

## "Rural" or "Urban" as Defined by State Statute or Administrative Rule

The following table represents a survey of statutes<sup>1</sup> and administrative rules<sup>2</sup> defining the terms "rural" or "urban," the state or local entity that the definition pertains to, and any program or purpose to which the definition applies.<sup>3</sup> The table also includes applicable funding allocations.<sup>4</sup> This table does not represent other statutes or rules that use "rural" or "urban" without defining the term.

State or Local Entity	Definition	Program/Purpose	Funding
Consolidation of Local Government Units	<p>The structural form of county government know as the "urban county" form retains, without change or modification, . . . all existing incorporated cities and towns, special taxing districts, public authorities, service areas, and other local public entities functioning within the boundaries of the county.</p> <p>U.C.A. § 17-35b-302.</p>		
Governor's Office of Economic Development	<p>"Economically disadvantage rural area" means a geographic area designated by the Board [of Business and Economic Development] under Section 63M-1-910.</p> <p>U.C.A. § 63M-1-902.</p>	Industries targeted for economic development	Up to 50% of the Industrial Assistance Fund; 20% of the 50% can be used for the rural fast track program

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Governor's Office of Economic Development	<p>"Rural area" means any territory in the state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• within a city, town, or unincorporated area with a population of 10,000 or less</li> <li>• in which broadband service is not available</li> </ul> <p>U.C.A § 63M-1-2302; U.A.C. R357-2-3.</p>	Rural Broadband Service Fund	<p>No funds currently appropriated</p> <p>*According to GOED, this program has expired.</p>
Department of Health	<p>"Rural County" means a county with a population of less than 100 persons per square mile.</p> <p>U.A.C. R380-50-2.</p>	Local health department funding allocation formula	\$2.1 million
Department of Health	<p>"Urban County" means a county with a population greater than 175,000.</p> <p>U.A.C. R414-140-2.</p>	Choice of Health Care Delivery Program	No specific funding
Department of Human Services	<p>[R]ural shall be defined as any county having a total population of less than 100 persons per square mile. All counties will be considered rural except Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, and Weber Counties.</p> <p>U.A.C. R510-108-1.</p>	Title III grants for state and community programs on aging reporting under the Older Americans Act	\$4.4 million FY 2011 plus an additional \$1.5 million if you include Mountainland AOG
Department of Human Services	<p>Rural counties (all counties in the state except Utah, Salt Lake, Davis and Weber).</p> <p>U.A.C. R523-1-15.</p>	Substance abuse and mental health allocation of fund formula	\$12.7 million FY 2011

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Tax Commission	<p>"Urban counties" means counties classified as first or second class counties pursuant to Section 17-50-501.</p> <p>U.A.C. R884-24P-27.</p>	Property tax	\$612,544,513 in CY 2010
Department of Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "[R]ural area" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines.</li> <li>• "[U]rban area" has the same meaning as provided under the Federal Highway Administration Functional Classification Guidelines.</li> </ul> <p>U.C.A. § 72-4-102.5; U.A.C. R926-2-3.</p>	Criteria for state highways	
Transportation Commission	<p>A rural county includes a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.</p> <p>U.C.A. § 72-1-1301.</p>	Membership on Transportation Commission	
Department of Workforce Services	<p>"Rural employer" means an employer whose primary worksite is located in a rural area outside the Wasatch Front as determined by the department.</p> <p>U.A.C. R982-301-102.</p>	Membership on State Council on Workforce Services	No specific funding allocated

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Department of Workforce Services	"Rural" means a county in the state other than Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, or Weber. U.C.A. § 35A-8-501.	Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund	No specific funding allocated currently; will be allocated going forward.
Utah Municipal Code	"Urban" means an area with a residential density of greater than one unit per acre. U.C.A. § 10-2-104.	Exclusion of property from proposed municipal incorporation boundaries	
Utah Municipal Code	"Nonurban" means having a residential density of less than one unit per acre. U.C.A. § 10-2-125.	Exclusion of property from proposed town incorporation boundaries	

1. For purposes of this table, the Utah Code Annotated is cited as "U.C.A."
2. For purposes of this table, the Utah Administrative Code is cited as "U.A.C."
3. Statutory and administrative code survey conducted by the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel - May 2012.
4. Funding allocation information provided by Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst.