

Beaver County

COUNTY PROFILE

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Beaver County is a midpoint between Las Vegas and Salt Lake City along Interstate 15. I-15 and the Union Pacific railroad both run through Beaver County. Beaver City, the county seat, is the largest city in Beaver County.

POPULATION

Location	2010 Population	Housing Units
Beaver City	2,453	1,123
Milford City	1,474	643
Beaver County	6,005	2,971
State of Utah	2,849,876	882,958

Source: Decision Data Resources

BEAVER COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2010 Estimate	% Change	2015 Forecast	
Population	6,005	3.51%	6216	3.5%	6396	
Households	1,982	10.2%	2219	11.9%	2381	
Age	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
0 to 4	558	9.3%	524	8.4%	478	7.5%
5 to 14	1,108	18.5%	1,064	17.1%	1,052	16.4%
15 to 19	512	8.5%	493	7.9%	519	8.1%
20 to 24	396	6.6%	447	7.2%	490	7.7%
25 to 34	690	11.5%	850	13.7%	888	13.9%
35 to 44	753	12.5%	659	10.6%	729	11.4%
45 to 54	704	11.7%	698	11.2%	630	9.8%
55 to 64	449	7.5%	674	10.8%	739	11.6%
65 to 74	430	7.2%	394	6.3%	472	7.4%
75 to 84	304	5.1%	284	4.6%	278	4.3%
85+	101	1.7%	129	2.1%	120	1.9%
Median Age	30.9		31.5		32.4	
Ethnicity	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Projection	%
Caucasian	5,599	93.2%	5,809	93.5%	5,989	93.6%
African American	16	0.3%	14	0.2%	16	0.3%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	54	0.9%	51	0.8%	46	0.7%
Asian or Pacific Islander	42	0.7%	47	0.8%	51	0.8%
Some Other Race	188	3.1%	186	3.0%	199	3.1%
Two or More Races	106	1.8%	109	1.8%	95	1.5%
Hispanic Population	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
Hispanic	333	5.6%	616	9.9%	799	12.5%
Household Income	2000 Census	%	2010 Estimate	%	2015 Forecast	%
\$0 - \$14,999	558	9.3%	291	13.1%	284	11.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	1,108	18.5%	278	12.5%	266	11.2%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	512	8.5%	255	11.5%	250	10.5%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	396	6.6%	460	20.7%	478	20.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	690	11.5%	465	21.0%	518	21.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	753	12.5%	247	11.1%	283	11.9%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	704	11.7%	172	7.8%	223	9.4%
\$150,000 +	449	7.5%	51	2.3%	79	3.3%
Average Household Income	\$44,065		\$54,755		\$58,898	

Source: Decision Data Resources

MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Milford Wind Corridor project, a wind driven 200-megawatt power project, signed a power-purchase agreement to supply the city of Los Angeles with renewable wind power. Wind power is generated by ninety-six 2.5-megawatt wind turbine generators which are transmitted to the Intermountain Power Project substation in Delta. The project required approximately 36 miles of newly constructed access roads and turnaround areas. About 300 construction employees from the area were put to work on the first phase, which generated roughly \$30 million in direct spending and \$50 million in wages and state tax revenue, officials said. This project is headed by UPC Wind Management, LLC, a Massachusetts-based company that develops, owns and operates wind farms, and began operations in 2009.
- The Milford Wind Corridor project now has a second phase under way, adding 68 additional wind turbines, seven miles north of Milford.¹ An additional Phase III proposes to build a wind energy facility 45 miles south of Delta that could include up to 300 wind turbine generators.²
- The Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research released 2008 construction data showing that Beaver County was one of few areas in Utah to experience improvement in construction values. Total values are up 11% since last year.³
- The Utah State Tax Commission recently released 2008 fourth quarter gross taxable sales data. Beaver County had a 19% year-over increase in total sales. Most of the increase is due to an increase in activity in the mining industry.⁴
- Raser Technologies Inc. says it has qualified for government-backed loans to triple the size of a geothermal power plant in the central Utah desert. The Provo company began selling electricity from the plant April 16, but the geothermal field about 15 miles west of Minersville in Beaver County has a lot of potential for expansion. Officials say the company could be awarded \$150 million in government-backed loan guarantees by late summer. The U.S. Department of Energy notified the company last week that the project—adding 46 megawatts of power capacity—qualifies for the loans. Now the company's application is moving ahead for possible financing under a federal program that encourages new energy technologies..⁵

BEAVER COUNTY MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Number of Employees
Circle Four Farms (Murphy Brown LLC)	250-499
Beaver School District	100-249
Beaver Valley Hospital	100-249
Beaver County	100-249
Union Pacific Railroad	50-99
Western Utah Copper Company	50-99

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

¹ Source: Deseret News

² Source: Deseret News

³ Source: Bureau of Business and Economic Research

⁴ Source: Utah State Tax Commission, 2008 data

⁵ Source: Deseret News

BEAVER COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Beaver County has an unemployment rate of 8.5% as of December 2010.

Industry	2009	2010	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	148	44	-70.30%	-104
Construction	299	80	-73.20%	-219
Manufacturing	77	62	-19.50%	-15
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	542	593	9.40%	51
Information	2	2	0.00%	0
Financial Activities	52	51	-1.90%	-1
Professional & Business Services	20	23	15.00%	3
Education, Health & Social Services	80	65	-18.80%	-15
Leisure & Hospitality	355	347	-2.30%	-8
Other Services	34	34	0.00%	0
Government	737	648	-12.10%	-89
Total	2346	1949	-16.90%	-397

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, July 2009 to July 2009 data

TAXATION

Total Property Tax Rate – Beaver City*	0.009479
Beaver County	0.001805
Beaver County School District	0.006583
Beaver	0.000697
Beaver County Special Service District #1	0.000394
Total Property Tax Rate – Milford City*	0.011674
Beaver County	0.001865
Beaver County School District	0.001805
Milford City	0.002193
Beaver County Special Service District #2	0.000365
State & Local Sales & Use Tax (Beaver)	5.95% - 6.95%
State Corporate Franchise Tax	5.00%

*Primary residential property taxed at 55% of assessed value, commercial property taxed at 100% of assessed value.

Source: Utah State Tax Commission

CLIMATE

Average Annual Precipitation	11.70 inches
Elevation	5,891 feet
Average July High Temperature	89 degrees
Average January Low Temperature	15 degrees

Source: Beaver County

RECREATION

Sight Seeing	Puffer Lake, Three Creeks Reservoir, and Mineral Mountains
History	Horn Silver Mine, Beaver County Courthouse, and Cove Fort
Skiing	Elk Meadows Ski & Summer Resort
Hunting	Deer, elk, pheasant, and sage hen

Source: Beaver County

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