Utah’s Economic and Demographic Trends Affecting Legislative Decision-Making

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Utah’s Economic Picture
Percent Change in New Jobs, By Sector
December 2007 - 2006

- Natural Resources: 6.3%
- Construction: 7.4%
- Government: 1.8%
- Leisure and Hospitality: 3.4%
- Trade, Trans., Utilities: 4.6%
- Information: -1%
- Financial Activities: 3.1%
- Prof. & Business: 3.2%
- Education & Health: 3.8%
- Other Services: 2.3%

44,800 new jobs have been created in Utah during the last year.
Tourism Spending
Utah, 1981 to 2007
Per Capita Income as a Percent of the U.S.
Utah and Mountain States: 2006

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Per Capita Income as a Pct of the U.S.
Median Household Income as a Percent of U.S.
Utah and Mountain States: Three Year Avg.  2004-06

- Wyoming: 98.8%
- Utah: 115.5%
- New Mexico: 85.4%
- Nevada: 106.3%
- Montana: 97.1%
- Idaho: 113.1%
- Colorado: 97.8%
- Arizona: 97.8%
Percent of Persons in Poverty
Utah, U.S., and Mountain States: Three Year Avg.
2004 - 06

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Key Points

- Utah’s economy is strong and growing.
- Utah’s economy is diversified.
- Utah’s growing workforce makes the state attractive to employers.
Utah’s Population and Demographic Trends
State of Utah Total Population
1900 to 2007 and Projected 2010

AAPC 1970-2007
Utah 2.5%
U.S. 1.0%
Utah’s Population Increase by Decade
1960 - 2020

- 1960's
- 1970's
- 1980's
- 1990's
- 2000's
- 2010's

Projected

0 100,000 200,000 300,000 400,000 500,000 600,000 700,000
County Population -- Utah, 2007

75% of Utah’s population lives in four counties

82% live in Wasatch Front counties
Change in County Population 1990-2007
Utah’s Fastest Growing Cities
2000 to 2006 - Number Increase

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2006 Population

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Utah’s Fastest Growing Cities
2000 to 2006 - Percent Increase

- Saratoga Springs: 640%
- Herriman: 529%
- Eagle Mountain: 333%
- Cedar Hills: 160%
- Syracuse: 97%
- Lehi: 85%

2006 Population
- Saratoga Springs: 7,283
- Herriman: 14,643
- Eagle Mountain: 12,232
- Cedar Hills: 8,410
- Syracuse: 19,534
- Lehi: 36,021
Key Points

- Utah’s population is one of the fastest growing in the nation.

- Utah’s population is projected to increase by approximately:
  - 587,000 this decade
  - 653,000 next decade

- 90% of this population growth is occurring along the Wasatch Front and in Washington and Cache counties.
Utah’s Increasing Minority Population
Minority Population: Utah and the U.S. 1850 to 2000, Projected to 2010
Foreign-Born Population: Utah In-migration by Region

- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- Oceania
- Latin America
- North America
Just less than one-fourth of the half million increase in the Utah population in the 1990s was Hispanic.
Hispanics represent over a third of new Utah residents since 2000.
Key Points

- Utah’s population is becoming significantly more diverse:
  - In 1990s, Hispanics accounted for 23% of Utah’s population increase.
  - Since 2000, Hispanics have accounted for 33% of Utah’s population increase.
School Population Growth
Utah Public School Enrollment - 1976 to 2007
Projected Growth of School Age Population - 2000 to 2030

- School Age Population (Y1)
- Growth Rate (Y2)
Number of School Age Children Per 100 Working Age Adults: Actual and Projected
Utah, 1980 to 2030

![Graph showing the number of school age children per 100 working age adults in Utah, 1980 to 2030. The graph displays actual and projected data with a downward trend starting from 1980 and projecting into the future.]
Minority Population - Public School Enrollment

Public School Enrollment growth from 2000 to 2007:

Total: 62,384
Minority: 40,320

65% Minority
35% White - Not Hispanic
Share of Population 25 Years & Older With At Least High School Completion - By Minority Status
Utah, 2000

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<td>91%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>84%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>86%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>59%</td>
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- Male
- Female
Key Points

- Public school enrollments are going to increase rapidly for the next several years.
- School-age dependency ratio increases slightly.
- Hispanic population of public schools is increasing rapidly.
- Hispanic educational attainment levels pose a challenge to the state.
Actual and Projected Nonagricultural Payroll Employment Growth
Utah and the United States - 1950 to 2040
Key Point

Utah’s future is bright if:

- We properly educate our fast growing workforce, especially our increasing minority population; and
- Provide the infrastructure to allow our people and businesses to move around rapidly.