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Metrics that Matter

Measuring Child Well-Being in Utah

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WHY KIDS COUNT



Voices for Utah Children believes effective policy and program decisions are rooted in high-quality data. Each year, in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, we publish this Utah KIDS COUNT report, *Metrics that Matter: Measuring Child Well-Being in Utah.*

The report reviews various data domains to illustrate Utah's development and status. It provides updated, reliable data to help policymakers and child advocates understand the changing needs of Utah's children and communities.

Voices for Utah Children hopes this report continues to serve as a valuable resource for legislators, educators, advocates, and all those dedicated to improving the lives of Utah children.

PUT DATA INTO ACTION

Connect with us!

This data serves as a roadmap for shaping policies and programs that help children thrive. It sheds light on the state's progress, pinpoints areas that need attention, and highlights opportunities to build a brighter future for all.

We hope communities will use it to take a closer look at local needs and take action to support kids. And we're here to help!

Want to host an event, panel, or meeting to dive into the data in your area? We'd love that!

Email us at voices@utahchildren.org to get started.

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Looking Back at 2024

A Data-Driven Start to the New Year

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Each year, data provides a clearer picture of the well-being of Utah's children and the challenges they face. This 2024 data book examines key trends across five domains—education, demographics, health, juvenile justice, and economics—offering insights into how the state's youngest residents are faring.

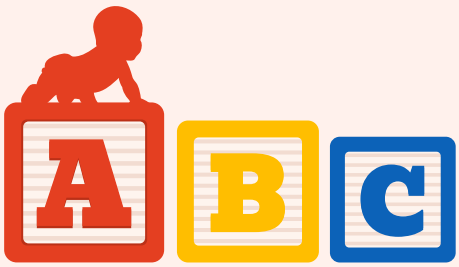
Understanding these shifts is essential for policymakers, advocates, and communities working to create a strong foundation for Utah's future.

Shifting Demographics and Rising Poverty:
Key Challenges for Utah's Future

One of the most notable trends in this report is Utah's gradual decline in its child population, signaling potential long-term impacts on schools, the workforce, and economic stability. At the same time, poverty rates are rising, with more children and families struggling with intergenerational poverty.

Addressing these challenges requires strategic investment, particularly in areas like child care, education, and family economic stability. By analyzing this data now, Utah can take proactive steps to ensure that every child has the support they need to thrive.

Utah's Percentage of Children Under 18



2020	2021	2022
29.4%	29.3%	28.5%

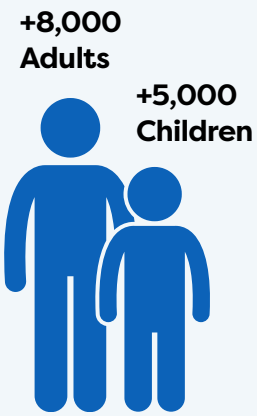
Utah's Child Population is Gradually Declining

Utah's percentage of children under 18 is gradually declining, dropping from 29.4% in 2020 to 28.5% in 2022 [1]. While the state still has one of the highest child populations in the U.S., this trend signals important shifts for the future.

A declining child population may affect school enrollment, funding, and resources while also leading to future labor shortages and economic challenges.

This makes immigration policy more crucial, as the state may need to rely on immigrant families to sustain growth and maintain a stable population. Understanding and planning for these changes now will be crucial to ensuring Utah remains a place where children and families can thrive.

Increase in Utah Adults and Children Living in Poverty (2024)



Rising Poverty in Utah: A Growing Challenge

The increase in intergenerational poverty (IGP) in Utah, as reported by the 2024 Utah Department of Workforce Services, highlights a growing challenge. Over 8,000 more adults and 5,000 more children are now living in poverty that spans multiple generations, indicating that the cycle of poverty is expanding, making it harder for families to break free from economic hardship. A key solution to addressing these issues lies in investing in child care.

Affordable and accessible child care allows parents to work or pursue education, increasing household income and economic stability.



We hope this report continues to serve as a trusted resource for policymakers, educators, advocates, and all those working to ensure that every child in Utah has the opportunity to thrive.

The data presented offers a clear picture of where we've made progress, where challenges remain, and where new opportunities lie. By using this information to shape policy and programs, we can work together to build a stronger, more equitable future for Utah's children.

We invite you to explore the data and welcome opportunities for collaboration. If you have questions or need additional information about the data, please contact KIDS COUNT Director Martín Muñoz at martin@utahchildren.org.





DEMOGRAPHICS

The 2024 Utah Demographic Data provides an overview of the state's population composition, household structures, racial and ethnic distribution, and dependency ratios.

Utah remains young but is gradually aging, with growing racial and ethnic diversity. As the proportion of children declines and single parent households persist, our state must develop and implement responsive public policies that support working families, address child poverty, and prepare for future economic demands.

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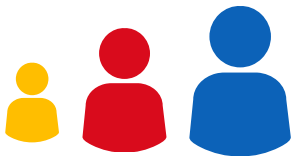


Utah's Population



The state's total population reached 3,283,809, reflecting growth from 3,231,370 in 2021.

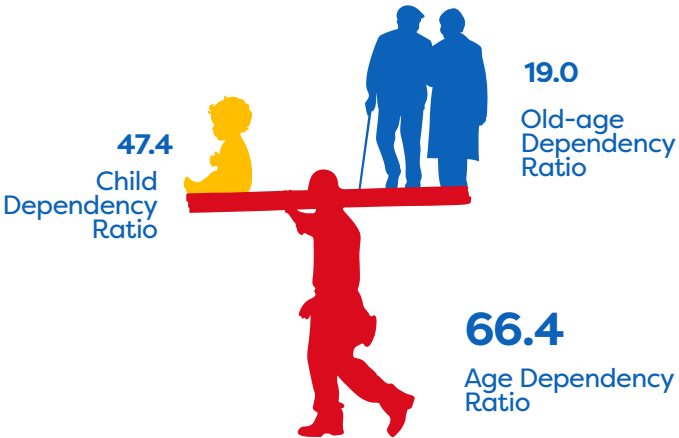
Utah's Median Age



31.4 years

Utah continues to be recognized as the youngest state in the nation, with a median age of 31.4, according to the U.S. Census 2022 American Community Survey (ACS).

Age Dependency Ratio



The age dependency ratio remained steady at 66.4, meaning there are 66.4 dependents for every 100 people of working age.

This includes a child dependency ratio of 47.4 and an old-age dependency ratio of 19.0.

Child Population by Age Group (2022)

Birth to 4 years

239, 517

A decrease of 6,122 from 2021

5-9 years

261, 663

A decrease of 4,904 from 2021

10-14 years

271, 664

A decrease of 1,045 from 2021

15-19 years

269,522

An increase of 9,701 from 2021

While Utah maintains a relatively young population, the aging demographic is gradually increasing, impacting future economic and social planning.

Parental Household Types (2022)

782,668
73.64%

Family Households

308,096
28.99%

Married with own children under 18 years

23,243
2.19%

Single Male, with own children under 18 years

48,516
4.56%

Single Female, with own children under 18 years

The number of family households remained stable at around 73.6%. Married-couple families with children under 18 accounted for approximately 29% of all households.

The data also highlights variations in single-parent households, with female-headed households with children making up around 8.8% of the population.



K-12 Grade Student Population by Race & Ethnicity

SY 2023 & 2024, Fall Enrollment
USBE Data & Statistics

	School Year 2023	School Year 2024	Difference
American Indian	6,345	6,026	319 ↓
African American/Black	8,940	8,761	179 ↓
Asian	11,329	10,877	452 ↓
Multiple Race	23139	25,649	2,510 ↑
Pacific Islander	11,113	10,528	585 ↓
White	482,215	479,069	3,146 ↓
Hispanic	13,1965	132,113	148 ↑

Between the 2023 and 2024 school years, Utah's K–12 enrollment data shows a decline across most racial and ethnic groups, including American Indian, Black, Asian, Pacific Islander, and White students. The only groups to increase were Hispanic students (up slightly by 148 students) and Multiple Race students, who saw the largest growth at over 10%.

While White students remain the largest group, their numbers continue to decline slightly.

Utah's overall racial and ethnic composition (see next page) remained broadly consistent, with White individuals making up 82.38% of the population, down slightly from 83.7% in 2021. Hispanic or Latino residents, who can be of any race, comprised 14.64% of the total population, showing a slight increase.

Other racial groups, including American Indian/Alaskan Native (1%), Black/African American (1.15%), and Asian (2.37%), saw only marginal fluctuations.

These shifts suggest growing racial diversity in Utah schools, particularly through an increase in students identifying with more than one race.



