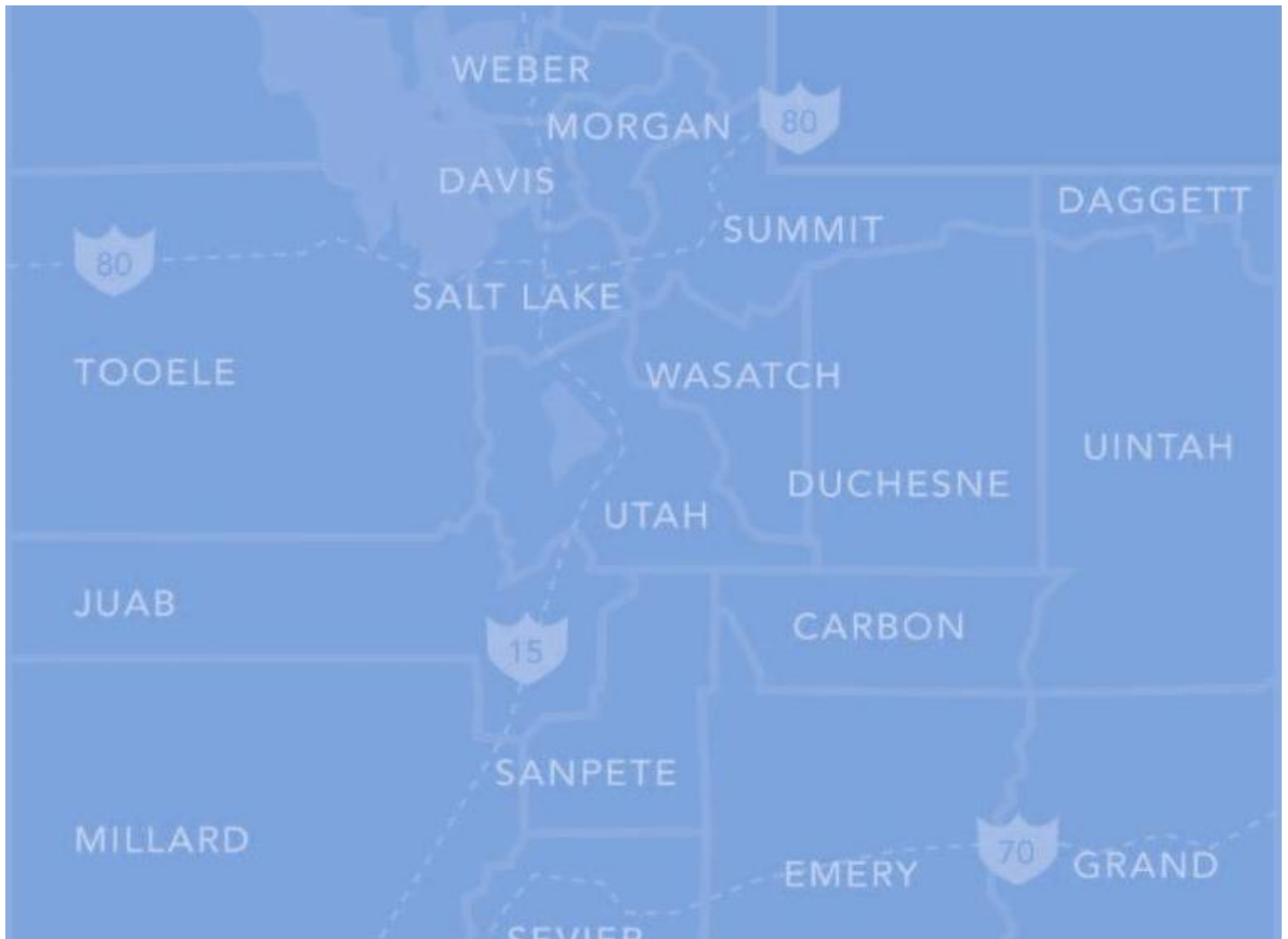


Garfield County

COUNTY PROFILE

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Garfield County is located in south-central Utah in close proximity to Interstate 15. Panguitch, the largest city and the county seat, can be reached by Highway 20.

