

Quality of Life in Utah

Utah has an enviable quality of life. We enjoy a thriving economy, abundant recreation opportunities, friendly neighborhoods and vibrant communities, all supported by strategic investments in our transportation system.

Well-Being in U.S., 2018

Highest Well-Being States

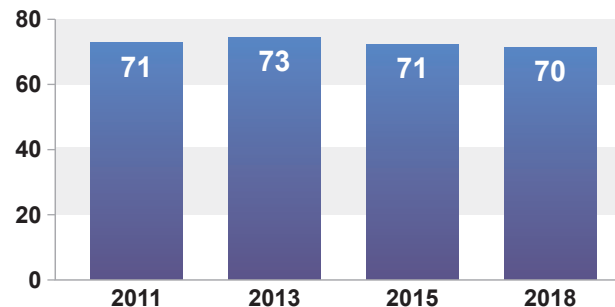
1. Hawaii	6. Colorado
2. Wyoming	7. Vermont
3. Alaska	8. Delaware
4. Montana	9. South Dakota
5. Utah	10. North Dakota

Source: Witters, Dan. Hawaii Tops U.S. in Well-Being for Record 7th Time. Gallup News: Gallup National Health and Well-Being Index. February 2019.

Despite improvements in the economy, Utahns' perceptions of their community quality of life has declined.

Utah Quality of Life Index

While year-to-year variation is small, the index has seen a decrease since 2013.



Source: Utah Foundation, Quality of Life Index, 2018

Growth is Challenging Our Quality of Life

Projected growth is causing concerns among Utahns. As population continues to grow at a record pace, transportation planning and development plays a key role in keeping Utah moving, facilitating robust economic development and maintaining a high quality of life.

Source: Salt Lake Chamber; Y2 Analytics, Utah Housing Crisis Research: Obstacles & Opportunities in Public Attitudes, 2018

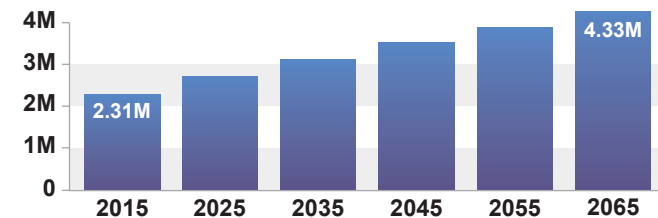
Utah's Growth

- Third fastest growing state
- St. George (metropolitan) and Heber (micropolitan) are ranked first for fastest growth in their respective geographic categories and in the nation

Sources: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, The University of Utah. Utah at a Glance; Fact Sheet, January 2018

Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, The University of Utah; U.S. Census Bureau Estimates by County, Metropolitan, and Micropolitan Areas 2017; Fact Sheet, March 2018

Wasatch Front Population Growth



Counties Included: Box Elder, Davis, Salt Lake, Utah, Weber

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, The University of Utah; Utah's Long-Term Demographic and Economic Projections Summary; Research Brief, July 2017

What could most improve your area as a place to live?

Respondents focus biggest improvements on transportation, housing affordability and air quality.

Improvements	Top 5 Responses
Reduce traffic	
Improve affordability of housing	
Improve air quality	
Improve roads and sidewalks (better condition, lighting)	
Improve public transportation (more bus/train routes)	

Source: Utah Foundation, Quality of Life Index, 2018

Quality of Life Framework



Good Health



Better Mobility

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Strong
Economy



Connected
Communities