



## DID YOU KNOW...

- Three of the top four best cities for career opportunities are located in the Beehive State (Provo, Logan and Salt Lake City)? Unemployment in Utah's major metros is low (less than 4%) while annual jobs growth was between 3.8% and 6.9%. (smartasset Sept. 2015)
- Utah is the second fastest-growing state for tech jobs, with six-month tech-employment gains of 5.75 percent (Dice Report – Aug. 2015)
- Did you know employment has increased more than 15 percent since February 2010 in Utah? (PEW, May 2015)
- Brookings Institute reported that Salt Lake City and Provo have set national growth benchmarks unmatched by other states as it posted the lowest unemployment numbers in the nation, and more critically, that employment growth increased faster in Salt Lake City than in any other large metro area in the country. (April 2015)
- Utah County ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in U.S. counties for sustained investment by Fourth Economy Consulting. (April 2015)
- Gallup Daily Tracking pegs Salt Lake City as the top job-creating metro in the country (March 2015)
- Report from Utah Department of Workforce Services states job growth in Utah is outpacing its historic average by 25 percent (March 2015)
- Provo #1, Salt Lake City #7, in 10 best places to move to by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Forbes.com, the National Association of Realtors, Zillow.com, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (March 2015)
- A new independent business climate assessment compiled by 24/7 Wall St. ranks the Beehive State to be the best state in the nation for business. (March 2015)
- Salt Lake City ranked number five on Livability's list of "[Top 10 Best Downtowns](#)." Livability (March 2015)
- A new report from a renowned Washington D.C. think tank rates Provo as one of the biggest generators of high-tech jobs as well as a top producer of science, technology, engineering and math graduates (February 2015)
- Utah cities of Provo and Orem ranked first in a new index of the nation's 150 [most dynamic labor markets](#) around the U.S. by CBS News (February 2015)
- New rankings show Utah is home to the nation's fourth lowest unemployment rate and the third highest job growth rate. Utah Business (February 2015)

- Best overall performing state in economic growth for the second year in a row, according to a 2014 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation study. (February 2015)
- Salt Lake City is the eighth best city for workers in science, technology, engineering and math related jobs, according to a [new study by Wallethub](#). (February 2015)
- Utah wrapped up 2014 by ranking third in the country for job creation, according to a [Stateline analysis](#) of Bureau of Labor Statistics data.
- USU ranks among nation's elite in 2014 *Washington Monthly* college rankings.
- Utah's two research universities ranked among the top 100 institutions in some subjects from a list of 20,000 institutions worldwide in a new index measuring the quality and quantity of published research. Nature's Publishing Group. (December 2014)
- Due to its affordability and opportunity, Salt Lake City is one of the best U.S. cities for millennials. The Atlantic. (December 2014)
- The David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah has been ranked as a top 25 school for entrepreneurship for the fourth straight year, by the Princeton Review. (September 2014)
- A recent analysis from personal finance website WalleHub.com ranks Provo as the fourth most educated city for 2014. (September 2014)
- Provo Orem area ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in largest share of funding from venture capitalists and Salt Lake City ranks 12<sup>th</sup>. New York Times (Oct 2014)

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