POPULATION

	2009 Population	Housing Units
Panguitch City	1,081	352
Garfield County	4,784	1,981
State of Utah	2,835,864	877,904

Source: Decision Data Resources

GARFIELD COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	2000 Census	% Change	2009 Estimate	% Change	2014 Forecast	
Population	4,735	1.0%	4,784	13.4%	5,424	
Households	1,576	20.4%	1,981	11.4%	2,207	
Age	2000 Census	%	2009 Estimate	%	2014 Forecast	%
0 to 4	405	8.6%	332	6.9%	346	6.4%
5 to 14	814	17.2%	686	14.3%	750	13.8%
15 to 19	455	9.6%	361	7.6%	386	7.1%
20 to 24	238	5.0%	355	7.4%	402	7.4%
25 to 34	505	10.7%	514	10.7%	712	13.1%
35 to 44	591	12.5%	499	10.4%	529	9.8%
45 to 54	652	13.8%	608	12.7%	600	11.1%
55 to 64	408	8.6%	608	12.7%	712	13.1%
65 to 74	377	8.0%	418	8.7%	517	9.5%
75 to 84	222	4.7%	302	6.3%	341	6.3%
85+	68	1.4%	100	2.1%	128	2.4%
Median Age	34.0		38.0		37.2	
Ethnicity	2000 Census	%	2009 Estimate	%	2014 Forecast	%
Caucasian	4,496	95.0%	4,581	95.8%	5,192	95.7%
African American	8	0.2%	9	0.2%	10	0.2%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	87	1.8%	127	2.7%	189	3.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	21	0.4%	20	0.4%	18	0.3%
Other Races	53	1.1%	20	0.4%	9	0.2%
Two or More Races	70	1.5%	27	0.6%	6	0.1%
Hispanic Population	2000 Census	%	2009 Estimate	%	2014 Forecast	%
Hispanic	136	2.9%	176	3.7%	188	3.5%
Household Income	2000 Census	%	2009 Estimate	%	2014 Forecast	%
\$0 - \$14,999	263	16.7%	221	11.2%	218	9.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	272	17.3%	307	15.5%	320	14.5%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	244	15.5%	248	12.5%	264	12.0%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	346	22.0%	386	19.5%	388	17.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	293	18.6%	469	23.7%	548	24.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	121	7.7%	180	9.1%	225	10.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	35	2.2%	152	7.7%	214	9.7%
\$150,000 +	2	0.1%	18	0.9%	30	1.4%
Average Household Income	\$38,991		\$46,429		\$47,300	

Source: Decision Data Resources

MAJOR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Garfield County commissioners voted to allow Ruby's Inn, located at the entrance of Bryce Canyon National Park, to become its own town. State law requires counties to approve a new town of 100 to 1,000 residents on contiguous land outside a municipality if landowners with more than half the combined property value want it. The new city will retain most of its sales tax revenue, estimated to be \$300,000. Only 4% of the county is private land and the remaining property is held by federal or state governments.¹
- The \$4.2 million Garfield Memorial Hospital expansion is nearing completion. The new expansion will include a larger clinic, fully equipped trauma and exam rooms and a long-awaited emergency room upgrade.²
- The Utah State Tax Commission released data showing a continued taxable sales growth of 14% from fourth quarter 2007 to 2008 for Garfield County. Much of this is due to increased visitors and tourism spending in the area.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company Name	Number of Employees
Ruby's Inn	250 to 499
Federal Government	100 to 249
Garfield County School District	100 to 249
Garfield Memorial Hospital	100 to 249
South Central Utah Telephone	100 to 249

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

¹ Source: *Deseret News*

² Source: *The Spectrum*

GARFIELD COUNTY NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

Duchesne County has an unemployment rate of 9.3% as of December 2009.

Industry	2009	2008	% Change	Numeric Change
Mining	9	8	12.5%	1
Construction	50	65	-23.1%	-15
Manufacturing	50	85	-41.2%	-35
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	260	294	-11.6%	-34
Information	133	135	-1.5%	-2
Financial Activities	29	34	-14.7%	-5
Professional & Business Services	20	15	33.3%	5
Education, Health & Social Services	252	306	-17.6%	-54
Leisure & Hospitality	1,102	1,247	-11.6%	-145
Other Services	16	15	6.7%	1
Government	633	647	-2.2%	-14
Totals	2,554	2,851	-10.4%	-297

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, September 2008 to September 2009 data

TAXATION

Total Property Tax Rate – Panguitch*	0.010479
Garfield County	0.001562
Garfield County School District	0.006165
Panguitch	0.002156
Panguitch Cemetery Maintenance District	0.000161
Upper Sevier River Water Conservancy District	0.000035
Central Utah Water Conservancy District	0.000400
State & Local Sales & Use Tax (Garfield)	6.95% - 8.05%
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 – PANGUITCH

Average Annual Precipitation	10.07 inches
Elevation	6,624 feet
Average July High Temperature	88 degrees
Average January Low Temperature	9 degrees

Source: Garfield County

RECREATION

Hiking/Scenery	Bryce Canyon State Park, Capital Reef State Park, Bull Valley Gorge, and the Grand Escalante Staircase all contain beautiful scenery that ranges from forests to sandstone formations.
Museums	The Wildlife Museum in Panguitch exhibits many preserved animals including some more exotic animals from India, Europe and Africa. The Red Brick Home Tour shows some of the handy work of earlier settlers.
Water Recreation	On the far eastern side of the county are two great water recreation locations – the Colorado River and Lake Powell – which offer river rafting, boating, swimming, and other recreation.

Source: Garfield County

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