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UTAH'S EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY: May 2024

SALT LAKE CITY (June 21, 2024) — Utah's nonfarm payroll employment for May 2024 increased an estimated 2.2% across the past 12 months, with the state's economy adding a cumulative 38,100 jobs since May 2023. Utah's current job count stands at 1,759,600.

May's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is estimated at 2.9%. Approximately 51,900 Utahns are unemployed. Utah's April unemployment rate is unrevised at 2.8%. The May national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.0%.

“Strong job gains in manufacturing and construction, along with hiring in the public sector, have helped maintain solid overall job growth,” said Ben Crabb, Chief Economist at the Utah Department of Workforce Services. “Industries that have faced challenges recently, including financial activities, information, and leisure and hospitality, are seeing some improvement as the May employment estimates show a state economy expanding at a healthy pace, reinforcing a positive outlook of steady growth for the remainder of the year.”

Utah's May private sector employment recorded a year-over-year expansion of 1.8%, or a 25,700-job increase. Eight of the ten major private-sector industry groups posted net year-over-year job gains. The overall gains are led by education and health services (10,600 jobs), construction (6,500 jobs), and manufacturing (4,000 jobs). Financial activities (-100 jobs), and information (-100 jobs) were the only sectors with year-over-year job losses.

- Additional analysis and tables at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/index.html>
- County unemployment rates for May will post on or shortly after June 24, 2024, at <https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/une/season.pdf>
- June's employment information will be released at 7 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024.
- Statistics generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., modeled from monthly employer (employment) and household (unemployment) surveys.

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Labor Market Indicators  
May 2024

**Utah**  
Employment Year-Over % Change: 2.2%  
Employment # Change: 38,100  
Unemployment Rate: 2.9%

**United States**  
Employment Year-Over % Change: 1.8%  
Unemployment Rate: 4.0%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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## Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

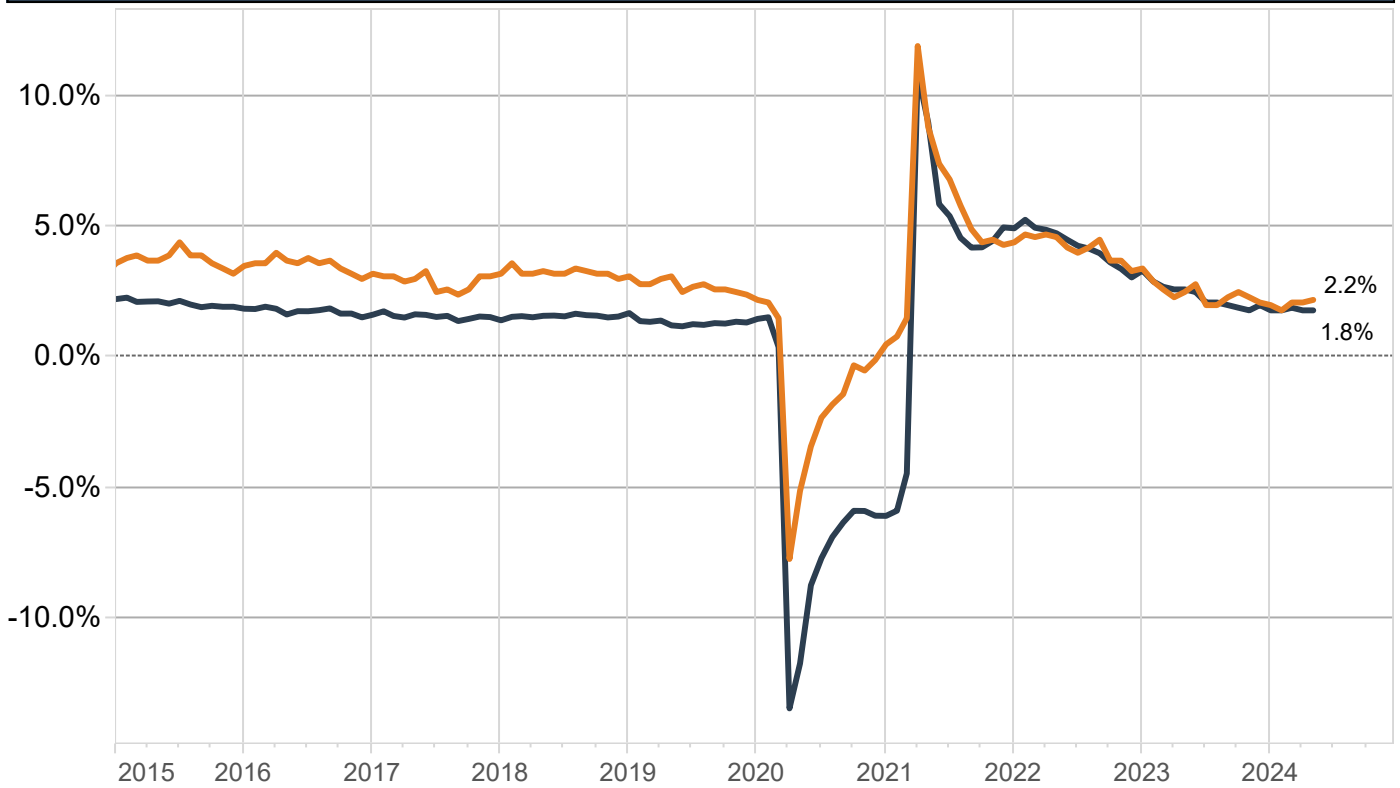
Numbers are in thousands	May (p) 2024	May 2023	Percentage Change	April (r) 2024	April 2023	Percentage Change
<b>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (seasonally-adjusted)</b>	<b>1,799.4</b>	<b>1,787.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1,801.7</b>	<b>1,782.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Employed	1,747.5	1,741.8	0.3	1,751.1	1,737.8	0.8
Unemployed	51.9	45.2	14.8	50.6	44.5	13.7
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.5		2.8	2.5	
<b>NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (Thousands)</b>	<b>1,759.6</b>	<b>1,721.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1,750.1</b>	<b>1,715.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Not seasonally-adjusted						
<b>PRIVATE SECTOR</b>	<b>1,478.8</b>	<b>1,453.1</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1,472.8</b>	<b>1,450.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>308.1</b>	<b>297.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>302.8</b>	<b>293.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>134.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>130.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Construction of Buildings	30.0	28.8	4.2	29.5	28.0	5.4
Heavy and Civil Engineering	13.8	13.1	5.3	13.2	12.5	5.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	96.8	92.2	5.0	94.8	90.3	5.0
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>156.5</b>	<b>152.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>154.4</b>	<b>152.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Durable Goods</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Computer and Electronic Products	13.4	13.1	2.3	13.2	13.0	1.5
Transportation and Equipment Manufacturing	19.2	18.4	4.3	18.8	18.2	3.3
<b>Non-Durable Goods</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>57.2</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>SERVICES PROVIDING</b>	<b>1,451.5</b>	<b>1,424.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1,447.3</b>	<b>1,421.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>315.8</b>	<b>313.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>314.8</b>	<b>312.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Retail Trade</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>179.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>182.2</b>	<b>179.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	25.6	24.5	4.5	25.6	24.4	4.9
Food and Beverage Stores	28.7	28.0	2.5	28.8	28.0	2.9
General Merchandise Stores	36.5	36.3	0.6	36.3	36.0	0.8
<b>Transportation and Utilities</b>	<b>72.6</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>73.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>
Utilities	3.9	3.8	2.6	3.8	3.8	0.0
Transportation & Warehousing	68.7	69.9	-1.7	68.2	69.2	-1.4
