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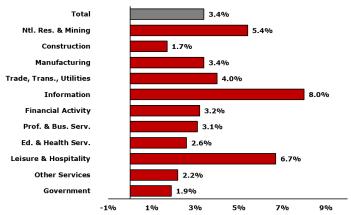
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# **Employment**

**Employment Change**—Utah's nonagricultural employment increased an estimated 3.4%, or 50,700 jobs, between January 2018 and January 2019. Nationally, employment increased 1.9%, or 2.8 million jobs, between January 2018 and January 2019.

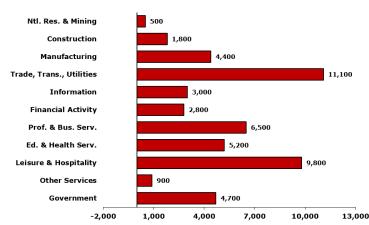
**Unemployment**—Utah's unemployment rate was 3.1% in January 2019, the same as in January 2018. The national unemployment rate was 4.0% in January 2019, slightly lower than the January 2018 rate of 4.1%.

#### Percent Change in Utah Employment by Industry: Jan 2018 to Jan 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (revised in April 2019)

### Numerical Change in Utah Employment by Industry: Jan 2018 to Jan 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (revised in April 2019)

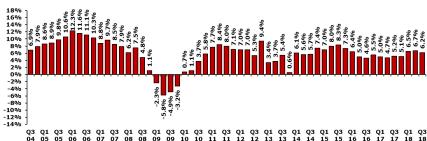
# **Wages and Income**

**Total Personal Income**—Utah's total personal income reached \$144.0 billion\* in the third quarter of 2018, rising 6.2% from the third quarter of 2017. This was the second fastest growth in the nation. Nationally, personal income increased 4.4% over the same period.

**Income Per Capita**—Utah's per capita personal income grew 3.0% to reach \$43,459 in 2017. Per capita personal income for the nation in 2017 was \$51,640, a year-over-year increase of 3.6%.

\*Seasonally adjusted at an annual rate Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

### **Utah Year-Over Growth in Quarterly Personal Income**



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

### **GDP, CPI, Interest Rates, and Home Prices**

**Interest Rates**—The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 4.41% for the week ending February 7, 2019 according to Freddie Mac.

**Home Prices**—According to the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) House Price Appreciation Ranking, Utah's house prices were up 9.97% in the third quarter of 2018 from third quarter of 2017.

**Foreclosure Rates**—At the end of the third quarter of 2018, Utah ranked 2nd lowest with 0.31% of all loans in foreclosure.

Indicator	Period	Value	Period	Value
GDP	Q3-18 Annual	3.00%	Since Q2-18	0.83%
CPI	Jan-19 Annual	1.52%	Since Dec-18	-0.02%
GDP CPI CPI-core	Jan-19 Annual	2.15%	Since Dec-18	0.24%
Note: CPI-core excludes Food and Energy; National GDP and CPI				

### Home Prices: Third Quarter 2018 Over Third Quarter 2017

	Realtors		FI	FHFA	
				Purchase-	
	Median		HPI	Only	
	Sales Price	Change	Change	Change	
Logan, UT-ID MSA	\$271,768	7.3%	7.5%	na	
Ogden-Clearfield, UT MSA	\$297,486	9.5%	11.5%	na	
Provo-Orem, UT MSA	\$341,977	6.7%	10.5%	na	
Salt Lake City, UT MSA	\$329,734	9.5%	10.7%	10.9%	
St. George	\$308,329	8.2%	9.1%	na	
Utah	\$325,607	8.7%	10.4%	10.0%	
U.S.	\$266,009	6.2%	6.6%	6.3%	

Note: The median price is for existing single family homes, seasonally adjusted, from Economy.com. Home price data from the FHFA is limited to conventional mortgages guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. The House Price Index includes purchases and refinances, while the Purchase-Only Index excludes refinances. NAR and FHFA data is Moody's analytics adjusted.

