

WASHINGTON COUNTY
WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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YOUR ABILITY TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY HOW YOU CHOOSE

How water makes it possible

Washington County is currently surpassing national and state economic indicators signaling a stable and growing economy in southwest Utah that isn't projected to slow down anytime soon. This growth necessitates the need for wise planning and management of our water resources to ensure continued state, local and individual prosperity.

Washington County is currently home to 150,000 residents, more than 63,000 employees, 53,000 homes, 37,500 students and 5,000 businesses – all of which use water. The county touts an annual \$4.2 billion in gross domestic product in addition to \$4.4 billion in personal income – also dependent on water.

“Everything depends on a safe, reliable water supply,” said Ron Thompson, general manager of Washington County Water Conservancy District. “The ability to live, work and play where you choose requires water.”

The ability to LIVE where you choose

Unlike the early pioneers, residents of Washington County have the luxury of state and local water managers who procure, treat and deliver billions of gallons of safe drinking water to a growing number of homes every year, 365 days a year.

The ability to WORK where you choose

With one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation accompanied with a diverse and growing business economy, Washington County is a great place for those seeking or providing employment. From 2013 to 2014ⁱ, more than 3,500 residents entered the workforce and more than 300 new businesses opened their doors in Washington County. The county's water supply keeps these businesses and employment opportunities in the county.

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The ability to PLAY where you choose

St. George’s social, cultural and recreational opportunities accompanied with its abundant sunny skies make it the preferred playground of choice for people of all ages. Hiking. Golfing. Cycling. Boating. Swimming. Climbing. Running. Parks. Live theatre. All available just outside your doorstep thanks to a water supply that puts you on the center stage of opportunities.

“Life is great in Washington County,” said Thompson. “Our daily efforts as your water provider are focused on protecting our existing water resources, using them wisely and preparing for the future so the well-established quality of life and opportunities we enjoy today are available for future generations.”

About Washington County Water Conservancy District

Washington County Water Conservancy District, a not-for-profit public agency, was established in 1962 to manage Southern Utah’s regional water needs. The district oversees the development, stabilization, management, acquisition and conservation of water resources in Washington County in an ongoing effort to provide a safe, sustainable water supply for current and future generations. Visit www.wcwcd.org for more information.

CHART CAPTION: The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget estimates Washington County will remain Utah’s fastest growing county with a population projected to quadruple by 2060.