State Demographic Data

Household

	2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates		2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates	
	#	%	#	%
Total Population	3,231,370	100.00%	3,283,809	100.00%
Under 5 Years	245,639	7.60%	239,517	7.30%
5-9 Years	266,567	8.20%	261,663	8.0%
10-14 Years	272,709	8.40%	271,664	8.3%
15-19 Years	259,821	8.00%	269,522	8.2%
Under 18 Years	946,063	29.30%	935,997	28.5%
Total Households	1,033,651	100.00%	1.062,819	100.00%
Family Households	763,353	73.85%	782,668	73.64%
Married Couple Family	624,878	60.45%	639,567	60.18%
Married Couple, with own children under 18	303,616	29.37%	308,096	28.99%
Male Households, no spouse and children present	46,610	4.51%	49,243	4.63%
Male Households (no spouse), with own children under 18	22,616	2.19%	23,243	2.19%
Female Households, no spouse and children present	91,865	8.89%	93,858	8.83%
Female Households (no spouse), with own children under 18	48,216	4.66%	48,516	4.56%

Race & Ethnicity

for Total Population

	2021		2022	
White	2,704,561	83.70%	2,705,194	82.38%
Hispanic or Latino, can be any race	465,832	14.42%	480,843	14.64%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	33,242	1.03%	32,948	1.00%
Asian	75,530	2.34%	77,761	2.37%
Black or African American	38,545	1.19%	37,712	1.15%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	29,086	0.90%	30,748	0.94%
Two or More Races	182,258	5.64%	224,725	6.84%
Some other Race	168,048	5.20%	174,721	5.32

Age Dependency Ratio

2022 ACS 5 Year Table S0101

	2022
Age Dependency Ratio	66.4
Child Ratio	47.4
Old-age ratio	19.0

K-12 Grade Population by County

School Year 2023-2024

County	White		Hispanic		American Indian		African American/ Black		Asian		Pacific Islander		Multiple Race	
SY 2023-24	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Beaver	1157	78.60%	258	17.53%	13	0.88%	4	0.27%	4	0.27%	11	0.75%	25	1.70%
Box Elder	11,073	84.04%	1,611	12.23%	61	0.46%	61	0.46%	55	0.42%	49	0.37%	266	2.02%
Cache	21,709	78.16%	4,279	15.41%	223	0.80%	250	0.90%	360	1.30%	268	0.96%	687	2.47%
Carbon	2,962	78.16%	526	14.67%	36	1.00%	11	0.31%	11	0.31%	5	0.14%	34	0.95%
Daggett	165	91.67%	7	3.89%	3	1.67%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	2.78%
Davis	63,348	78.98%	10,658	13.29%	288	0.36%	919	1.15%	986	1.23%	1,143	1.43%	2,863	3.57%
Duchesne	4,197	78.42%	593	11.08%	311	5.81%	23	0.43%	19	0.36%	8	0.15%	201	3.76%
Emery	1,869	88.49%	201	9.52%	6	0.28%	3	0.14%	2	0.09%	1	0.05%	30	1.42%
Garfield	1,262	83.30%	175	11.55%	17	1.12%	1	0.07%	8	0.53%	7	0.46%	45	2.97%
Grand	1,007	67.81%	341	22.96%	90	6.06%	4	0.27%	5	0.34%	6	0.40%	32	2.15%
Iron	12,805	83.36%	1,658	10.79%	239	1.56%	100	0.65%	151	0.98%	114	0.74%	294	1.91%
Juab	2,693	90.01%	204	6.82%	8	0.27%	10	0.33%	12	0.40%	17	0.57%	48	1.60%
Kane	1,265	88.15%	99	6.90%	25	1.74%	3	0.21%	2	0.14%	0	0.00%	41	2.86%
Millard	2,482	78.97%	551	17.53%	26	0.83%	5	0.16%	22	0.70%	3	0.10%	54	1.72%
Morgan	3,067	94.51%	92	2.84%	6	0.18%	9	0.28%	9	0.28%	4	0.12%	58	1.79%
Piute	217	81.89%	41	15.47%	0	0.00%	3	1.13%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	1.51%
Rich	491	93.35%	23	4.37%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	0.57%	9	1.71%
Salt Lake	118,761	58.82%	55,126	27.30%	1,119	0.55%	4,918	2.44%	6,518	3.23%	5,388	2.67%	10,068	4.99%
San Juan	1047	36.79%	192	6.75%	1,511	53.09%	6	0.21%	4	0.14%	2	0.07%	84	2.95%
Sanpete	4,640	80.82%	888	15.47%	41	0.71%	18	0.31%	7	0.12%	29	0.51%	118	2.06%
Sevier	4,162	90.46%	259	5.63%	89	1.93%	33	0.72%	17	0.37%	40	0.87%	1	0.02%
Summit	5,665	77.29%	1,337	18.24%	10	0.14%	34	0.46%	59	0.80%	3	0.04%	222	3.03%
Tooele	13,444	73.71%	3,452	18.93%	158	0.87%	204	1.12%	157	0.86%	365	2.00%	458	2.51%
Uintah	6,019	78.92%	776	10.17%	521	6.83%	39	0.51%	24	0.31%	31	0.41%	217	2.85%
Utah	121,293	75.30%	27,754	17.23%	523	0.32%	1,175	0.73%	1,570	0.97%	2,128	1.32%	6,641	4.12%
Wasatch	7,099	77.87%	1,689	18.53%	14	0.15%	29	0.32%	42	0.46%	21	0.23%	223	2.45%
Washington	31,026	75.74%	6,904	16.85%	468	1.14%	374	0.91%	423	1.03%	557	1.36%	1,212	2.96%
Wayne	357	87.07%	33	8.05%	6	1.46%	1	0.24%	3	0.73%	0	0.00%	10	2.44%
Weber	33,787	68.48%	12,386	25.10%	214	0.43%	524	1.06%	407	0.82%	325	0.66%	1,699	3.44%

Source: Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Data and Statistics, fall enrollment count 2023-2024 school year (SY 2024)

Household Demographics by County

County	Total Households	Family Households		Married Couple Households no children		Male Households with no spouse & children under 18		Female Households with no spouse & children under 18	
	#	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Beaver	2,290	1,888	82.45%	1,694	73.97%	82	3.58%	49	2.14%
Box Elder	18,557	14,204	76.54%	12,067	65.03%	508	2.74%	628	3.38%
Cache	41,718	31,746	76.10%	26,894	64.47%	596	1.43%	1,915	4.59%
Carbon	7,998	5,372	67.17%	4,377	54.73%	213	2.66%	292	3.65%
Daggett	235	139	59.15%	131	55.74%	4	1.70%	2	0.85%
Davis	112,155	88,849	79.22%	73,841	65.84%	2,295	2.05%	5,684	5.07%
Duchesne	6,461	4,998	77.36%	4,012	62.10%	147	2.28%	340	5.26%
Emery	3,447	2,553	74.06%	2,193	63.62%	88	2.55%	130	3.77%
Garfield	1,952	1,369	70.13%	1,166	59.73%	35	1.79%	74	3.79%
Grand	4,335	2,521	58.15%	1,883	43.44%	26	0.60%	308	7.10%
Iron	18,596	13,390	72.00%	11,148	59.95%	477	2.57%	725	3.90%
Juab	3,594	2,956	82.25%	2,423	67.42%	68	1.89%	155	4.31%
Kane	3,225	1,917	59.44%	1,672	51.84%	5	0.16%	117	3.63%
Millard	4,177	3,264	89.13%	2,675	64.04%	122	2.92%	237	5.67%
Morgan	3,506	3,125	89.13%	2,810	80.15%	80	2.28%	39	1.11%
Piute	569	359	63.09%	305	53.60%	0	0.00%	9	1.58%
Rich	765	610	79.74%	537	70.20%	3	0.39%	55	7.19%
Salt Lake	407,673	276,845	67.91%	216,023	52.99%	9,068	2.22%	20,454	5.02%
San Juan	4,457	3,193	71.64%	2,318	52.01%	106	2.38%	275	6.17%
Sanpete	8,617	6.539	75.88%	5,670	65.80%	204	2.37%	243	2.82%
Sevier	7,396	5,660	76.53%	4,871	65.86%	132	1.78%	257	3.47%
Summit	13,655	10,214	74.80%	8,738	63.99%	296	2.17%	626	4.58%
Tooele	22,124	17,751	80.23%	14,401	65.09%	691	3.12%	1,192	5.39%
Uintah	11,547	8,372	72.50%	6,828	59.13%	345	2.99%	519	4.49%
Utah	187,171	151,502	80.94%	130,297	69.61%	3,217	1.72%	6,534	3.49%
Wasatch	11,407	8,951	78.47%	7,946	69.66%	106	0.93%	394	3.45%
Washington	64,151	47,937	74.73%	41,366	64.48%	993	1.55%	2,230	3.48%
Wayne	1,051	833	79.26%	672	63.94%	23	2.19%	61	5.80%
Weber	89,990	65,621	72.92%	50,609	56.24%	3,313	3.68%	4,982	5.54%

Source: 2022 American Community Survey 5-year.

