

# Garfield County



The words “Garfield County” and “tourism” often go hand in hand. By some measures, Garfield County is the most tourism-dependent county in Utah. No wonder. Garfield County includes some of the most awesome scenery in the world.

How does a tourism-dependent economy show up in Garfield County's economic indicators? Almost 40 percent of Garfield County's nonfarm employment can be categorized in the leisure/hospitality industry—in vivid contrast to the statewide figure of only 9 percent.

The seasonal nature of Garfield County's tourism employment is also evident in its unemployment rate. In just the past 12 months, Garfield County's (seasonally unadjusted) jobless rate ranged from a high of 14.1 percent (in the dead of winter) to 3.5 percent in the fall of 2008. With a high percentage of its population out of work in the off-season, Garfield County often sports one of the highest annual unemployment rates in the state. ⓘ

*For more information see <http://jobs.utah.gov/countyinfo>*