Air Transportation	9.6	9.5	1.1	9.5	9.4	1.1
Truck Transportation	19.4	20.8	-6.7	19.3	20.7	-6.8
Couriers and Messengers	17.2	16.5	4.2	17.1	16.2	5.6
<b>Information</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
Motion Picture and Sound Recording	7.1	6.8	4.4	6.9	6.6	4.5
Publishing Industries	19.9	20.1	-1.0	19.8	20.1	-1.5
Telecommunications	4.8	4.9	-2.0	4.8	4.9	-2.0
Internet Service Providers	7.2	7.4	-2.7	7.2	7.5	-4.0
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Finance and Insurance	73.7	73.9	-0.3	73.5	73.9	-0.5
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	24.2	24.1	0.4	23.6	23.9	-1.3
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>251.6</b>	<b>251.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>249.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	132.7	133.1	-0.3	132.0	133.4	-1.0
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	21.2	20.3	4.4	21.0	19.9	5.5
Computer Systems Design and Related	35.0	36.9	-5.1	35.3	37.0	-4.6
Management of Companies and Enterprises	23.9	22.5	6.2	23.7	22.6	4.9
Administrative and Waste Services	95.0	95.8	-0.8	94.3	93.3	1.1
Employment Services	30.9	31.7	-2.5	30.8	31.1	-1.0
Business Support Services	9.4	10.2	-7.8	9.5	10.3	-7.8
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>242.3</b>	<b>231.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>237.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Educational Services	53.4	50.7	5.3	59.6	55.9	6.6
Health Services and Social Assistance	188.9	181.0	4.4	188.5	181.5	3.9
Ambulatory Health Care Services	82.6	79.9	3.4	82.4	79.5	3.6
Hospitals	42.9	41.1	4.4	43.2	41.9	3.1
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	31.9	29.9	6.7	31.7	29.9	6.0
Social Assistance	31.5	30.1	4.7	31.2	30.2	3.3
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>173.7</b>	<b>172.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>170.9</b>	<b>172.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	32.1	30.9	3.9	30.4	31.0	-1.9
Accommodation and Food Services	141.6	141.4	0.1	140.5	141.3	-0.6
Accommodation	20.9	21.5	-2.8	20.8	22.4	-7.1
Food Services and Drinking Places	120.7	119.9	0.7	119.7	118.9	0.7
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>280.8</b>	<b>268.4</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>277.3</b>	<b>264.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Federal Defense	19.1	18.7	2.1	19.1	18.6	2.7
Other Federal Government	21.9	21.6	1.4	21.3	21.0	1.4
<b>State Government</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>
State Education	52.0	49.1	5.9	52.9	50.0	5.8
Other State Government	38.0	35.8	6.1	37.8	35.7	5.9
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>149.8</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>146.2</b>	<b>139.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Local Education	83.2	79.8	4.3	82.4	79.0	4.3
Other Local Government	66.6	63.4	5.0	63.8	60.6	5.3

