporation	250 to 499
Washington County	250 to 499

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

## WASHINGTON COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Washington County has an unemployment rate of 5.3% as of November 2008.

Industry	2008	2007	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	280	306	-8.5%	-26
Construction	6,546	8,542	-23.4%	-1,996
Manufacturing	3,191	3,406	-6.3%	-215
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	12,162	12,128	0.3%	34
Information	824	827	-0.4%	-3
Financial Activities	2,156	2,350	-8.3%	-194
Professional & Business Services	4,154	4,276	-2.9%	-122
Education, Health & Social Services	7,683	7,189	6.9%	494
Leisure & Hospitality	7,078	7,223	-2.0%	-145
Other Services	1,372	1,456	-5.8%	-84
Government	6,850	6,374	7.5%	476
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52,297</b>	<b>54,081</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	<b>-1,784</b>

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

## TAXATION

<b>Total Property Tax Rate – St. George*</b>	<b>0.008923</b>
Washington County	0.001379
Washington County School District	0.005637
St. George City	0.001206
Washington County Water Conservancy District	0.000676
Southwest Mosquito Abatement & Control District	0.000025
<b>Total Property Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.008923</b>
<b>State &amp; Local Sales &amp; Use Tax</b>	<b>5.95% - 7.55%</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

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)

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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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