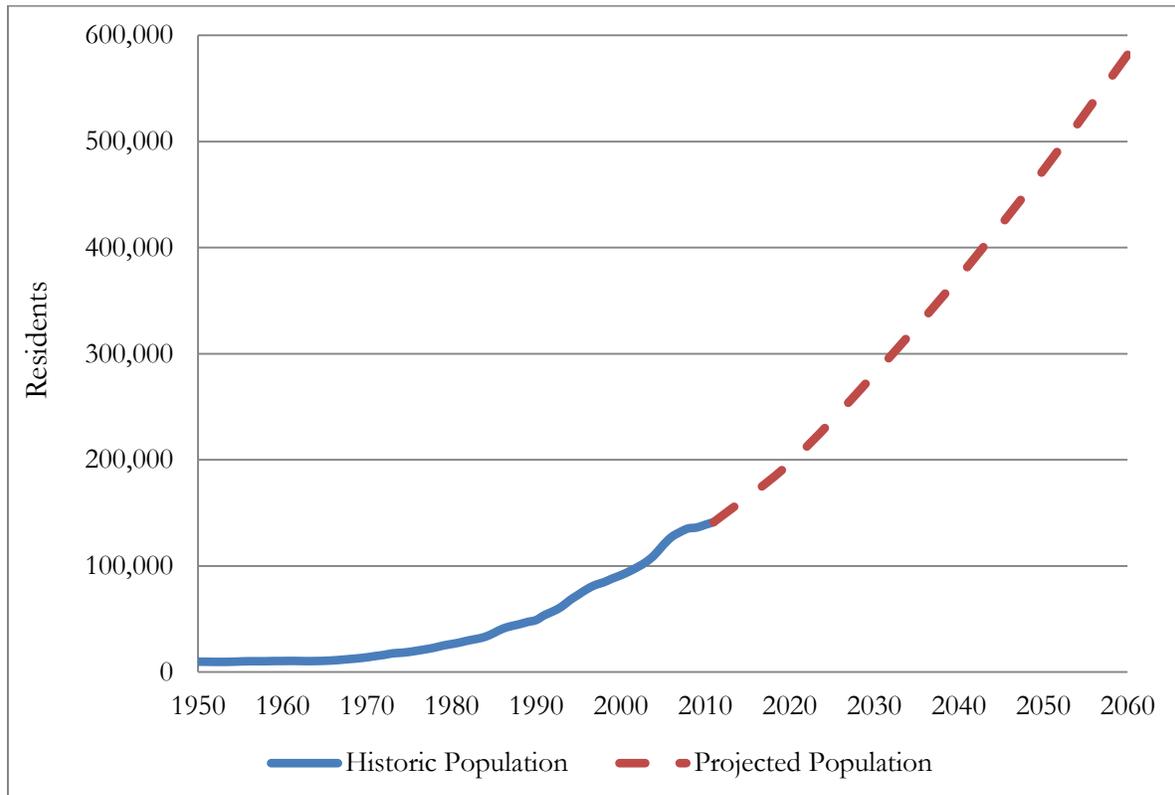
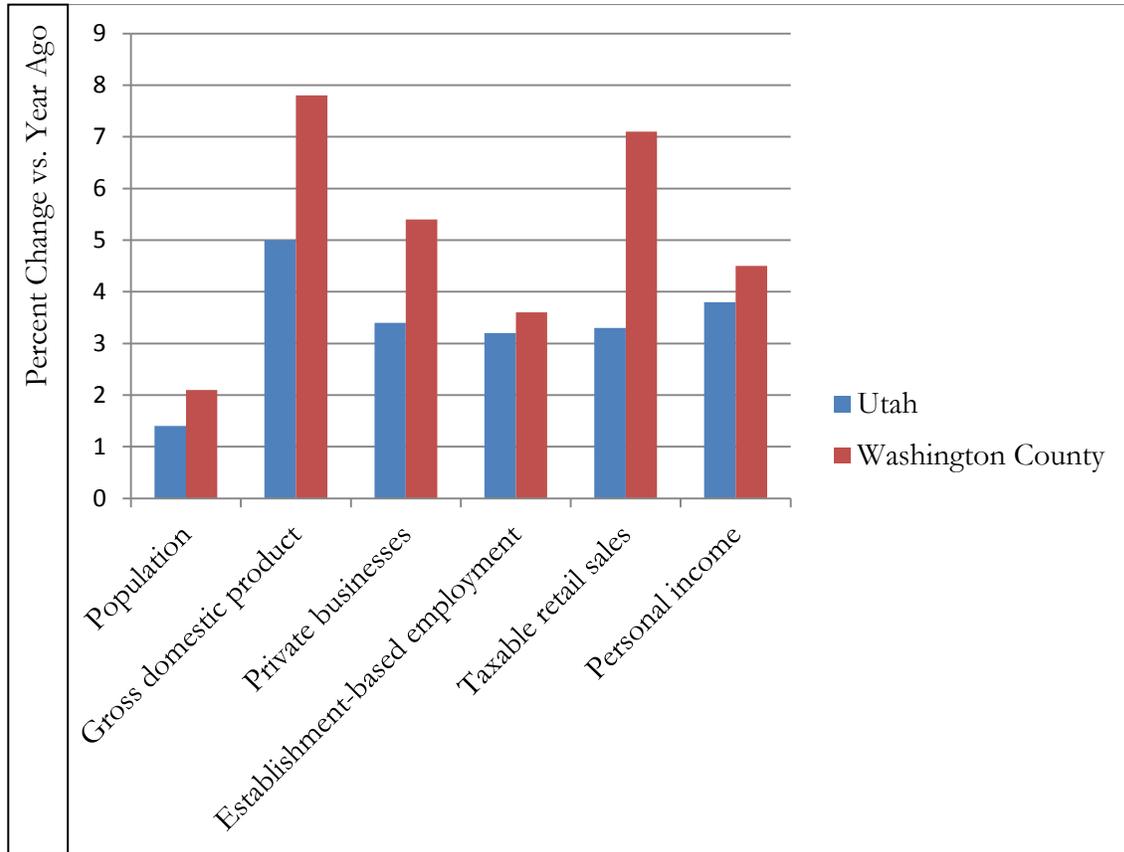


CHART CAPTION: Washington County’s economic indicators grow at a higher percentage than Utah State averages on an annual comparison.



ⁱ Second quarter 2013 to second quarter 2014 data (latest available)