Population Data by County

County	Population Estimate	Population Estimate Under Age 5 Years		Population Estimate Under Age 18		Population Age Dependency Ratio		Population Median Age
	#	#	%	#	%	Over 65	Child	Years
Beaver	7,102	571	8.0%	2,190	30.8%	25.7	56.0	33.8
Box Elder	58,291	4,376	7.5%	18,090	31.0%	22.5	56.5	33.1
Cache	134,428	10,478	7.8%	39,835	29.6%	15.7	50.2	25.5
Carbon	20,338	1,251	6.2%	5,246	25.8%	31.7	47.1	37.8
Daggett	638	27	4.5%	162	25.4%	33.7	66.3	43.3
Davis	363,032	27,501	7.6%	112,972	31.1%	17.3	54.9	32.0
Duchesne	19,779	1,660	8.4	6,494	32.8%	21.9	61.6	33.1
Emery	9,898	593	6.0%	2,826	28.6%	31.5	53.3	38.4
Garfield	5.121	286	5.6%	1,134	22.1%	42.7	44.1	40.4
Grand	9,680	398	4.1%	1,779	18.4%	33.9	32.5	40.3
Iron	58,068	3,979	6.9%	16,127	27.8%	22.0	48.8	29.5
Juab	11,943	902	7.6%	4,027	33.7%	23.2	64.8	30.1
Kane	7,635	387	5.1%	1,647	21.6%	39.9	38.5	42.5
Millard	13,027	956	7.3%	4,066	31.2%	32.9	61.2	34.4
Morgan	12,367	846	6.8%	4,247	34.3%	22.0	66.2	32.1
Piute	1,764	50	2.8%	338	19.2%	53.9	33.2	49.5
Rich	2,543	220	8.7%	818	32.2%	37.4	68.3	33.9
Salt Lake	1,180,643	79,892	6.8%	308,078	26.1%	17.6	43.2	33.4
San Juan	14,524	877	6.0%	4,099	28.2%	25.7	53.3	33.2
Sanpete	28,816	1,710	5.9%	7,152	24.8%	22.7	41.6	33.1
Sevier	21,667	1,452	6.7%	6,240	28.8%	30.1	53.6	36.2
Summit	42,524	2,163	5.1%	10,012	23.5%	20.6	38.4	40.5
Tooele	74,032	5,651	7.6%	23,475	31.7%	14.9	54.9	31.7
Uintah	35,951	2,836	7.9%	11,526	32.1%	19.2	57.6	32.4
Utah	666,021	58,257	8.7%	214,695	32.2%	12.9	56.0	25.2
Wasatch	35,009	2,493	7.1%	10,495	30.0%	20.7	54.3	35.5
Washington	183,297	11,002	6.0%	45,648	24.9%	40.7	49.0	38.6
Wayne	2,532	154	6.1%	595	23.5%	42.1	43.6	43.0
Weber	262,960	18,516	7.0%	71,849	27.3%	19.3	46.4	33.2

Source: 2022 American Community Survey 5-year.

Race & Ethnicity Demographics by County

County	White Only		Hispanic/ Latino can be any race		American Indian/ Alaska Native Only		African American/ Black Only		Asian Only		Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Only		Two or More Races		Some Other Race	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Beaver	6,326	89.07%	919	12.94%	63	0.89%	10	0.14%	0	0.00%	10	0.14%	276	3.89%	417	5.87%
Box Elder	52,626	90.28%	5,751	9.87%	272	0.47%	240	0.41%	581	1.0%	102	0.17%	3,370	5.78%	1,100	1.89%
Cache	117,401	87.33%	14,770	10.99%	486	0.36%	925	0.69%	2,699	2.01%	534	0.40%	7,896	5.87%	4,487	3.34%
Carbon	18,214	89.56%	2.799	13.76%	123	0.60%	226	1.11%	56	0.28%	39	0.19%	1,256	6.18%	424	2.08%
Daggett	592	92.79%	18	2.82%	11	1.72%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	34	5.33%	1	0.16%
Davis	317,232	87.38%	37,998	10.47%	1,474	0.41%	4,526	1.25%	6,627	1.83%	2,839	0.78%	22,870	6.30%	7,464	2.06%
Duchesne	17,557	88.77%	1,683	8.51%	680	3.44%	74	0.37%	78	0.39%	85	0.43%	859	4.43%	446	2.25%
Emery	9,461	95.58%	677	6.84%	58	0.59%	8	0.08%	0	0.00%	96	0.97%	242	2.44%	33	0.33%
Garfield	4,826	94.24%	381	7.44%	146	2.85%	6	0.12%	0	0.0%	22	0.43%	74	1.45%	47	0.92%
Grand	8,431	87.10%	1,052	10.87%	349	3.61%	2	0.02%	140	1.45%	101	1.04%	449	4.46%	208	2.15%
Iron	51,237	88.24%	5,619	9.68%	998	1.72%	434	0.75%	654	1.13%	152	0.26%	3,060	5.27%	1,605	2.76%
Juab	11,057	92.58%	685	5.74%	138	1.16%	76	0.64%	71	0.59%	1	0.01%	543	4.55%	57	0.48%
Kane	7,281	95.36%	422	5.53%	133	1.74%	13	0.17%	84	1.10%	4	0.05%	166	2.17%	133	1.74%
Millard	11,189	85.89%	1,657	12.72%	185	1.42%	32	0.25%	224	1.72%	25	0.19%	532	4.08%	840	6.45%
Morgan	11,735	94.89%	379	3.06%	25	0.20%	69	0.56%	50	0.40%	65	0.53%	266	2.15%	157	1.27%
Piute	1,681	95.29%	75	4.25%	0	0.00%	3	0.17%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	51	2.89%	29	1.64%
Rich	2,239	88.05%	256	10.07%	15	0.59%	0	0.00%	1	0.04%	0	0.00%	198	7.79%	90	3.54%
Salt Lake	880,344	74.56%	225,177	19.07%	10,243	0.87%	21,531	1.82%	49,060	4.16%	18,674	1.58%	94,251	7.98%	106,540	9.02%
San Juan	6,764	46.57%	921	6.34%	6,529	44.95%	22	0.15%	77	0.53%	53	0.36%	665	4.48%	414	2.85%
Sanpete	25,076	87.02%	3,735	12.96%	268	0.93%	258	0.90%	226	0.78%	175	0.61%	760	2.64%	2,053	7.12%
Sevier	20,128	92.90%	1,224	5.65%	192	0.89%	117	0.54%	95	0.44%	42	0.19%	706	3.26%	387	1.79%
Summit	37,348	87.83%	4,694	11.04%	192	0.45%	321	0.75%	764	1.80%	48	0.11%	2,439	5.74%	1,412	3.32%
Tooele	64,120	86.61%	10,129	13.68%	261	0.35%	589	0.80%	594	0.80%	583	0.79%	5,700	7.70%	2,185	2.95%
Uintah	29,844	83.01%	3,147	8.75%	2,209	6.14%	152	0.42%	22	0.06%	44	0.12%	2,802	7.79%	678	1.89%
Utah	574,586	86.27%	83,047	12.47%	3,828	0.57%	4,091	0.61%	9,480	1.42%	5,324	0.80%	46,530	6.99%	22,182	3.33%
Wasatch	30,727	87.77%	4,809	13.74%	76	0.22%	157	0.45%	412	1.18%	28	0.08%	2,234	6.38%	1,375	3.93%
Washington	161,313	88.01%	20,385	11.12%	2,239	1.22%	1,062	0.58%	1,929	1.05%	1,100	0.60%	8,803	4.80%	6,851	3.74%
Wayne	2,497	98.62%	46	1.82%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	33	1.30%	2	0.08%
Weber	223,362	84.94%	49,388	18.78%	1,827	0.69%	2,768	1.05%	3,637	1.38%	602	0.23%	17,660	6.72%	13,104	4.98%

Source: 2022 American Community Survey 5-year.



DEMOGRAPHICS
Sources & Definitions

The primary source for all the following estimates and definitions are from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Source: https://www.census.gov/en.html

Demographics Data

U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.

