

A Profile of *Job Openings* In Utah



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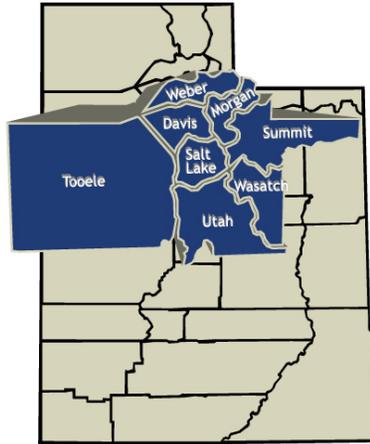
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Metropolitan Utah Job Vacancy Statistics:

Job Vacancies by Individual Occupations

This is a listing of individual jobs, presented in various tables based upon selected characteristics and criterion.

- ❖ The top 25 occupations with the most job vacancies account for 51 percent of all job vacancies in the Metropolitan region.
- ❖ Many of these openings are for jobs that have no education requirements. These are low paying, high turnover occupations.
- ❖ When looking for jobs of quality on this list, registered nurses tops the list with the combination of a high number of openings, a high vacancy rate, high asking wages, and a high percentage of full-time employment.
- ❖ Continuing with that criterion, the top five would be rounded out with welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers; plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters; heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers; and executive secretaries and administrative assistants.



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**Top 25 Occupations with the Most Job Vacancies
Metropolitan Utah
Fourth Quarter 2004**

Job Title	Number of Job Vacancies	Job Vacancy Rate	Average Asking Wage	Percent Full Time
Customer Service Representatives	1,709	8.5%	\$8.60	59%
Construction Laborers	898	15.8%	\$8.52	96%
Cashiers	836	3.6%	\$6.62	9%
Retail Salespersons	663	2.3%	\$7.13	9%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	622	5.7%	\$9.03	39%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	525	5.1%	\$9.81	62%
Registered Nurses	509	4.5%	\$20.65	76%
Tellers	495	10.5%	\$9.19	81%
Telemarketers	432	5.9%	\$9.10	93%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	342	3.0%	\$7.56	37%
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	294	2.5%	\$6.04	22%
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	292	12.2%	\$13.66	100%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	253	6.0%	\$16.48	94%
Food Preparation Workers	244	5.1%	\$7.30	52%
Office Clerks, General	236	1.2%	\$8.51	48%
Waiters and Waitresses	230	1.7%	\$9.89	21%
First-Line Sup/Mgr of Food Preparation and Servers	224	4.1%	\$9.56	51%
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	223	1.9%	\$11.75	73%
Receptionists and Information Clerks	215	2.7%	\$8.09	32%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	213	3.4%	\$8.52	62%
Truck Driver, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	209	1.9%	\$16.91	94%
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	192	2.4%	\$13.48	86%
Cooks, Restaurant	189	4.0%	\$8.51	97%
Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants	165	7.9%	\$8.27	15%
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Housekeeping	158	10.8%	\$7.75	84%

❖ The top 25 high-wage occupations account for only 6 percent of all job vacancies in the Metropolitan region.

- ❖ Most of these occupations have a limited number of available job openings, and also a low job vacancy rate. The standout exception on this list is registered nurses.

Top 25 High-Wage Occupations and Training Requirements

**Metropolitan Utah
Fourth Quarter 2004**

Job Title	Average Asking Wage	Number of Vacancies	Vacancy Rate	Percent of Openings Requiring Bachelors or Advanced Degrees
Pharmacists	\$38.01	16	1.1%	92%
General and Operations Managers	\$37.92	11	0.1%	100%
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$37.07	11	1.5%	100%
Lawyers	\$35.10	75	2.6%	100%
Financial Managers	\$33.04	91	2.2%	100%
Aerospace Engineers	\$32.93	27	15.1%	100%
Comp Software Engineers, Systems Software	\$32.26	80	2.6%	96%
Mechanical Engineers	\$31.86	20	1.4%	100%
Sales Engineers	\$31.48	64	6.7%	100%
Financial Analysts	\$31.15	36	4.7%	100%
Medical & Health Services Managers	\$30.95	35	2.1%	93%
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$30.14	27	1.7%	95%
Industrial Engineers	\$28.54	15	1.5%	100%
Computer Programmers	\$28.24	32	0.7%	96%
Chemists	\$27.45	10	2.0%	100%
Database Administrators	\$27.13	12	2.3%	100%
Environmental Scientists and Specialists	\$27.04	12	2.1%	100%
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	\$26.26	32	1.3%	71%
Civil Engineers	\$24.31	51	4.0%	100%
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	\$24.14	17	2.1%	100%
Marketing Managers	\$23.14	28	1.8%	86%
Industrial Production Managers	\$22.85	13	1.2%	100%
Sales Managers	\$22.75	25	0.8%	81%
Management Analysts	\$20.85	17	0.9%	100%
Registered Nurses	\$20.65	509	4.5%	28%

- ❖ We can also look at occupations based upon their job vacancy rate. Many of these occupations are also found in the list of top 25 with the most job vacancies.
- ❖ Low asking wages are probably the reason some of these occupations are on this list. But those that offer a high asking wage could be an indication of occupations with a labor shortage, and thus occupations of good opportunities for job seekers.