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS); Current Employment Statistics (CES). June 21, 2024

Note: Government owned education, healthcare, etc. are enumerated within Government.

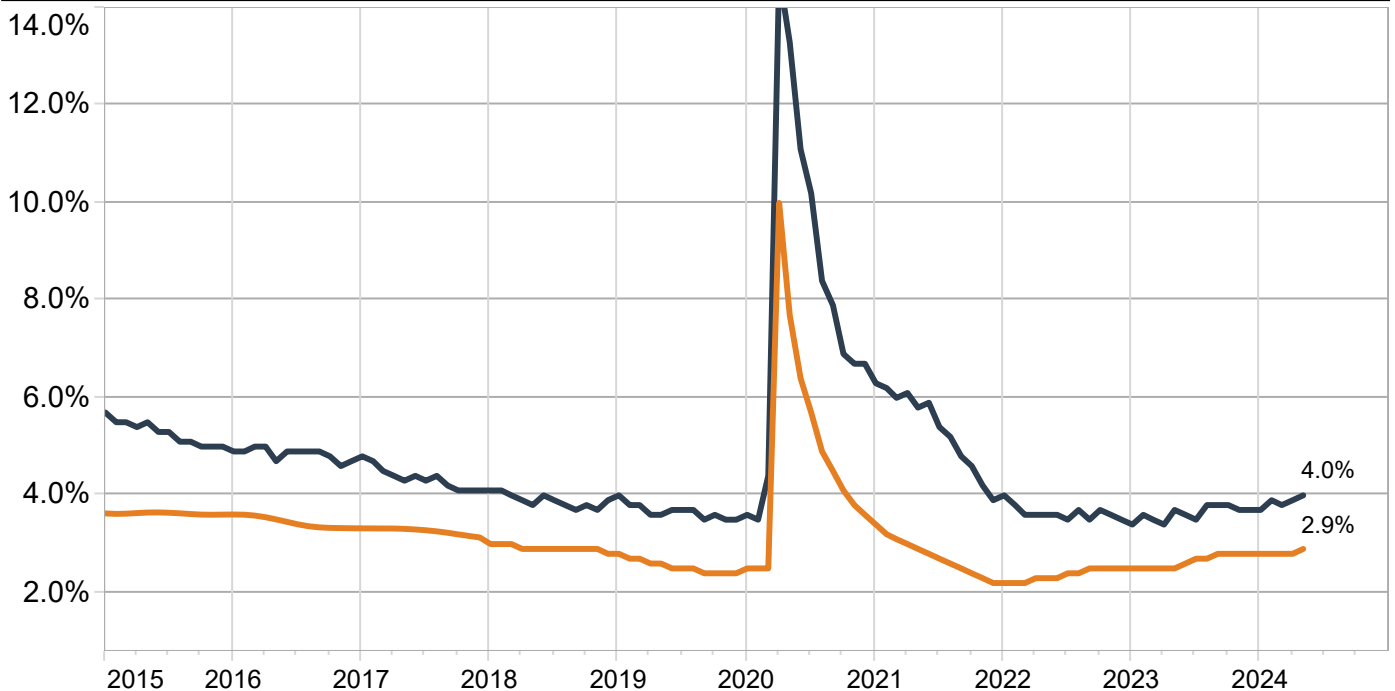
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## Year-Over Percent Change In Nonfarm Jobs

