

By the Numbers

Total Strength	7,825 members
Full-Time Military	2,163
Traditional	5,135
Civilian	527 (includes full time)
Locations	27 across the state
Total Buildings	500+ (includes Camp Williams and Roland Wright Air Base)

ECONOMIC IMPACT TO UTAH: \$4.487 Billion

(see Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute data for 2023)

Utah's military and defense industry contributed \$22.2 billion to the state's GDP and supported more than 173,000 jobs in Fiscal Year 2023, with major impacts from Hill Air Force Base, Dugway Proving Ground, the Utah Veterans Community, and the Utah National Guard.

The Utah National Guard alone generated 10,228 jobs, \$1.4 billion in GDP, and \$2.3 billion in output, highlighting its significant role in the state's economy.



About Us

The Utah National Guard was organized on March 26, 1894, when the first of its Soldiers took their oaths in a small conference hall in Salt Lake City. Since that event, UTNG Soldiers and Airmen have contributed to every major U.S. conflict. Whether responding to domestic emergencies, civil unrest, or peace and wartime deployments, the UTNG represent the very best of our nation and will continue to prevail over any challenge, home or abroad, entrusted to its care.

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MISSION: The Utah National Guard provides mission-ready military forces to assist both state and federal authorities in times of emergency or war. The Utah National Guard trains, equips, and prepares its members to protect the state and nation's citizens from enemies both foreign and domestic, and to react quickly in the face of natural or man-made disaster or emergency.

Fiscal Year 2026 Approved Governor's Budget Request

Recruiting and Retention Bonus

- **\$3.4M one-time state funding request**
- To boost retention efforts and increase military end strength to retain valuable talent
- Improve retention rate from 76 percent to 90 percent
- Maintain more than 100% strength

Tuition Assistance for Higher Education

- **\$1.65M one-time state funding request**
- Tuition and fees for current members attending institutions of higher education learning to aide in retention programs, to include technical colleges
- Improves recruiting and retention

West Traverse Sentinel Landscape

- **\$3M one-time state funding request**
- 11,314 acres identified for preservation
- 4,278 acres preserved, 565 acres in progress
- More than \$41M in federal funding expended with \$17M more in partner funds since 2015

Camp Williams South Gate Access Point

- **\$12.5M one-time state funding request**
- Build a new access gate for Camp Williams to accomodate additional traffic expected from the new US Army Reserve Center opening spring of 2026

IT Staffing and Infastructure Upgrade

- **\$335K on-going state funding request**
- Improve future IT infrastructure and full-time manning on projects such as the new website: guard.utah.gov in accordance with state minimum staffing recommendations



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Utah National Guard 2024 Highlights

Operational Accomplishments

- Achieved 102% strength in Army and Air
- Deployed more than 510 Soldiers and Airmen worldwide to support federal missions
- Supported 29 critical missions in local communities and on the South West border
- Retained 200 Air positions by converting legacy air control squadron to two cyber operations squadrons
- Net increase of 200 Army Soldiers
- Announcement of Infantry Battalion coming to Utah. Increase of 760 Army Soldiers
- Led Air Force Modernization efforts for the KC-135 Tanker Fleet
- First Air National Guard unit to lead a base in a deployed location (Middle East)
- Led efforts to plan and execute large joint readiness exercise and capability demonstration in the Pacific
- Met criteria for new \$145M two-hanger complex at Air Base—scheduled for FY27-28 military construction funding
- Conducted large-scale nuclear alert generation exercise at Hill Air Force Base (mission support during nuclear contingency)
- Utah Tech ROTC re-established
- West Utah National Guard senior leaders positioned in several national committee and council leadership roles
- Utah National Guard Counter Drug Program remains the largest federal CD program in the nation, providing significant support and capability to multiple state, local and federal agencies in the war on drugs

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