Occupations With High Vacancy Rates*
Metropolitan Utah
Fourth Quarter 2004

Job Title	Job Vacancy Rate	Number of Vacancies	Occupational Employment	Average Asking Wage	Percent Full Time
Construction Laborers	15.8%	898	5,670	\$8.52	96%
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	12.2%	292	2,400	\$13.67	100%
Tellers	10.5%	495	4,720	\$9.19	81%
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	9.0%	229	2,550	\$7.07	96%
Customer Service Representatives	8.5%	1,709	20,170	\$8.60	59%
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants	7.9%	165	2,080	\$8.27	15%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	6.0%	253	4,220	\$16.48	94%
Telemarketers	5.9%	432	7,380	\$9.10	93%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers	5.7%	622	10,840	\$9.03	39%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	5.1%	525	10,230	\$9.81	62%
Food Preparation Workers	5.1%	244	4,790	\$7.30	52%
Registered Nurses	4.5%	509	11,360	\$20.65	76%
Machinists	4.5%	118	2,640	\$13.31	100%
Loan Officers	4.1%	116	2,810	\$18.42	100%
First-Line Sup/Mgr of Food Preparation and Servers	4.1%	224	5,500	\$9.56	51%
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerk	4.0%	85	2,110	\$8.61	100%
Cooks, Restaurant	4.0%	189	4,730	\$8.51	97%

* Had to have a minimum Estimated Occupational Employment of at least 2,000.

- ❖ There is also a list of occupations that have a very low job vacancy rate. In other words, in relation to the total number of these occupations in the metropolitan region, very few of these jobs are vacant.

- ❖ Many of these jobs are high-paying jobs, suggesting there is not much turnover within these occupations.

Occupations With Low Vacancy Rates*

**Metropolitan Utah
Fourth Quarter 2004**

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Job Vacancy Rate</i>	<i>Number of Job Vacancies</i>	<i>Estimated Occupational Employment</i>	<i>Average Asking Wage</i>	<i>Percent Full Time</i>
General and Operations Managers	0.1%	11	12,200	\$37.92	100%
Recreation Workers	0.2%	4	2,270	\$12.17	100%
First-Line Sup/Mgr of Office and Administrative Support	0.3%	21	7,990	\$17.29	100%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	0.3%	18	6,410	\$8.96	58%
Interviewer, Except Eligibility and Loan	0.3%	7	2,430	\$10.60	15%
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	0.3%	7	2,200	\$12.27	100%
Computer Systems Analysts	0.4%	14	3,730	\$20.06	100%
First-Line Sup/Mgr of Retail Sales	0.4%	33	7,700	\$11.76	100%
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	0.4%	11	2,500	\$14.70	72%
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Ed	0.5%	25	4,840	\$6.36	45%
Child, Family, & Sch Social Workers	0.6%	13	2,120	\$12.33	24%
Electricians	0.6%	28	4,490	\$15.66	100%
Janitor & Cleaner, Except Maids and Housekeepers	0.7%	95	13,890	\$7.49	32%
Teacher Assistants	0.7%	78	11,010	\$9.45	26%
First-Line Sup/Mgr of Production and Operating	0.7%	34	4,670	\$19.90	93%
Computer Programmers	0.7%	32	4,290	\$28.24	100%
Sales Managers	0.8%	25	3,190	\$22.75	100%
Bill and Account Collectors	0.9%	55	6,330	\$13.42	100%
Accountants and Auditors	0.9%	48	5,550	\$19.54	97%
Automotive Service Tech & Mechanics	1.0%	51	5,200	\$14.96	100%
Driver/Sales Workers	1.0%	36	3,520	\$7.02	100%
Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	1.0%	21	2,030	\$7.42	68%
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	1.1%	27	2,560	\$7.93	40%
Medical Secretaries	1.1%	27	2,500	\$10.69	78%
Office Clerks, General	1.2%	236	19,230	\$8.51	48%

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