Dependency Ratio

The following definition was taken directly from the U.S. Census Bureau:

A population's dependency ratio, also known as the age dependency ratio and the total dependency ratio, is the combined child population (people under age 15) and elderly population (people ages 65 and above) per 100 people ages 15-64 (people "of labor force age").

The youth dependency ratio is the number of people under age 15 per 100 people ages 15-64. The elderly, or old age, dependency ratio is the number of people 65 and over per 100 people 15-64. Dependency ratios are also referred to as support ratios.

Source: https://www.census.gov/glossary/?term=Dependency+ratios

Households

A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit (such as a house or apartment) as their usual place of residence. A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit, or a group of unrelated people sharing a housing unit such as partners or roomers, is also counted as a household.

The count of households excludes group quarters. There are two major categories of households, "family" and "nonfamily." Household is a standard item in Census Bureau population tables.

Family Household

A family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.

All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members the householder's family. A family household may contain people not related to the householder, but those people are not included as part of the householder's family in census tabulations.

Thus, the number of family households is equal to the number of families, but family households may include more members than do families. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. Not all households contain families since a household may comprise a group of unrelated people or one person living alone.

Own Children

A child under 18 years old who is a son or daughter by birth, marriage (a stepchild), or adoption. For 100 percent tabulations, "own children" consist of all sons/daughters of householders who are under 18 years of age. For sample data, "own children" consist of sons/daughters of householders who are under 18 years of age and who have never been married, therefore, numbers of "own children" of householders may be different in these two tabulations.

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

Census Bureau program that prepares mathematical model-based estimates of selected characteristics of the United States, states, and school districts.

USBE Data and Statistics

Fall Enrollment by Grade Level and Demographic, October 1, 2023, School Year 20234.

Source: https://www.schools.utah.gov/datastatistics/reports



ECONOMICS

Utah's economy remains strong overall, but many families and children continue to face serious financial challenges. Child poverty has increased, especially among kids under five, and more families are trapped in intergenerational poverty, with over 8,000 more adults and 5,000 more children added in the past year.

Rising unemployment adds further strain, highlighting the urgent need for targeted policies that break cycles of poverty and ensure all Utah families have a fair shot at success.

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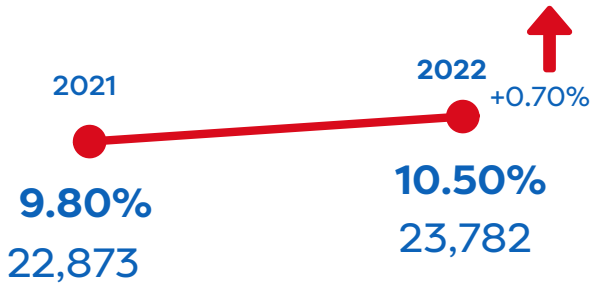
2023 Federal Poverty Threshold

$30,900

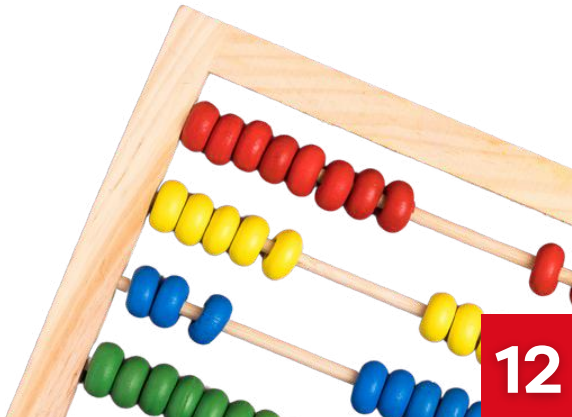
Family of Four

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the federal poverty threshold for a family of four in 2023 was $30,900.

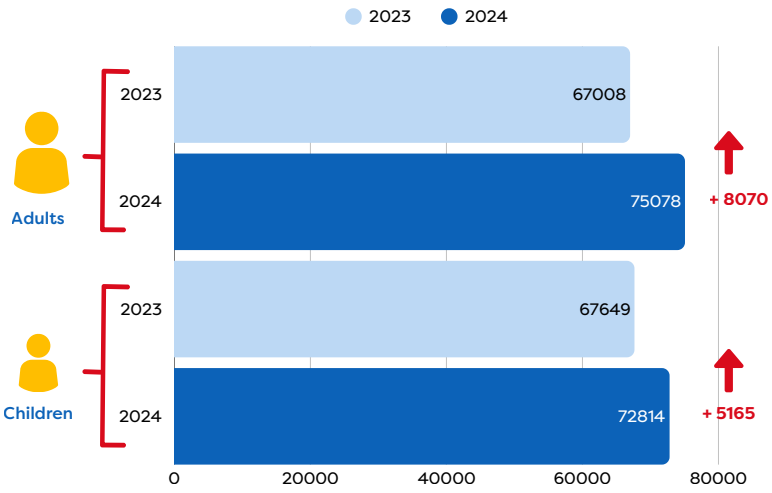
Children in Poverty Under 5 Years



Despite Utah's sustained economic growth, recent data from the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS) reveal a 0.70% increase in child poverty, particularly among the most vulnerable demographic—children under the age of five.



Adults and Children in Intergenerational Poverty



Utah's labor market has also exhibited signs of strain, as evidenced by a rising unemployment rate. According to DWS reports, the state's unemployment rate increased from 2.5% in August 2023 to 3.3% in August 2024.

While this figure remains relatively low compared to national averages, the upward trend suggests potential economic pressures that could disproportionately impact low-income and vulnerable populations.

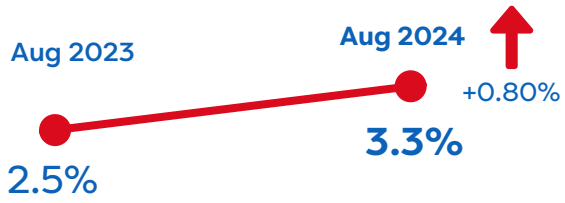


Further compounding these concerns, the Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) reports a marked increase in intergenerational poverty (IGP).

The department's annual IGP report highlights that the number of adults classified under IGP rose by more than 8,000 individuals, while the number of children in this category increased by over 5,000.

These statistics indicate a concerning trend, underscoring the persistent nature of cyclical poverty and the difficulty of achieving long-term economic mobility for affected populations.

Utah Unemployment Rate



An increase in unemployment may further exacerbate financial instability for families already experiencing economic hardship, reinforcing the structural barriers to social mobility.

These findings suggest a critical need for targeted policy interventions aimed at addressing child poverty, breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty, and mitigating the impact of rising unemployment.

Future research and policy efforts should focus on enhancing social safety nets, expanding workforce development initiatives, and ensuring equitable economic opportunities for all Utah residents.

State Economic Data

Living Below the Poverty Line	2022	2023
Family of Four	$29,678	$30,900

	2020	2021
Median Household Income	$79,449.00	$88,531.00

Total Population in Poverty	2021		2022	
U.S. Census Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)	#	%	#	%
All Persons	286,086	8.70%	276,360	8.30%
Under 18 Years	79,258	8.50%	78,357	8.50%
5-17 Years	52,922	7.60%	51,908	7.50%
Under 5 Years of Age	22,873	9.80%	23,782	10.50%

Intergenerational Poverty (IGP)	SEPT 2023	SEPT 2024
Number of IGP - Adults	67,008	75,078
Number of IGP - Children	67,649	72,814

Participation in Work Support Programs		
Households Receiving Food Stamps (SNAP)	79,710	86,551
Households Receiving TANF	2,152	2,172

	AUG 2023		AUG 2024	
	#	%	#	%
Unemployment Rates	45,782	2.50%	59,700	3.30%

Labor Force	2021		2022	
ACS 5YR Table B23008	#	%	#	%
Children Under 6 with All Parent in Labor Force	154,229	53.30%	152,371	53.8%

The Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT© Data Center	2022		2023	
Children in Low-Income Working Families	185,000	20.00%	175,000	19.00%

