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# Wayne County

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# Wayne County Profile



Wayne County is located in the south-central region of the state. It is most easily reached by Highway 24 and Highway 72, both of which branch off Interstate 70. Loa is the largest city and county seat of Wayne County.

## POPULATION

	2008 Population	Housing Units
Loa	516	231
Wayne County	2,546	1,454
State of Utah	2,645,463	943,804

Source: Decision Data Resources

## WAYNE COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2008 Estimate	% Change	2013 Forecast	
<b>Population</b>	2,509	1.5%	2,546	0.2%	2,551	
<b>Households</b>	890	9.8%	977	5.3%	1,029	
<b>Age</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
0 to 4	221	8.8%	191	7.5%	186	7.3%
5 to 14	442	17.6%	433	17.0%	385	15.1%
15 to 19	208	8.3%	212	8.3%	223	8.7%
20 to 24	144	5.7%	165	6.5%	205	8.0%
25 to 34	261	10.4%	275	10.8%	300	11.8%
35 to 44	304	12.1%	259	10.2%	254	10.0%
45 to 54	336	13.4%	304	11.9%	267	10.5%
55 to 64	231	9.2%	301	11.8%	306	12.0%
65 to 74	187	7.5%	209	8.2%	234	9.2%
75 to 84	131	5.2%	133	5.2%	135	5.3%
85+	44	1.8%	64	2.5%	56	2.2%
Median Age	34.1		34.9		34.1	
<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
Caucasian	2,441	97.3%	2,478	97.3%	2,484	97.4%
African American	4	0.2%	4	0.2%	4	0.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	9	0.4%	9	0.4%	8	0.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6	0.2%	7	0.3%	8	0.3%
Some Other Race	31	1.2%	30	1.2%	30	1.2%
Two or More Races	18	0.7%	18	0.7%	17	0.7%
<b>Hispanic Population</b>	<b>2000 Census</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2008 Estimate</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013 Forecast</b>	<b>%</b>
Hispanic	50	2.0%	77	3.0%	94	3.7%
<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	182	20.4%	137	14.0%	123	12.0%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	149	16.7%	150	15.4%	141	13.7%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	148	16.6%	139	14.2%	129	12.5%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	180	20.2%	174	17.8%	186	18.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	132	14.8%	207	21.2%	231	22.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	63	7.1%	74	7.6%	91	8.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	24	2.7%	76	7.8%	95	9.2%
\$150,000 +	12	1.3%	20	2.0%	33	3.2%
Average Household Income	\$42,750		\$51,964		\$57,756	

Source: Decision Data Resources

## MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The University of Utah is building a telescope observatory in southern Utah to assist with establishing an astronomy program. Because the telescope will be robotic, students and researchers in Salt Lake City can program the device remotely.<sup>1</sup>
- Data recently released by the Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research reported overall construction in Wayne County was up 9% for the first quarter of 2008. Non-residential construction has increased while residential permitting is down roughly 27%.<sup>2</sup>
- The Utah Board of Tourism Development approved more than \$790,000 for the state's new cooperative marketing program for tourism. Included in the appropriations is \$8,029 for Wayne County.<sup>3</sup>

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Number of Employees
Aspen Achievement Academy	100 to 249
Aspen Ranch	100 to 249
Federal Government	100 to 249
Wayne County School District	100 to 249
Brown Brothers Construction	20 to 49
Harward & Rees	20 to 49
Passages to Recovery	20 to 49
Royal's Market	20 to 49
State of Utah	20 to 49
Wayne Community Health Centers	20 to 49
Wayne County	20 to 49

*Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services*

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<sup>1</sup> *Source: Deseret News*

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## WAYNE COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Wayne County has an unemployment rate of 6.1% as of November 2008.

Industry	2008	2007	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	0	0	0.0%	0
Construction	117	119	-1.7%	-2
Manufacturing	12	10	20.0%	2
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	164	161	1.9%	3
Information	2	2	0.0%	0
Financial Activities	7	10	-30.0%	-3
Professional & Business Services	6	24	-75.0%	-18
Education, Health & Social Services	277	326	-15.0%	-49
Leisure & Hospitality	280	244	14.8%	36
Other Services	29	27	7.4%	2
Government	314	295	6.4%	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>-10</b>

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

## TAXATION

<b>Total Property Tax Rate – Loa*</b>	<b>0.005572</b>
Wayne County	0.001861
Wayne County School District	0.003476
Loa	0.000205
Wayne County Water Conservancy District	0.000030
<b>Total Property Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.005572</b>
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax</b>	<b>5.95%</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.

## CLIMATE – LOA

<b>Average Annual Precipitation</b>	7.75 inches
<b>Elevation</b>	7,050 feet
<b>Average July High Temperature</b>	84 degrees
<b>Average January Low Temperature</b>	8 degrees

Source: Wayne County

## RECREATION

Capital Reef National Park	Set aside as a national park to preserve the unique 100-mile wrinkle in the earth's crust known as monocline, this park provides scenery and many outdoor activities such as horseback riding, biking and camping.
Canyonlands National Park	Canyonlands National Park's beautiful sandstone, shaped by the Colorado River, rain and wind, provides many awe-inspiring views.

*Source: Wayne County*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF UTAH (EDCUtah)

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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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