

Food Access Profile: Salt Lake County

UTAHNS AGAINST HUNGER

Food Insecurity, Food Access, Poverty

Population ¹	
1,146,215	County population (# of individuals), 2020
36.37%	County population as a percentage of state population, 2020

Food Insecurity, Limited Access to Healthy Food	
10%	% Households experiencing food insecurity in the State of Utah 2020 (Doesn't reflect pandemic) ²
12%	% Individuals food insecure in 2021, county (not directly comparable with state % above) ³
136,210	# Individuals food insecure in 2021, county ⁴
13.9%	% Children food insecure in 2021, county ⁵
43,280	# Children food insecure in 2021, county ⁶

Poverty ⁷	
97,255	# Individuals living below federal poverty level, 2020
8.6%	% Individuals living below federal poverty level, 2020
30,262	# Individuals under age 18 living below poverty level, 2020
9.9%	% Individuals under age 18 living below poverty level, 2020
11,644	# Individuals 60 years and over living below poverty level, 2020
6.5%	% Individuals 60 years and over living below poverty level, 2020
4%	% Individuals living at 50% or below poverty level, 2020
44,258	# Individuals living at 50% or below poverty level, 2020
12%	% Individuals living at 125% or below poverty level, 2020
135,794	# Individuals living at 125% or below poverty level, 2020
16%	% Individuals living at 150% or below poverty level, 2020
175,761	# Individuals living at 150% or below poverty level, 2020

21%	% Individuals living at 185% or below poverty level, 2020
240,466	# Individuals living at 185% or below poverty level, 2020
24%	% Individuals living at 200% or below poverty level, 2020
268,131	# Individuals living at 200% or below poverty level, 2020

School Aged Children in Poverty by District ⁸	
Canyons	6.8%
Granite	15%
Jordan	3.7%
Murray	5.6%
Salt Lake City	16.1%

Poverty Rate by Race/Ethnicity ⁹						
White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	Some other race alone	Two or more races
6.8%	24.8%	19.1%	12.2%	6.6%	17.4%	9.8%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)			White alone, not Hispanic or Latino			
14.9%			6.2%			

Economic Status, Financial Insecurity	
\$77,128	Area median household income 2020 ¹⁰
\$69,739	Annual family budget needed for modest living, 2 adults, 1 child ¹¹
\$86,552	Annual family budget needed for modest living, 2 adults, 2 child ¹²
2.0%	Unemployment rate, State of Utah March 2022 ¹³
2.9%	Unemployment rate, county March 2021 ¹⁴
2.1%	Unemployment rate, county March 2022 ¹⁵
-0.8%	Change in unemployment rate, county March 2021 to March 2022 ¹⁶

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP Participation	
31,021	# SNAP households, 2022 ¹⁷
62,809	# SNAP individuals, 2022 ¹⁸
5.5%	% County population participating in SNAP, 2022 ¹⁹
31,040	# Average monthly SNAP households, SFY 2021 ²⁰
+9	Change in number of SNAP households, SFY 2020 to SFY 2021 ²¹
22.9%	Program Access Index 2020: Average monthly number of SNAP participants in county compared with estimated number of people with incomes below 125% of poverty level in 2020 ²²
78,938	Estimated # low-income individuals NOT enrolled in SNAP, 2022 ²³
\$259	Monthly average SNAP benefits issued (\$) to Utah residents, SFY 2022 ²⁴

SNAP Participant Demographics, April 2022 ²⁵					
% Individuals under 18,	% Individuals w/disability,	% Individuals 60 and older,	% Households with individuals under 18,	% Households with individuals with a disability	% Households with individuals 60 and older
46.6%	14.48%	10%	40.94%	29.58%	20%
30.1%	% Households headed by single parent				

Race/Ethnicity of SNAP Households, 5 Year Average 2016-2020 for Salt Lake County ²⁶						
% White alone	% Black or African American alone	% American Indian and Alaska Native alone	% Asian alone	% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	% Some other race alone	% Two or more races
70.9%	7.5%	1.5%	5.0%	1.8%	9.3%	4.0%
% Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)			% White alone, not Hispanic or Latino			
20.1%			61.7%			

Work Status of Families Participating in SNAP, County, 5 Year Average 2016-2020 ²⁷		
% No workers in past 12 months	% 1 worker in past 12 months	% 2 or more workers in past 12 months
15.9%	41.6%	42.6%

Child Nutrition Programs

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) ²⁸

School district	# Participating schools/sites (public school districts)	% Students eligible for free & reduced price meals Oct 2021
Canyons	44	26.89%
Granite	86	43.81%
Jordan	62	15.99%
Murray	10	29.21%
Salt Lake City	37	45.05%

School Breakfast Program (SBP) ²⁹

School district	# Participating Schools (public)
Canyons	39
Granite	70
Jordan	53
Murray	10
Salt Lake City	37

Summer Nutrition Programs ³⁰

24	Number of summer food sites in county, summer 2021
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Utah Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

WIC Participation ³¹				
	Total women September 2021	Total infants September 2021	Total children September 2021	Total participants September 2021
Salt Lake County Health District	6,321	7,350	8,868	22,539
16,853	Total participants, local health district, September 2018			
+33.7%	Change in total participation, September 2018 to September 2021			

Senior Meals Programs

Senior Meals ³²	
6,910	Individuals -- Home Delivered Meals Salt Lake County AAA FY21
651,768	Total Meals -- Home Delivered Meals Salt Lake County AAA FY21
3,183	Individuals -- Congregate Meals Salt Lake County AAA FY21
50,107	Total Meals -- Congregate Meals Salt Lake County AAA FY21

All data provided at the county level unless otherwise specified

* = Use data with caution due to relatively high margins of error, low sample size.

N/A = No data available, or no reliable data available due to very high margins of error, low sample size.

Sources & Notes |

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² Alisha Coleman-Jensen, Matthew P. Rabbitt, Christian A. Gregory, and Anita Singh. 2021, *Household Food Security in the United States in 2020*, ERR-298, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service

³⁻⁶ Feeding America *Map the Meal Gap Data Report: "Projected Food Insecurity by County 2021"*. Accessed April 2022.

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, "Poverty Status in the Last 12 Months by County" Table S1701

⁸ U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, "Poverty Status in the Last 12 Months by Unified School district", Table S1701 (Percentages are out of total counted children 5-17 per district)

⁹ U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, "Poverty Status in the Last 12 Months by County" Table S1701

¹⁰ U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, "Income in the Last 12 Months by County", Table S1901

¹¹⁻¹² Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Family Budget Calculator, March 2021. **Notes:** according to the EPI, the Family Budget Calculator "measures the income a family needs in order to attain a modest yet adequate standard of living. The budgets estimate community-specific costs for 10 family types (one or two adults with zero to four children) in all counties and metro areas in the United States. Compared with the federal poverty line and the Supplemental Poverty Measure, EPI's family budgets provide a more accurate and complete measure of economic security in America." Budgets are in 2017 dollars. <https://www.epi.org/resources/budget/>

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<https://jobs.utah.gov/wi/data/library/employment/countyunemployment.html>

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²⁶⁻²⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Food Stamp/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Table S2201

²⁸⁻²⁹ Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Child Nutrition Department, 2021. "October Survey", Accessed April 2022

³⁰ Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Child Nutrition Department. Report: "USDA 543a 2020" Accessed August 2021 **Note:** Includes sites operating on waivers

³¹ Utah Department of Health, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah WIC Program, 2022. **Notes:** All data for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018).

³² Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services "Utah Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels) & Congregate Meals by AAA" Accessed April 2022