Economic Data by County

County	SAIPE 2022 Population in Poverty		SAIPE 2022 Population in Poverty Age Birth to 17 years		Children under 6 with all Parents in the Labor Force 2022 ACS 5Yr		Households receiving SNAP/TANF September 2024 Utah DWS		Unemployment August 2024 Utah DWS		SAIPE 2022 Median Household Income
	#	%	#	%	#	%	SNAP	TANF	#	%	$
Beaver	685	9.9%	275	13.2%	591	80.4%	223	<10	113	3.7%	$66,394
Box Elder	4,923	8.1%	1,673	9.1%	2,841	53.5%	1,484	37	965	3.3%	$79,450
Cache	16,598	12.2%	3,822	9.5%	6,415	52.0%	2,564	54	2,250	3.1%	$76,631
Carbon	2,748	13.5%	857	16.8%	778	48.0%	1,383	32	400	4.7%	$59,243
Daggett	74	7.3%	19	8.9%	12	41.3%	13	<10	19	4.6%	$66,427
Davis	23,448	6.4%	7,435	6.8%	17,529	52.1%	6,769	166	6,350	3.3%	$103,143
Duchesne	2,760	13.8%	1,085	17.0%	885	43.0%	880	26	346	4.0%	$67,256
Emery	1,168	11.6%	410	14.8%	452	59.9%	372	<10	190	4.0%	$64,651
Garfield	479	9.3%	162	14.3%	202	54.4%	110	<10	197	7.1%	$66,786
Grand	1,051	10.9%	271	14.1%	261	54.2%	362	<10	303	4.4%	$67,218
Iron	7,723	12.7%	2,228	13.5%	2,516	50.2%	2,191	44	1,017	3.4%	$66,499
Juab	946	7.6%	422	10.2%	558	51.8%	309	<10	215	3.3%	$94,181
Kane	734	9.2%	189	10.0%	301	60.2%	179	<10	151	3.6%	$66,609
Millard	1,380	10.5%	572	14.1%	599	48.9%	360	<10	223	3.3%	$67,318
Morgan	514	4.0%	153	3.6%	436	41.5%	65	<10	190	3.1%	$119,482
Piute	215	14.5%	78	25.9%	25	44.6%	49	<10	31	5.8%	$54,495
Rich	231	8.8%	83	11.6%	96	40.8%	23	<10	41	2.8%	$71,800
Salt Lake	90,158	7.7%	24,703	8.4%	55,572	60.4%	36,261	1,019	24,502	3.5%	$91,713
San Juan	3,208	22.8%	1,167	29.0%	597	55.1%	1,030	14	322	5.4%	$50,452
Sanpete	4,096	15.2%	1,240	18.4%	931	43.9%	751	<10	563	4.0%	$65,044
Sevier	2,185	10.1%	794	13.4%	803	48.8%	930	15	429	4.0%	$73,014
Summit	2,316	5.4%	484	5.1%	1,659	70.1%	277	<10	867	3.1%	$132,358
Tooele	5,151	6.5%	1,722	7.1%	3,899	58.6%	2,420	96	1,538	3.9%	$91,353
Uintah	4,402	11.9%	1,651	14.6%	1,450	41.0%	1,305	37	628	4.0%	$67,554
Utah	55,585	8.1%	12,847	5.9%	31,169	45.1%	11,471	226	12,829	3.6%	$95,085
Wasatch	1,808	5.0%	582	5.6%	1,380	48.1%	318	10	633	3.4%	$115,793
Washington	18,880	9.7%	6,061	13.0%	6,616	49.6%	4,522	84	3,384	3.6%	$75,572
Wayne	305	11.5%	112	18.6%	122	64.2%	62	<10	83	5.2%	$63,705
Weber	22,590	8.5%	7,263	10.4%	13,674	62.7%	9,824	257	5,240	3.7%	$83,465



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Children in Low-Income Working Families

The share of own children under age 18 living in families that meet two criteria: (1) the family income is less than twice the federal poverty level; (2) at least one parent worked 50 or more weeks during the previous year.

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT© Data Center. https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/5048-children-in-low-income-working-families-by-age-group?loc=46&loct=2#detailed/2/46/false/1095,2048,1729,37,871,870,573,869,36,868/34,35,36/11455,11456

Children Under 6 With No Parent in the Labor Force

The share of children under age six whose resident parents are all in the civilian labor force. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDSCOUNT Data Center.

Source: https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT5Y2022.B23008?q=B23008:%20Age%20of%20Own%20Children%20Under%2018%20Years%20in%20Families%20and%20Subfamilies%20by%20Living%20Arrangements%20by%20Employment%20Status%20of%20Parents&g=040XX00US49,49$0500000

Intergenerational Poverty

Intergenerational poverty describes when two or more successive generations of a family continue to live in poverty and depend on government assistance. Intergenerational poverty does not include situational poverty, which is temporary and traceable to a specific incident or time period.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Service, Utah's Tenth Annual Report Intergenerational Poverty Welfare Dependency and Public Assistance Use, 2024. https://jobs.utah.gov/edo/intergenerational/

Medium Household Income

Median income divides the income distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below the median. It includes all income for the entire family.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimate SAIPE Program. https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/saipe/#/?s_state=49&s_county=&s_district=

Poverty

The federal poverty threshold for a two-parent household with two children was $29,678 in 2022. If a family makes less than this amount, they are considered "in poverty."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Poverty Thresholds, 2022. https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/historical-poverty-thresholds.html

TANF & Food Stamp Cases

The number of cases (households) receiving food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) at any time during the month indicated. A case is counted once even though there may be several individuals in the household.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Unemployment

Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates.

Sources: Utah Department of Workforce Services. Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates. https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/une/



EDUCATION

Utah's education system is undergoing key shifts, with recent data showing a slight drop in student enrollment and a rise in economic hardship among families. Eligibility for free or reduced price lunch rose by over 7,000 students from 2023 to 2024, signaling growing financial stress.

At the same time, Utah continues to rank at the bottom nationally for per-pupil education spending, raising concerns about classroom resources and equity. We advocate for more substantial, more equitable investment in education to ensure every student can thrive.

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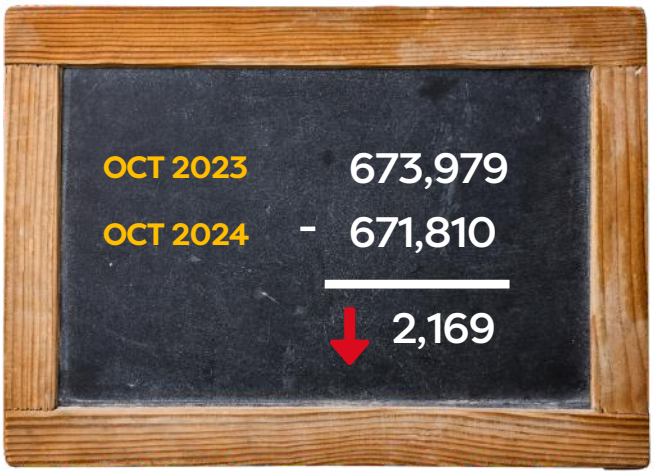
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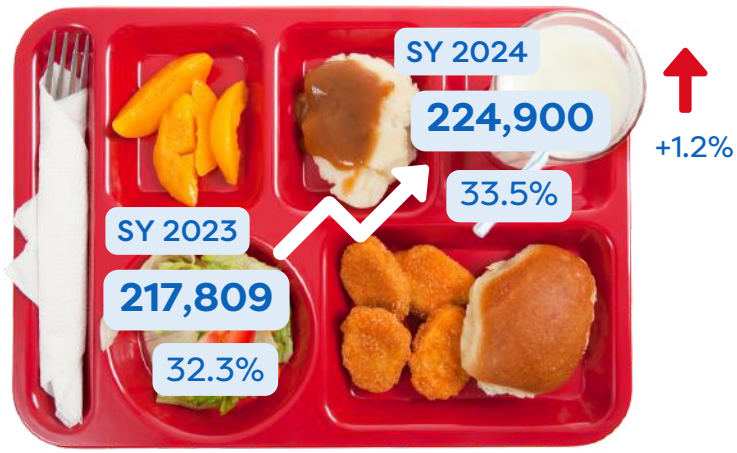
Fall K-12 Public School Student Enrollment



Recent data reveal a modest decline in total student enrollment, with the state experiencing a reduction of approximately 2,000 students.

While this decrease may not immediately signal a broader demographic shift, it is essential to continue monitoring enrollment patterns to assess their long-term implications for school funding, resource allocation, and educational planning.

Free or Reduced Lunch Participation 2023-2024



A particularly notable trend is the increased participation in the free and reduced-price lunch program, a critical measure of economic hardship among students. Between the 2023 and 2024 school years (SY), the number of students eligible for this program increased from 217,809 to 224,900, representing a 1.2% rise in participation.

This growth translates to an increase in the statewide eligibility rate from 32.3% in 2023 to 33.5% in 2024, reflecting a growing economic strain on families and underscoring the need for continued investment in educational and social support services.



Utah ranks last in the nation for per-pupil education spending, with $9,552 per student compared to the $15,633 national average in Fiscal Year 2022.

Despite the fundamental role of education in shaping Utah's economic and social future, the state continues to face persistent challenges in education funding.

According to per-pupil spending data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, Utah remains among the lowest two states in the nation for education spending per student—a ranking it has held for more than two decades.

