Net Migration Surpasses Natural Increase

State Net Migration and Natural Increase Share of Population Growth, 2015-2021

Source: Utah Population Committee, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
One-third of growth in Utah between 2020 and 2021 was in Utah County.

County share of state population growth, 2020-2021.

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.
A long housing-price appreciation cycle

Year-Over Quarterly Percent Change in Utah’s Housing Price Index, 1Q 1977–2Q 2021 (single-family homes)

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency Housing Price Index
No time to think about it

Median days on market in Utah, January 2015 - September 2021

Source: UtahRealEstate.com
Utah’s Great Resignation

Share of employees quitting their job in September of each year, 2001–2021

The impact of COVID-19 on health care employment seems to be lessening

Change in Average Employment in Utah’s Health Care and Social Assistance Industry for the First Half of Each Year, 2002–2021

Note: The health care and social assistance sector comprises establishments providing health care and social assistance for individuals. Establishments in this sector deliver services by trained professionals. NBER-dated recessions in gray.

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute analysis of Utah Department of Workforce Services data and Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
Unintended consequences from the pandemic

Change in RISE standardized test performance in Utah, 2018-2019 vs. 2020-2021

Note: These are estimates based on students who tested in 2020-2021 compared to a similar demographic group tested in 2018–2019.

Source: Utah State Board of Education and The National Center for the Improvement of Education Assessment, Inc.
Utah teachers persevere

Share of Utah teachers returning to education 2012–2021

Source: Utah State Board of Education
The pandemic era of big government

Federal fiscal response to recent recessions as percent of GDP

Source: Congressional Budget Office and National Bureau of Economic Research
Be 22% better – To increase the good qualities of; make better; improve. In honor of University of Utah football players, Aaron Lowe and Ty Jordan, we should all seek to be 22% better.

Source: Congressional Budget Office and National Bureau of Economic Research