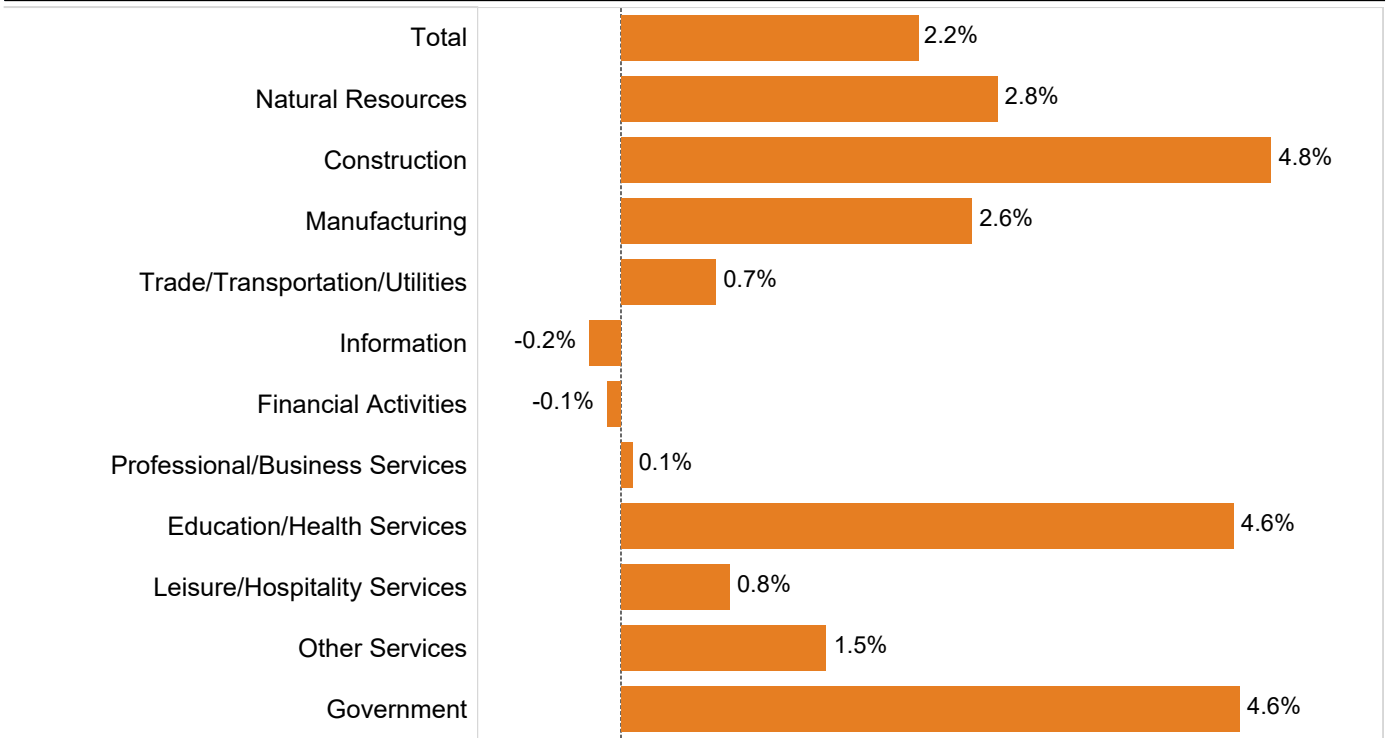


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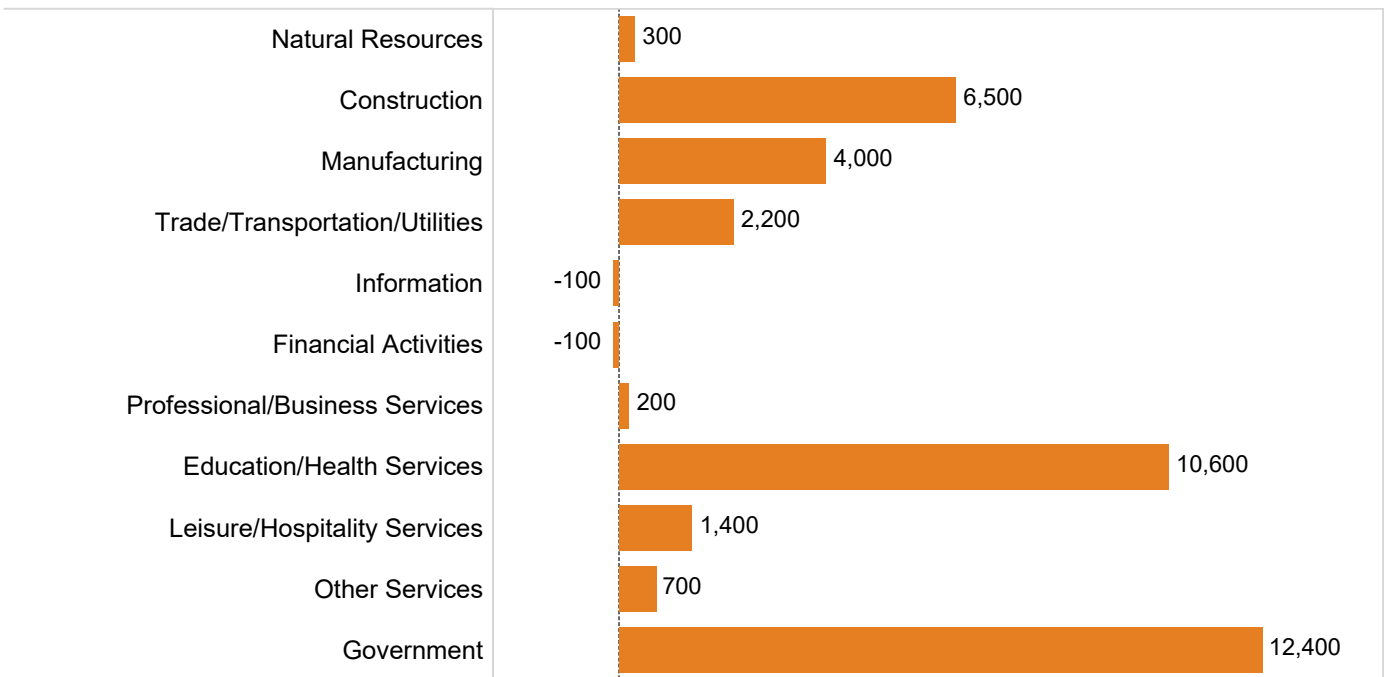
## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