This sustained underfunding raises concerns about resource adequacy, teacher retention, classroom sizes, and overall educational quality.



Voices for Utah Children remains committed to advocating for increased and equitable education funding to ensure every child has access to high-quality learning opportunities.

By analyzing and disseminating data on per-pupil spending and other key educational indicators, the organization seeks to drive informed policy discussions and promote strategic investments that enhance educational outcomes for all students in the state.



State Education Data

Utah Public School Statistics, K-12

Utah State Board of Education

	OCT 2023	OCT 2024
Fall Enrollment	673,979	671,810
# of Free or Reduced Lunch Participants	217,809	224,900
% of Free or Reduced Lunch Participants	32.3%	33.5%
Student to Teacher Ratio	21.2	20.8
Student Chronically Absent %	25.5%	25.1%

Children Age 3-4 Not Enrolled in Pre-School

ACS 5-Year

	2021	2022
Number	58,296	57,464
Percentage	58.20%	58.44%

Student Proficiency Results for Utah

Language Arts

	SY 2022-23	SY 2023-24
All Students	44.4%	44.3%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	27.3%	27.6%

Mathematics

All Students	40.4%	41.1%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	23.5%	24.3%

Science

All Students	45.1%	46.7%
Economically Disadvantaged Students	28.8%	30.0%

Education Data by County

County	Fall Enrollment 2024-2025	Student-Teacher Ratio 2024-2025	Chronically Absent 2024-2025	Free and Reduced Lunch 2024-2025		3-4 Year Olds Not Enrolled in School 2022	
	#	S:T	%	#	%	#	%
Beaver	1,470	18.3	15.6%	793	52.3%	90	41.3%
Box Elder	13,147	22.5	27.9%	4,179	31.1%	1,230	63.0%
Cache	27,725	25.4	21.3%	9,192	32.5%	2,623	60.5%
Carbon	3,606	21.6	28.2%	1,891	50.7%	352	63.1%
Daggett	180	9.6	26.0%	42	20.2%	14	100.0%
Davis	80,084	26.2	20.0%	16,655	20.2%	6,554	56.7%
Duchesne	5,334	19.7	30.9%	2,280	41.8%	424	55.9%
Emery	2,106	17.2	23.4%	1,073	50.0%	62	23.9%
Garfield	1,508	22.3	34.9%	588	37.0%	66	60.6%
Grand	1,491	17.8	29.4%	737	47.4%	94	36.4%
Iron	15,317	29.3	15.1%	5,370	33.8%	1,087	62.8%
Juab	2,989	20.5	27.1%	898	30.7%	316	69.8%
Kane	1,434	19.4	33.1%	574	38.0%	64	37.0%
Millard	3,142	20.2	15.6%	1,527	47.3%	152	44.8%
Morgan	3,242	19.5	17.7%	358	10.8%	201	54.9%
Piute	264	10.8%	21.9%	156	57.4%	13	40.6%
Rich	526	16.8	31.3%	200	36.8%	97	82.2%
Salt Lake	201,527	24.9	24.8%	79,669	37.9%	18,102	55.6%
San Juan	2,846	16.8	31.1%	2,176	71.2%	316	79.0%
Sanpete	5,735	19.1	21.4%	3,013	50.8%	349	52.2%
Sevier	4,601	20.3	34.3%	2,225	47.1%	218	38.3%
Summit	7,343	17.8	17.1%	1,392	18.5%	409	42.6%
Tooele	18,209	23.8	25.7%	6,125	32.8%	1,435	58.6%
Uintah	7,615	26.1	36.6%	3,399	43.1%	870	70.6%
Utah	160,928	28.4	22.7%	43,808	26.4%	14,772	62.9%
Wasatch	9,100	24.7	26.0%	2,492	26.1%	328	30.7%
Washington	40.597	25.7	20.0%	13,787	32.9%	2,569	60.2%
Wayne	410	13.6	25.0%	184	43.9%	23	35.9%
Weber	49,334	24.1	23.4%	20,117	39.6%	4,635	62.9%

Sources: U.S. Census ACS 5 Year (3-4 Year Olds Not Enrolled in School)



EDUCATION
Sources & Definitions

The information directly below comes from the Utah State Board of Education:

Enrollment
Enrollment numbers are for the fall of each year and represent the number of students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Pupil/Teacher Ratio

Pupil/Teacher ratios are based on the total number of students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade. Teachers include any person assigned to the school as a "regular classroom teacher." This excludes preschool teachers and special education teachers, guidance counselors, library specialist, etc. and does not include charter schools.

Free and Reduced Lunch Participation

Data is for kindergarten through 12th grade and represents the percent of the state's students who are receiving free or reduced lunches. Data is collected through a "point in time enrollment" measurement reported in October of each year.

Chronic Absence

This refers to students who are absent for at least 10% of the days they attend school. Only students who attend at least 45 days of school throughout the school year are included in this calculation. This is a new definition and makes the data in this year's book not comparable to other year's data.

Children Ages Three and Four Not Enrolled in Preschool

The share of children ages three to four not enrolled in school (no standard definition provided for "preschool").

Source: U.S. CensusBureau, 2017-2021 AmericanCommunity Survey 5-Year Estimates. The share of children ages three to four not enrolled in school.

Children Under Age Six Whose Family Members Read to Them Less than Four Days per Week

Children younger than age six were included if the respondent indicated that family members read to the child less than four days in the past week.

Source: Kids Count© Data Center. Children under age 6 whose family members read to them less than 4 days per week by race and ethnicity in Utah.

Student Proficiency Result for State

Results are comprised of the RISE assessment for grades 3-8 and the Utah Aspire Plus Assessment for grades 9-10.

Source: Utah State Board of Education, Data Gateway, Assessment Student Proficiency.





HEALTH

Data highlights key trends in child and maternal health. While there were slight improvements in infant mortality, immunization rates, and the number of uninsured children, concerns remain around prenatal care, youth mental health, and rising dental issues.

These findings underscore the importance of continued investment in preventive care, mental health support, and access to dental services for Utah's children and families.

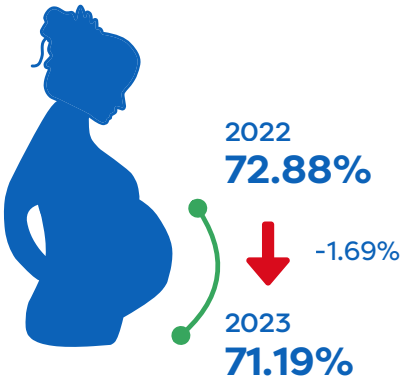
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Key areas include prenatal care, infant mortality, mental health, immunization, and the uninsured rate.

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Mothers Receiving Prenatal Care in Utah 2022-2023



According to the 2024 Utah Health Data report, the percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care slightly declined from 72.88% in 2022 to 71.19% in 2023.



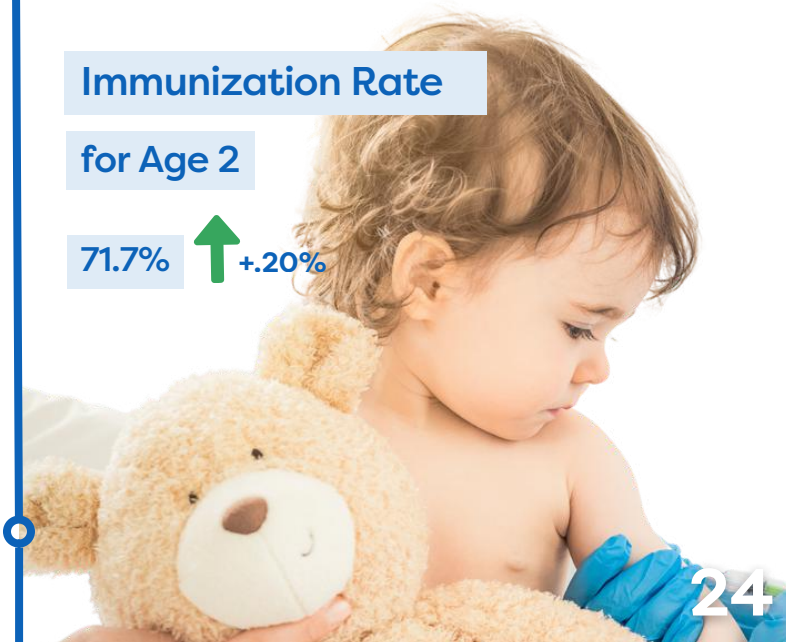


Low Birth Weight Rate 7.3%

The percentage of babies with low birth weights remained stable at around 7.3%.

