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## **UTAH'S EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY: October 2023**

SALT LAKE CITY (Nov. 17, 2023) — Utah's nonfarm payroll employment for October 2023 increased an estimated 2.2% across the past 12 months, with the state's economy adding a cumulative 38,200 jobs since October 2022. Utah's current job count stands at 1,742,400.

October's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is estimated at 2.7%, a one-tenth of one percentage-point increase over September. Approximately 49,300 Utahns are unemployed. Utah's September unemployment rate is unrevised at 2.6%. The October national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage-point to 3.9%.

Labor Market Indicators October 2023

#### Utah

Employment Year-Over % Change: 2.2% Employment # Change: 38,200 Unemployment Rate: 2.7%

#### **United States**

Employment Year-Over % Change: 1.9% Unemployment Rate: 3.9%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

"Over the past few months, job growth rates in Utah have maintained around the 2% range," said Mark Knold, Chief Economist at the Department of Workforce Services. "While slightly below the state's long-term average, it's remarkable that this deceleration in job growth has only recently occurred — especially considering the record low unemployment of the past year."

Utah's October private sector employment recorded a year-over-year expansion of 2.1%, or a 29,900-job increase. Seven of the ten major private-sector industry groups posted net year-over-year job gains. The overall job gains are led by leisure and hospitality services (11,500 jobs), education and health services (8,700 jobs), other services (4,200 jobs), and information (3,300 jobs). Natural Resources had no job change over the year. The two sectors with job losses are trade/transportation/utilities (-1,000 jobs); and manufacturing (-1,000 jobs).

- Additional analysis and tables at <a href="https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/index.html">https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/index.html</a>
- County unemployment rates for October will post on or shortly after November 20, 2023, at <a href="https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/une/season.pdf">https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/update/une/season.pdf</a>
- November's employment information will be released at 7 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023.
- Statistics generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., modeled from monthly employer (employment) and household (unemployment) surveys.

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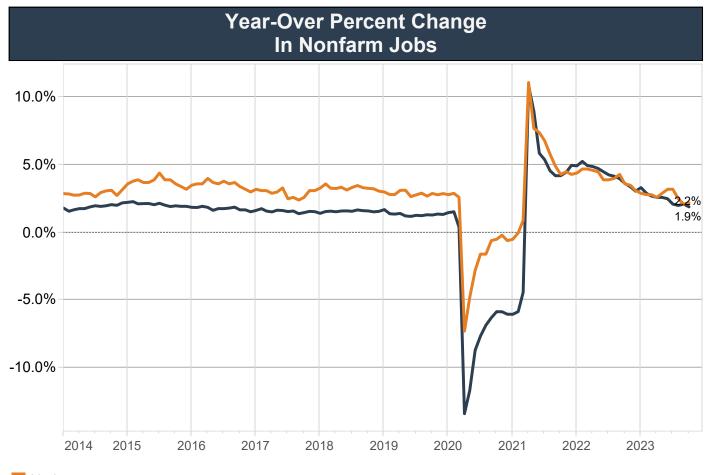


# Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

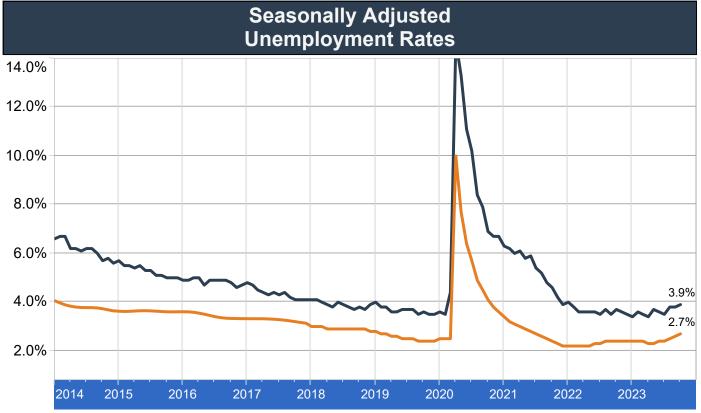
Numbers are in thousands	October (p) 2023	October 2022	Percentage Change	September (r) 2023	September 2022	Percentage Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (seasonally-adjusted)	1,813.0	1,753.8	3.4	1,813.5	1,751.9	3.5
Employed	1,763.7	1,711.0	3.1	1,766.0	1,709.5	3.3
Unemployed Unemployment Rate	49.3 2.7	42.8 2.4	15.2	47.5 2.6	42.4 2.4	12.0
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (Thousands) Not seasonally-adjusted	1,742.4	1,704.2	2.2	1,730.9	1,694.9	2.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	1,473.5	1,443.6	2.1	1,464.6	1,436.7	1.9
GOODS PRODUCING	300.2	298.1	0.7	299.4	296.4	1.0
Natural Resources and Mining	10.4	10.4	0.0	10.4	10.2	2.0
Construction	138.4	136.4	1.5	137.5	134.3	2.4
Construction of Buildings	30.9	29.0	6.6	30.6	28.4	7.7
Heavy and Civil Engineering	14.7 92.8	13.8 93.6	6.5 -0.9	14.7 92.2	13.8 92.1	6.5 0.1
Specialty Trade Contractors  Manufacturing	92.8 <b>151.4</b>	93.6 <b>151.3</b>	-0.9 <b>0.1</b>	92.2 <b>151.5</b>	92.1 <b>151.9</b>	- <b>0.3</b>
Durable Goods	95.1	95.8	-0.7	95.3	95.8	-0.5
Computer and Electronic Products	13.1	13.0	0.8	13.1	13.0	0.8
Transportation and Equipment Manufacturing	17.7	17.3	2.3	17.7	17.2	2.9
Non-Durable Goods	56.3	55.5	1.4	56.2	56.1	0.2
SERVICES PROVIDING	1,442.2	1,406.1	2.6	1,431.5	1,398.5	2.4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities Wholesale Trade	313.7 56.9	314.7 59.2	-0.3 -3.9	310.4 56.6	312.4 59.1	-0.6 -4.2
Retail Trade	184.6	182.7	1.0	182.4	181.3	0.6
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	25.7	24.6	4.5	25.5	24.5	4.1
Food and Beverage Stores	28.0	28.0	0.0	28.1	28.1	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	35.5	36.2	-1.9	34.5	35.6	-3.1
Transportation and Utilities Utilities	<b>72.2</b> 3.6	<b>72.8</b> 3.7	<b>-0.8</b> -2.7	<b>71.4</b> 3.6	<b>72.0</b> 3.7	<b>-0.8</b> -2.7
Transportation & Warehousing	68.6	69.1	-0.7	67.8	68.3	-0.7
Air Transportation	9.5	9.0	5.6	9.4	8.9	5.6
Truck Transportation	20.1	20.7	-2.9	20.0	20.5	-2.4
Couriers and Messengers	15.8	15.9	-0.6	15.2	15.6	-2.6
Information  Motion Picture and Sound Recording	<b>47.8</b> 7.8	<b>44.5</b> 7.4	<b>7.4</b> 5.4	<b>48.1</b> 7.9	<b>45.4</b> 7.5	<b>5.9</b> 5.3
Publishing Industries	21.4	20.1	6.5	21.5	20.5	4.9
Telecommunications	5.7	5.2	9.6	5.7	5.3	7.5
Internet Service Providers	8.7	8.0	8.7	8.7	8.1	7.4
Financial Activities	97.4	98.4	-1.0	97.9	97.0	0.9
Finance and Insurance Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	73.9 23.5	74.3 24.1	-0.5 -2.5	74.1 23.8	73.6 23.4	0.7 1.7
Professional and Business Services	253.3	251.2	0.8	250.7	250.2	0.2
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	136.9	133.3	2.7	134.4	130.8	2.8
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	20.9	19.6	6.6	20.5	19.3	6.2
Computer Systems Design and Related	38.8	38.9	-0.3	38.1	37.9	0.5
Management of Companies and Enterprises Administrative and Waste Services	22.5 93.9	22.5 95.4	0.0 -1.6	22.3 94.0	22.0 97.4	1.4 -3.5
Employment Services	31.1	31.6	-1.6	30.5	32.1	-5.0
Business Support Services	11.8	12.1	-2.5	11.7	12.3	-4.9
Education and Health Services	237.2	228.5	3.8	233.8	225.9	3.5
Educational Services	55.1	54.7	0.7	53.1	52.6	1.0
Health Services and Social Assistance Ambulatory Health Care Services	182.1 82.2	173.8 76.5	4.8 7.5	180.7 80.2	173.3 76.0	4.3 5.5
Hospitals	41.9	40.2	4.2	41.6	40.2	3.5
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	29.5	28.6	3.1	29.4	28.6	2.8
Social Assistance	28.5	28.5	0.0	29.5	28.5	3.5
Leisure and Hospitality	175.2	163.7	7.0	176.0	165.5	6.3
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Accommodation and Food Services	31.9 143.3	26.1 137.6	22.2 4.1	31.3 144.7	28.0 137.5	11.8 5.2
Accommodation	22.8	21.3	7.0	23.3	21.2	9.9
Food Services and Drinking Places	120.5	116.3	3.6	121.4	116.3	4.4
Other Services	48.7	44.5	9.4	48.3	43.9	10.0
Government Fodoral Covernment	268.9	260.6	3.2 0.0	266.3	258.2	3.1
Federal Government Federal Defense	<b>38.8</b> 18.5	<b>38.8</b> 18.3	1.1	<b>39.1</b> 18.5	<b>39.1</b> 18.3	<b>0.0</b> 1.1
Other Federal Government	20.3	20.5	-1.0	20.6	20.8	-1.0
State Government	88.4	84.9	4.1	87.3	84.1	3.8
State Education	53.2	50.0	6.4	52.1	49.2	5.9
Other State Government	35.2	34.9	0.9	35.2	34.9	0.9
Local Government  Local Education	<b>141.7</b> 78.8	<b>136.9</b> 76.2	<b>3.5</b> 3.4	<b>139.9</b> 76.1	<b>135.0</b> 73.4	<b>3.6</b> 3.7
Other Local Government	62.9	60.7	3.6	63.8	61.6	3.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS); Current Employment Statistics (CES). November 17, 2023 Note: Government owned education, healthcare, etc. are enumerated within Government.