## Utah Nonfarm Industry Profiles May 2023 - 2024 Percent Change



## Numeric Change



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	May 2024 <i>Estimate</i>	May 2023 <i>Actual</i>	Percent Change	April 2024 <i>Estimate</i>	March 2024 <i>Estimate</i>
<b>BEAVER</b>	2,602	2,571	1.2	2,520	2,522
<b>BOX ELDER</b>	24,591	23,951	2.7	24,266	23,934
<b>CACHE</b>	68,744	67,862	1.3	68,359	68,052
<b>CARBON</b>	9,043	8,909	1.5	8,916	8,892
<b>DAGGETT</b>	476	458	3.9	408	339
<b>DAVIS</b>	148,822	146,191	1.8	145,622	143,879
<b>DUCHESNE</b>	9,112	8,925	2.1	8,915	8,875
<b>EMERY</b>	3,802	3,732	1.9	3,752	3,762
<b>GARFIELD</b>	2,746	2,681	2.4	2,545	2,115
<b>GRAND</b>	7,707	7,616	1.2	7,322	6,889
<b>IRON</b>	25,433	24,153	5.3	26,375	26,150
<b>JUAB</b>	4,335	4,317	0.4	4,322	4,249
<b>KANE</b>	4,304	4,253	1.2	4,060	3,889
<b>MILLARD</b>	4,951	4,820	2.7	4,885	4,852
<b>MORGAN</b>	3,150	3,006	4.8	3,118	3,082
<b>PIUTE</b>	299	286	4.5	284	289
<b>RICH</b>	1,018	1,003	1.5	865	825
<b>SALT LAKE</b>	813,749	798,260	1.9	808,949	804,825
<b>SAN JUAN</b>	4,791	4,749	0.9	4,627	4,555
<b>SANPETE</b>	10,078	9,851	2.3	10,111	10,056
<b>SEVIER</b>	9,963	9,714	2.6	9,801	9,858
<b>SUMMIT</b>	29,392	28,675	2.5	31,829	33,634
<b>TOOELE</b>	19,570	19,619	(0.2)	19,343	19,263
<b>UINTAH</b>	15,001	14,495	3.5	14,815	14,466
<b>UTAH</b>	307,816	304,459	1.1	309,926	307,516
<b>WASATCH</b>	12,414	11,994	3.5	12,166	12,079
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	88,480	85,513	3.5	88,055	87,044
<b>WAYNE</b>	1,376	1,385	(0.6)	1,316	1,173
<b>WEBER</b>	125,253	122,075	2.6	124,661	123,758

Note: Numbers have been left unrounded for convenience rather than to denote accuracy.

Note: County employment estimates are assessed independently of the statewide estimate.

Note: Employment numbers are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, comparisons of employment levels from one month to the next should not be used as job creation/loss estimates between those months. Seasonal factors could be the reason. For example, employment levels in September are usually higher than in August, as school employment resumes.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Research and Analysis, 6/21/2024