Immunization Rate for Age 2

71.7% +.20%



Immunization rates for two-year-olds slightly increased to 71.7%, reflecting ongoing public health efforts.



Infant Mortality Rate

2022 **5.17**

2023 **5.13** **-.04%** ↓

In 2023, Utah's infant mortality rate saw a slight improvement, decreasing from 5.17 to 5.13 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Teen Birth Rate

2022 **3.79**

2023 **3.51** **-.28%** ↓

Similarly, the teen birth rate among females aged 15 to 17 declined from 3.79 to 3.51 per 1,000, continuing a positive trend.



Uninsured Children Under 19

2022 **7.20%**

2023 **6.10%** -1.10%



The percentage of uninsured children under 19 improved, dropping from 7.2% in 2022 to 6.1% in 2023.

The injury death rate for children aged 0-19 declined from 15.4 to 15.08 per 100,000, and the youth suicide rate for ages 10-17 also decreased from 8.43 to 7.69 per 100,000.



Injury Death Rate 0-19 years

2022 **15.40** 2023 **15.08** -1.10%

Youth Suicide Rate 10-17 years

2022 **8.43** 2023 **7.69** -.74%

Adolescent Mental Health Treatment

Adolescents who Received Mental Health Treatment

71.10%

Adolescents who did not receive treatment

28.30%

Regarding mental health, 71.1% of adolescents who needed treatment received it, while 28.3% did not.



Dental health indicators showed improvement, with 80.9% of children aged 1-17 reporting excellent or perfect teeth condition.

Ages 1-17 years

80.9% **Excellent/Very Good Teeth Condition**



Children with decayed teeth or cavities

2022 **12.3%**

2023 **13.4%** **+1.10%**



However, the percentage of children with decayed teeth or cavities increased from 12.3% to 13.4%, indicating a need for enhanced dental care initiatives.

State Health Data

Public Health

Public Health Indicator Based Information System (IBIS)
Utah's Public Health Data Resource

	2022		2023	
	#	%	#	%
Receiving Prenatal Care	33,249	72.88%	31,915	71.19%
Low Birth Weight Babies (less than 2,500 grams)	16,966	7.33%	16,891	7.31%
	#	Rate	#	Rate
Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	1,201	5.17	1,179	5.13
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 females age 15-17)	1,509	3.79	1,422	3.51
Injury Death (per 100,000 ages 0-19)	803	15.4	755	15.08
Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide) Rate (per 100,000 ages 10-17)	185	8.43	170	7.69
		%		%
2-Year Olds Immunized		71.50%		71.70%

Uninsured Children Under 19

2021 and 2022 ACS 1-Year Table C27001

	2022		2023	
	#	%	#	%
	72,186	7.20%	60,580	6.10%

Mental Health

National Survey of Children's Health, Health Resource and Services Administration, Maternal and Children Health Bureau

	2022		2023	
	% Received Treatment	% Didn't Receive Treatment	% Received Treatment	% Didn't Receive Treatment
Children ages 3-17 with a mental/behavioral condition receive treatment or counseling.	42.1%	57.90%	47.10%	52.90%

Dental Health

National Survey of Children's Health, Health Resource and Services Administration, Maternal and Children Health Bureau

How would you describe the condition of this child's teeth, age 1-17?

	2021-2022	2022-2023
	%	%
Excellent/Very Good	77.10%	80.90%
Good	17.30%	14.60%
Fair/Poor	5.60%	4.50%
	%	%
Children, aged 1-17, who have Decayed Teeth or Cavities in the Past Year	12.30%	13.40%

Health Data by County

County	Receiving Prenatal Care First Trimester 2023		Low Birth Weight-Less Than 2,500 grams 2019-2023		Infant Mortality-per 1,000 live births 2019-2023		Teen Birth rate per 1,000 females aged 15-17 2019-2023		Uninsured Children Under 19 2022		Percentage 2-Years Olds Immunized † 2023
	#	%	#	%	Rate	#	Rate	#	#	%	%
Beaver	61	63.54%	41	8.37%	**	**	**	**	202	8.6%	54.2%
Box Elder	588	71.71%	309	7.50%	3.15	13	3.51	27	1,237	6.5%	71.2%
Cache	1,529	78.48%	649	6.33%	4.37	45	2.79	9	1,766	4.1%	75.8%
Carbon	139	65.88%	115	10.16%	**	**	6.73	17	213	3.9%	44.4%
Daggett	**	**	**	**	**	**			0	0.00%	71.4%
Davis	3,563	76.48%	1,816	7.53%	4.8	116	1.87	91	5,598	4.7%	73.2%
Duchesne	103	39.77%	109	7.72%	**	**	5.49	15	655	9.7%	67.8%
Emery	83	76.85%	39	6.82%	**	**	**	**	103	3.5%	47.1%
Garfield	36	68.67%	24	8.86%	**	**	**	**	86	7.0%	60.0%
Grand	52	72.22%	19	4.66%	**	**	**	**	263	14.0%	52.2%
Iron	622	74.58%	307	7.56%	4.41	18	3.86	30	1,197	6.8%	61.4%
Juab	137	67.49%	53	5.39%	**	**	**	**	230	5.5%	68.2%
Kane	40	52.63%	35	8.25%	**	**	**	**	73	4.0%	63.2%
Millard	135	74.59%	70	7.64%	**	**	**	**	519	12.2%	61.0%
Morgan	116	79.45%	46	6.58%	**	**	**	**	163	3.6%	73.9%
Piute	**	**	**	**	**	**			3	0.8%	52.2%
Rich	16	72.37%	**	**	**	**			69	8.2%	85.7%
Salt Lake	9,701	68.51%	5,785	7.71%	5.16	388	4.77	630	26,286	8.1%	74.0%
San Juan	105	77.21%	34	4.69%	**	**	6.57	13	631	14.5%	55.4%
Sanpete	300	70.75%	160	8.19%	8.18	16	3.3	12	638	8.0%	57.9%
Sevier	228	78.89%	133	9.46%	**	**	5.06	14	367	5.8%	60.8%
Summit	305	77.20%	157	7.77%	**	**	**	**	608	5.7%	71.1%
Tooele	830	74.44%	436	8.26%	7.00	3	3.04	32	1,479	6.0%	75.5%
Uintah	217	46.57%	210	8.46%	8.44	21	5.69	29	1,307	10.7%	50.0%
Utah	8,913	74.11%	4,024	6.78%	4.74	282	2.34	213	14,254	6.2%	72.4%
Wasatch	293	74.55%	135	6.98%	**	**	**	**	645	5.8%	69.0%
Washington	1,298	55.35%	724	6.42%	5.29	60	3.3	67	6,749	13.9%	60.9%
Wayne	21	58.33%	15	8.98%	**	**	**	**	83	13.7%	61.1%
Weber	2,461	74.08%	1,426	8.16%	6.69	117	4.39	133	4,947	6.6%	73.9%

Sources: 2024 IBIS data (Receiving Prenatal Care First Trimester), 2019-2023 IBIS (Low Birth Weight-Less Than 2,500 grams, Teen Birth rate per 1,000 females aged 15-17), 2022 ACS 5Yr (Uninsured Children Under 19).

*† Turned age two on December 31, 2023 **Data suppressed due to the relative standard error being greater than 50%. Blank: Data was not provided in the data query.*



HEALTH
Sources & Definitions

The information below is from Utah Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Health Data and Informatics, Indicator-Based Information System for Public Health website: http://ibis.health.utah.gov/

Prenatal Care
Number and percent of women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester as a percent of all live births. Retrieved dates: 10/1/24.

Low Birth Weight Babies
Number of infants born weighing less than 2,500 grams (about 5.5 pounds) as a percentage of all live births. Retrieved dates: 11/8/22, for year group 2017-2021, and 10/1/24, for year group 2019-2023.

Infant Mortality
An infant death is defined as the death of a live-born infant within one year of birth. Rates are per 1,000 live births. Retrieved 10/1/24, for year group 2019-2023.

Teen Births
Live births to married and unmarried females ages 15 to 17. Rates are per 1,000 females in that age range. Retrieved date: 10/1/24, for year group 2019-2023.

Injury Deaths
Child injury deaths occur to individuals ages 1-19 due to injuries (accidents, suicides, and homicides). Rates are per 100,000 youth. Retrieved date: 10/1/24 for year groups 2019-2023.

Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide) Deaths
Crude rate, deaths per 100,000 youth ages 10-17. Retrieved date: 10/1/24 for year groups 2019-2023.