Source: National Association of Realtors; Federal Housing Finance Agency

## **Utah Rankings**

State Rank₃	Value	Year
3rd	1.9%	2017
2nd	2.12	2017
10th	80.2	2010
1st	31.0	2017
1st	3.13	2017
6th	9.7%	2017
10th	92.1%	2017
12th	34.6%	2017
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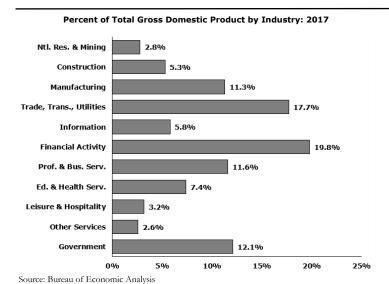
Economic	State Rank₃	Value	Period
Employment Change <sub>1,2,4</sub>	2nd	3.4%	Jan-19 Annual
Unemployment Rate <sub>1,2</sub>	12th	3.1%	Jan-19
Median Household Income	11th	\$71,319	2017
Per Capita Personal Income	41st	\$42,043	2017
Total Personal Income (% Change)	1st	6.2%	Q3-18 Annual

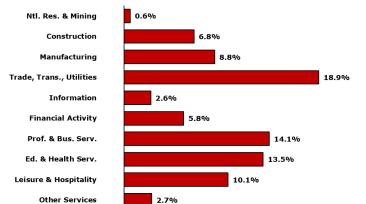
Notes: 1. Rankings are based on the most recent data available for all states; may differ from other data.

Job growth and unemployment rates are based on seasonally adjusted data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and may differ from estimates published by other sources.

Employment by Industry as a Percent of Total Employment: January 2019

- 3. Rank is most favorable to least favorable.
- 4. Employment change based on nonfarm employment totals.





Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

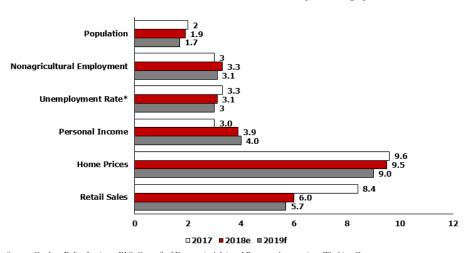
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3%

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# **Economic Outlook**

#### Utah Economic Indicators: 2017-2019 (% Change)



Source: Gardner Policy Institute; BLS; Council of Economic Advisors' Revenue Assumptions Working Group e= estimate f= forecast \*= for year

2018 Overview—The Utah economy exceeded expectations in 2018, adding a total of 48,500 new jobs over the year. An annual employment growth rate of 3.3% is on par with the state's long-term average and is among the strongest in the nation. A tightening labor market (3.1 percent unemployment) applied upward pressure on personal income. Annual income per capita increased to \$45,174, a 3.9 percent increase from last year.

8%

13%

Outlook 2019—The consensus forecast predicts moderating—but still healthy—job and wage growth, and low unemployment. Internal risks to the Utah economy include the supply of workers, increasing interest rates, housing affordability, and air quality. The nation is entering a late business cycle which may also present challenges. Demographic advantages, an appealing business climate, and increasing labor force participation will continue to be an advantage for the economy. All going well, Utah will once again be one of the top-performing economies in the nation in 2019.

#### Demographics

**Population**—The Census Bureau estimates that Utah's population increased by 59,987 persons from July 2017 to July 2018, with total population rising to 3,161,105. This is a year-over-year growth rate of 1.9 percent, third highest in the nation after Nevada and Idaho. The total 2018 population count for the United States is 327,167,434. This represents a population increase of 2,020,313 individuals, or 0.6% from 2017.

The Utah Population Committee estimates that Utah's population increased by 52,664 persons from July 2017 to July 2018. This is similar (0.2 percent less) to the Census Bureau estimate.

	Utah	United States
2017 Estimate	3,103,118	325,147,121
2018 Estimate	3,161,105	327,167,434
2017-2018 Percent Change	1.9%	0.6%
2017-2018 Numeric Change	57,987	2,020,313

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

16.2%

18%

23%