

Duchesne County, Utah

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Labor Force:

Projected to grow
9% by 2025



Population growth
between 2010—2018:



7%

Most in demand occupation:

- Truck driving

Residents:

19,964

King's Peak, Utah's highest mountain, draws visitors interested in:

- Backpacking
- Horseback riding
- Cross-country skiing
- Wildlife viewing



County Overview

Duchesne County's economy is dominated by the mining industry, mainly oil and natural gas extraction. With few exceptions, this industry drives most all other industries in the county, including a large transportation and delivery industry. Since the downturn in 2015, this industry has seen a steady recovery. The average annual level of unemployment for Duchesne County at the start of 2018 was 4.6%. During this time there have been job gains in construction, manufacturing, education, leisure and hospitality and government services.

Investable Projects

Beyond oil and gas opportunities, tourism and recreation promotion, and visitor services stand as top priorities for Duchesne County. Local stakeholders meet regularly to find both immediate and long term strategies to enhance destination traffic to Duchesne County. Duchesne County is home to the beautiful High Uinta Wilderness, world class fishing and hunting, 9 mile canyon, Starvation State Park, 10 destination resorts and the highly acclaimed Roosevelt Golf Course. The privately owned Grace Event Center in Roosevelt and the county owned Centennial Event Center & Arena in Duchesne City are available for use for destination events conferences and meetings.

Duchesne County believes energy will continue to be the primary driver of the economy in the region for at least the next 25 years. The energy industry accounts for 50% of direct employment and 75% of indirect employment in the area.

Several projects occurring in and around the OZ in the region include:

- **Uinta Basin Railway:** The Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's diligent and urgent work on the Uinta Basin Railway (UBRY) project resulted in great progress in the past year. The funding from the CIB (the State's Infrastructure Bank) is critical to the significant progress and momentum. The Coalition selected Drexel Hamilton Infrastructure Partners, LP, for a public-private partnership (P3) to finance and build the proposed Uinta Basin Railway. Additionally, the Coalition and the Ute Tribe continue ongoing, positive discussions to move towards a formal partnership.

Private capital is anticipated to be in place to cover the costs of contractor procurement, right-of-way acquisition, construction, and related services and activities that will take place both following and concurrently with the expenditure of CIB funds.

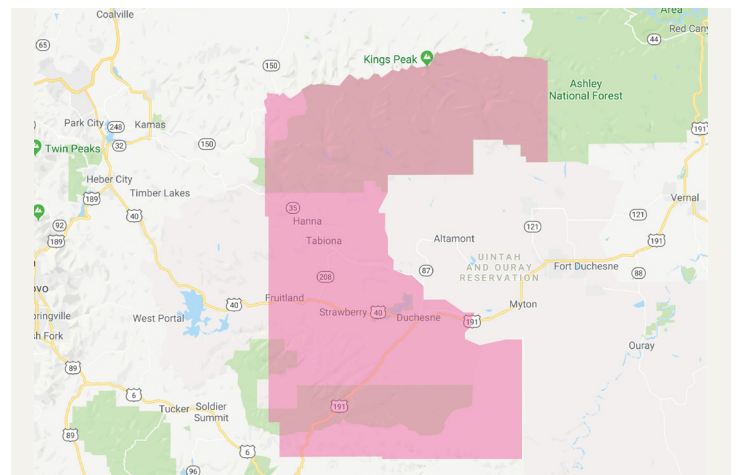
- **Technology Fields Employment:** Duchesne County and Uintah County identified remote jobs in the technology fields to be fertile ground for immediate job creation in the Uintah Basin. In 2016 a company contracted to fill positions for UBER found 50 remote employees in the Basin area. The announcement of these entry-level positions created a groundswell of interest and identified this emerging sector of home-based jobs for the region.

Available Incentives

Duchesne County continues to enjoy its role with other stakeholders in discussions regarding the use of incentives primarily targeted to Rural Utah. The Utah Enterprise Zone is a tax credit which has assisted expanding business and agriculture entities in a very meaningful and targeted way. Duchesne County strongly supports the continuation of the Enterprise Zone which directly benefits rural businesses based on capital investment. This is a powerful tool which encourages many types of businesses and investment. Additional investments include:

- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- New Market Tax Credit (NMTC)
- Promise Zones
- High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credit
- Possible assistance for Infrastructure; roads, utilities etc.
- Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive Area
- Rural Fast Track Program
- Alternative Energy Development Credit
- Renewable Energy Development Incentive
- Technology Commercialization & Innovation Program
- Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Incentives
- Qualified HUB Zone
- Department of Workforce Services Incentives
- Revolving Loan Funds
- Additional County/City specific incentives

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Duchesne County is only two hours from Salt Lake City International Airport, 30 minutes to Vernal Commercial Service Airport, and one hour to the nearest rail line. It is located along Highway 40 and is one of the main routes to Denver, Lake Powell, Moab, Flaming Gorge, Duchesne City, Roosevelt, and Vernal.

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