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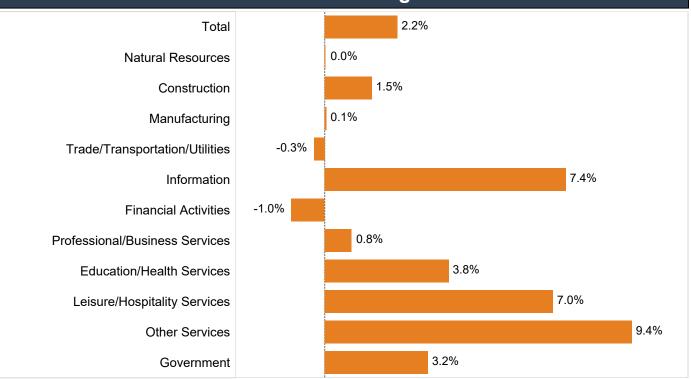






Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Utah Nonfarm Industry Profiles October 2022 - 2023 Percent Change







Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	October 2023 <i>Estimat</i> e	October 2022 <i>Actual</i>	Percent Change	September 2023 <i>Estimat</i> e	August 2023 Estimate
BEAVER	2,455	2,377	3.3	2,462	2,446
BOX ELDER	24,018	23,387	2.7	23,894	23,799
CACHE	68,979	68,909	0.1	68,055	65,252
CARBON	8,875	8,908	-0.4	8,766	8,826
DAGGETT	420	421	-0.2	515	545
DAVIS	145,968	141,579	3.1	144,898	145,516
DUCHESNE	8,891	8,278	7.4	8,927	8,792
EMERY	3,658	3,632	0.7	3,622	3,618
GARFIELD	2,567	2,785	-7.8	2,712	2,813
GRAND	7,199	7,253	-0.7	7,313	7,499
IRON	25,257	24,416	3.4	24,929	23,962
JUAB	4,342	4,278	1.5	4,317	4,299
KANE	4,250	4,094	3.8	4,324	4,487
MILLARD	4,815	4,730	1.8	4,730	4,778
MORGAN	3,025	2,928	3.3	3,015	2,978
PIUTE	287	305	-5.9	291	280
RICH	866	836	3.6	1,062	1,360
SALT LAKE	811,474	794,779	2.1	807,557	807,297
SAN JUAN	4,761	4,475	6.4	4,785	4,765
SANPETE	9,923	9,738	1.9	9,896	9,596
SEVIER	9,760	9,644	1.2	9,812	9,757
SUMMIT	27,737	26,982	2.8	28,295	29,078
TOOELE	19,666	19,491	0.9	19,598	19,499
UINTAH	14,741	13,841	6.5	14,691	14,718
UTAH	313,042	307,204	1.9	309,616	302,108
WASATCH	12,091	11,831	2.2	12,034	12,309
WASHINGTON	86,231	82,994	3.9	84,776	84,101
WAYNE	1,322	1,264	4.6	1,350	1,387
WEBER	123,431	119,511	3.3	122,227	122,924

Note: Numbers have been left unrounded for convenience rather than to denote accuracy.

Note: County employment estimates are assessed independently of the statewide estimate.

Note: Employment numbers are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, comparisons of employment levels from one month to the next should not be used as job creation/loss estimates between those months. Seasonal factors could be the reason. For example, employment levels in September are usually higher than in August, as school employment resumes.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Research and Analysis, 11/17/2023