Uninsured Children

Utah's number and percent estimates of children under 19 without health coverage and Utah's County number and percent estimates of children under 19 without health coverage.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. https://data.census.gov/table?t=Health+Insurance&g=0400000US49,49$0500000&tid=ACSST1Y2021.S2701

Immunization

It is recommended that all children, by age two, should receive the following vaccines: four doses against diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP); three against polio; one against measles-mumps-rubella (MMR); three against Hepatitis B; three or four against Haemophilus influenza type B (Hib) (depending on product type received); one against Varicella; and four against PCV. This recommendation is referred to in shorthand as "4:3:1:3:3:1:4."

Source: Utah Department of Health

Mental Health

Children ages 3-17 with a mental/behavioral condition who receive treatment or counseling.

Source: National Survey of Children's Health, Health Resource and Services Administration, Maternal and Children Health Bureau. https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=9988&r=46

Children Receiving Preventive Dental Visit in the Past Year in Utah

Children under 18 who have seen a dentist at least once for preventive dental care, such as check-ups and dental cleaning, in the past year.

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT© Data Center

Dental Health

Percent of children, age 1-17, who have decayed teeth or cavities in the past year.

Source: National Survey of Children's Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Children Health Bureau. https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=9983&r=46



SAFE COMMUNITIES

Utah's child welfare and juvenile justice systems show both progress and areas for improvement. The data suggests that while Utah has made progress in certain areas, continued investment in child welfare, justice reform, and neighborhood support is key to helping all Utah children thrive.

Neighborhoods impact children's well-being, but access to parks, libraries, and other amenities remains uneven. Nearly half of Utah children lack access to at least one key resource.

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The data includes indicators on child abuse, juvenile justice, and neighborhood safety and support.

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Nonjudicial Adjustment Successful Outcome

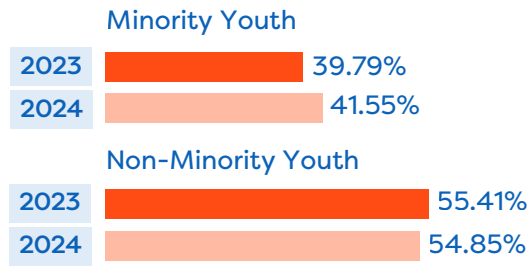
94%

In juvenile justice, nonjudicial adjustments have maintained high success rates, but racial disparities persist, with minority youth disproportionately represented in court referrals and secure care placements.

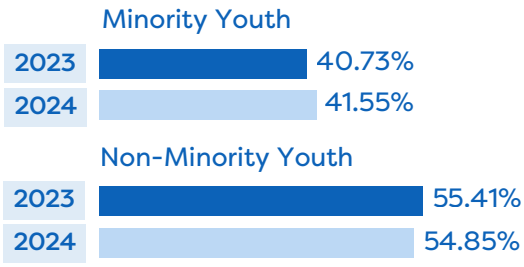
These trends highlight the need for targeted efforts to address systemic inequality and adequately support at-risk youth.



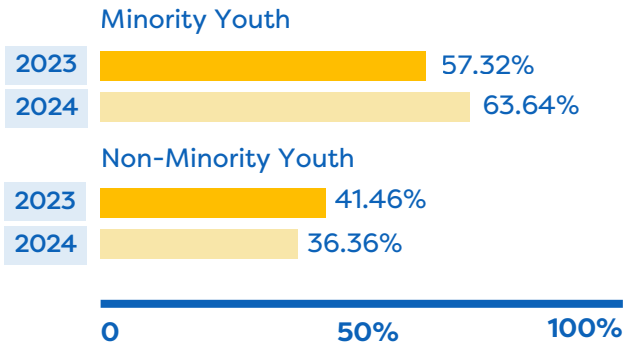
Nonjudicial Adjustments



Juvenile Court Referral



Secure Care



Children Confirmed as Victims of Abuse or Neglect

2023 **9,278** **-487**

2024 **8,791**

Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect Received by DCFS

2023 **47,325** **+1,217**

2024 **48,542**

While the number of confirmed victims of abuse or neglect has slightly decreased from FY 2023 to FY 2024, the number of child abuse and neglect reports continues to rise, indicating a need for more effective prevention and intervention programs.





State Safe Communities Data

Child Abuse

Utah Division Child and Family Services Annual Reports

	2023 #	2024 #
Children Confirmed as Victims of Abuse or Neglect	9,278	8,791
Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect Received by DCFS	47,325	48,542

Juvenile Justice

UT. Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee Annual Reports 2023/2024

	%	%
Nonjudicial Adjustment Successful Outcome	94%	94%
Nonjudicial Adjustment Unsuccessful Outcome	6%	6%
Share of Nonjudicial Adjustments Minority Youth	39.79%	41.55%
Share of Nonjudicial Adjustments Non-Minority Youth	55.41%	54.85%
Juvenile Court Referral Minority Youth	40.73%	41.55%
Juvenile Court Referral Non-Minority Youth	55.41%	54.85%
Juvenile Court Referral Unknown Race/Ethnicity	3.85%	3.58%
Minority Youth in Secure Care	57.32%	63.64%
Non-Minority Youth in Secure Care	41.46%	36.36%

Neighborhood Safety and Support

National Survey of Children's Health, Health Resource and Services Administration, Maternal and Children Health Bureau

2022-2023

Indicator 7.1: Does this child live in a supportive neighborhood?

Child Lives in a supportive neighborhood	71.4%
Does not live in supportive neighborhood	28.6%

Indicator 7.2: Does this child live in a safe neighborhood?

Definitely Agree	70.7%
Somewhat Agree	26.4%
Somewhat/Definitely Disagree	2.9%

Indicator 7.4: does this child live in a neighborhood that contains amenities-parks, recreation centers, sidewalks, or libraries?

Neighborhood Does Not Contain Amenities	1.3%
Neighborhood Contains One Amenity	6.8%
Neighborhood Contains Two Amenities	14.5%
Neighborhood Contains Three Amenities	24.3%
Neighborhood Contains All Four Amenities	53.1%



SAFE COMMUNITIES
Sources & Definitions

Child Abuse

The number is a distinct reported victim count. Victim counts across counties may be duplicated as a victim could have received services in more than one county. Rates are per 1,000 population.

Source: Utah Department of Human Services, DCFS Annual report.
https://dcfs.utah.gov/resources/reports-and-data/

Juvenile Justice Data

The Juvenile Justice Data are selected indicators from the Utah Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice and the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee 2023 & 2024 Annual Report. The data presented are percentages of nonjudicial adjustment outcomes, successful or unsuccessful, the share of nonjudicial adjustments, and the percentage of minority or non-minority youth.

The two final indicators also show the data as percentages between minority and nonminority youth: Juvenile Court Referral and the Percentage of Secure Care.

Sources:
- https://justice.utah.gov/2023-ccjj-annual-report/
- https://justice.utah.gov/2024-ccjj-annual-report/

Juvenile Court Terms Glossary and Acronym Guide

Non Judicial Adjustments

An agreement typically involves the probation officer and the youth agreeing to specific terms and conditions, such as attending counseling, performing community service, or adhering to a curfew, to avoid formal court proceedings.

Neighborhood Safety and Support

According to the National Survey of Children's Health, two vital indicators of child well-being are the environment of supportive neighborhoods and the sense of safety they provide.

A supportive neighborhood is defined by strong social connections among its residents, where parents share a spirit of cooperation—helping each other, watching over one another's children, and knowing where to turn for support in challenging times.

A neighborhood is deemed supportive when parents "definitely agree" with at least one of these statements and "somewhat" or "definitely agree" with the other two.

In contrast, the safety of neighborhoods is measured by a simple yet powerful question regarding parents' feelings about their child's safety in their surroundings.

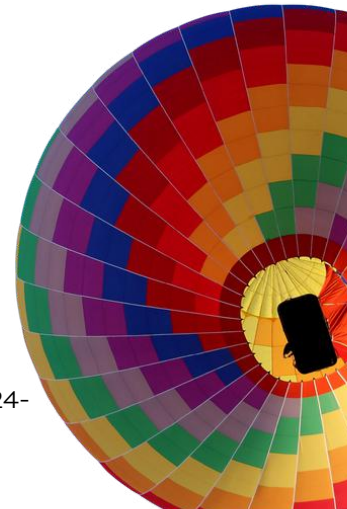
Both measures draw from the voices of parents or guardians of children aged 0 to 17, providing insights that can shape policy decisions, inspire program planning, and drive community development efforts.

Together, they aim to cultivate nurturing environments where children can truly flourish.

Secure Care

It is a system designed to provide secure housing for delinquent youth while focusing on their rehabilitation and reintegration into society. This approach aims to balance the need for public safety with recognizing that youth have unique needs and potential for growth and change.

Source: https://justice.utah.gov/2024-ccjj-annual-report/





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