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UTAH'S EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY: DECEMBER 2017

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's nonfarm payroll employment for December 2017 grew by an estimated 2.7 percent, adding 38,800 jobs to the economy since December 2016. Utah's current employment level registers 1,497,600. November's year-over job growth was revised from 2.9 percent to 2.8 percent.

December's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point from the prior month to 3.1 percent. Approximately 49,700 Utahns were unemployed during the month and actively seeking work. The national unemployment rate remained unchanged from November at 4.1 percent.

Labor Market Indicators December 2017	
<u>Utah</u>	
Employment Year-Over % Change:	2.7%
Employment # Change:	38,800
Unemployment Rate:	3.1%
<u>United States</u>	
Employment Year-Over % Change:	1.5%
Unemployment Rate:	4.1%
<small>Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics</small>	

"With a full picture of 2017, Utah's economic performance compared favorably to the rest of the United States," reported Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist at the Department of Workforce Services. "Utah's labor market experienced a solid year of steady, sustainable expansion with job growth averaging 3.1 percent and unemployment at 3.5 percent."

Utah's private sector employment grew by 2.8 percent year-over with the addition of 33,500 positions. Seven of the 10 private sector industry groups measured in the establishment survey posted net job increases in December as compared to last year; Natural Resources and Mining decreased by 500 positions, Information lost 100 positions, and Financial Activities employment remained unchanged from one year ago. The largest private sector employment increases were in Leisure and Hospitality (8,300 jobs); Construction (6,300 jobs); and Education and Health Services (6,300 jobs). The fastest employment growth occurred in Construction (6.9 percent); Leisure and Hospitality (6.0 percent); and Other Services (3.5 percent).

* Additional analysis and tables <http://jobs.utah.gov/wi/pubs/une/index.html>

* County unemployment rates for November will be posted on or shortly after January 22, 2018, at <http://jobs.utah.gov/opencms/wi/pubs/une/season.pdf>

* January employment information will be released at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018.

Statistics generated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., modeled from monthly employer (employment) and household (unemployment) surveys.

Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

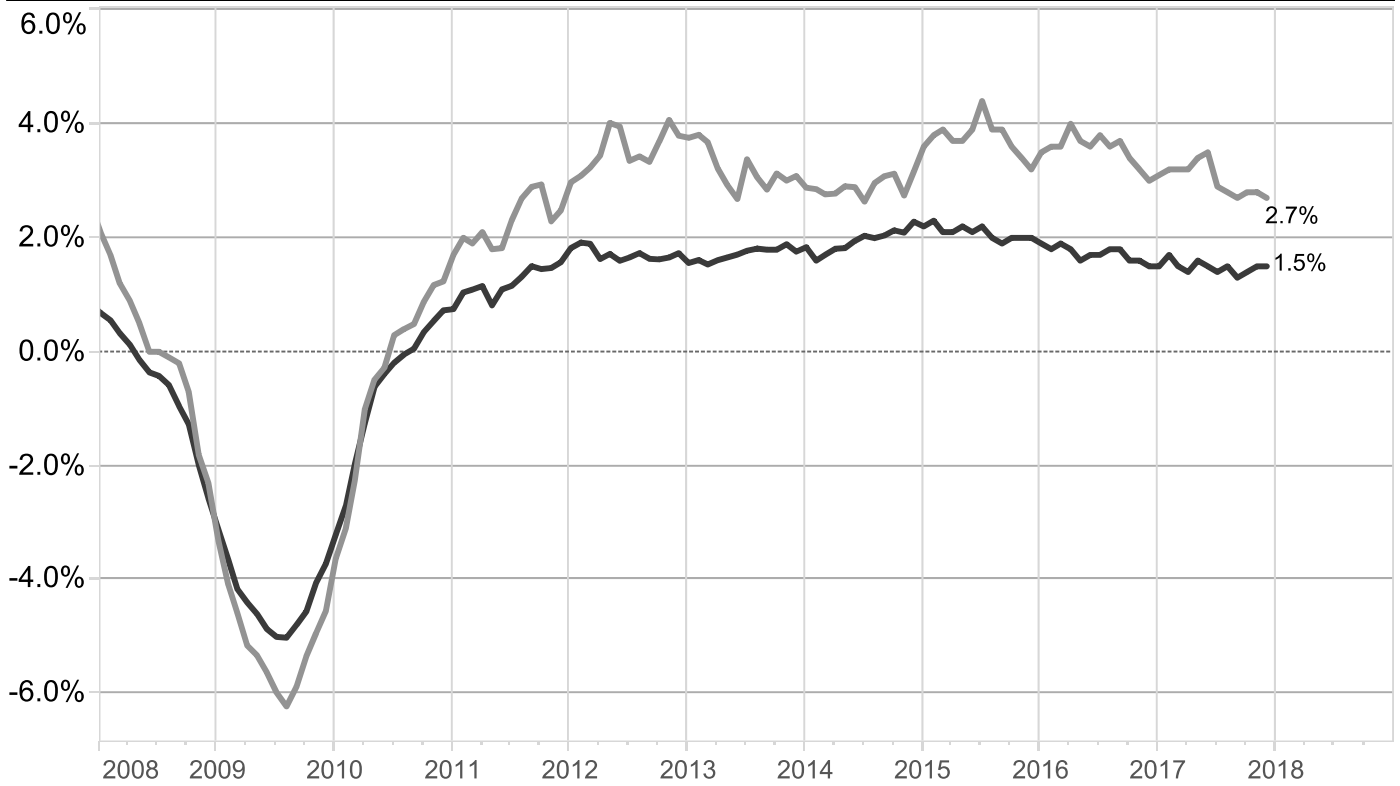
Numbers are in thousands	Dec (p) 2017	Dec (r) 2016	Percentage Change	Nov (r) 2017	Nov (r) 2016	Percentage Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (seasonally-adjusted)	1,581.0	1,528.4	3.4	1,577.7	1,526.5	3.4
Employed	1,531.2	1,479.8	3.5	1,527.4	1,477.7	3.4
Unemployed	49.7	48.7	2.1	50.3	48.8	3.1
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.2		3.2	3.2	
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (Thousands)	1,497.6	1,458.8	2.7	1,496.6	1,456.0	2.8
Not seasonally-adjusted						
PRIVATE SECTOR	1,249.3	1,215.8	2.8	1,248.6	1,212.9	2.9
GOODS PRODUCING	236.2	226.5	4.3	237.6	230.6	3.0
Natural Resources and Mining	7.6	8.1	-6.2	7.8	8.2	-4.9
Construction	97.2	90.9	6.9	99.9	95.2	4.9
Construction of Buildings	21.1	20.5	2.9	21.5	20.3	5.9
Heavy and Civil Engineering	8.0	8.2	-2.4	8.7	9.0	-3.3
Specialty Trade Contractors	68.1	62.2	9.5	69.7	65.9	5.8
Manufacturing	131.4	127.5	3.1	129.9	127.2	2.1
Durable Goods	86.3	83.6	3.2	85.4	83.3	2.5
Computer and Electronic Products	12.3	12.4	-0.8	12.2	12.4	-1.6
Transportation and Equipment Manufacturing	13.3	13.5	-1.5	13.5	13.4	0.7
Non-Durable Goods	45.1	43.9	2.7	44.5	43.9	1.4
SERVICES PROVIDING	1261.4	1232.3	2.4	1259.0	1225.4	2.7
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	288.4	284.2	1.5	286.8	280.3	2.3
Wholesale Trade	51.1	50.3	1.6	50.7	50.7	0.0
Retail Trade	177.1	173.9	1.8	177.1	171.2	3.4
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	22.5	21.4	5.1	22.6	21.3	6.1
Food and Beverage Stores	25.9	25.9	0.0	25.8	25.8	0.0
General Merchandise Stores	33.4	33.7	-0.9	33.3	33.0	0.9
Transportation and Utilities	60.2	60.0	0.3	59.0	58.4	1.0
Utilities	3.8	3.8	0.0	3.8	3.8	0.0
Transportation & Warehousing	56.4	56.2	0.4	55.2	54.6	1.1
Air Transportation	6.4	6.4	0.0	6.4	6.4	0.0
Truck Transportation	21.7	22.4	-3.1	21.7	22.2	-2.3
Couriers and Messengers	8.7	7.5	16.0	7.4	6.2	19.4
Information	36.8	36.9	-0.3	36.7	36.6	0.3
Publishing Industries	12.7	12.5	1.6	12.6	12.4	1.6
Motion Picture and Sound Recording	4.6	4.8	-4.2	4.9	5.1	-3.9
Telecommunications	7.6	7.8	-2.6	7.4	7.7	-3.9
Internet Service Providers	5.7	5.7	0.0	5.6	5.6	0.0
Financial Activities	83.2	83.2	0.0	83.5	83.0	0.6
Finance and Insurance	63.6	63.1	0.8	64.2	63.3	1.4
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	19.6	20.1	-2.5	19.3	19.7	-2.0
Professional and Business Services	212.5	208.8	1.8	214.9	209.3	2.7
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	98.7	94.9	4.0	97.5	94.4	3.3
Architectural, Engineering, and Related	15.0	13.6	10.3	14.8	13.9	6.5
Computer Systems Design and Related	23.6	24.0	-1.7	23.8	23.5	1.3
Management of Companies and Enterprises	20.7	21.1	-1.9	21.0	21.0	0.0
Administration & Support						
& Waste Management & Remediation	93.1	92.8	0.3	96.4	93.9	2.7
Employment Services	28.0	29.4	-4.8	27.8	29.3	-5.1
Business Support Services	23.0	22.4	2.7	23.0	22.3	3.1
Education and Health Services	203.7	197.4	3.2	205.4	199.8	2.8
Educational Services	50.2	48.4	3.7	50.8	50.0	1.6
Health Services and Social Assistance	153.5	149.0	3.0	154.6	149.8	3.2
Ambulatory Health Care Services	64.7	61.2	5.7	64.8	61.3	5.7
Hospitals	37.8	37.1	1.9	38.5	37.6	2.4
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	26.9	26.4	1.9	26.9	26.3	2.3
Social Assistance	24.1	24.3	-0.8	24.4	24.6	-0.8
Leisure and Hospitality	147.6	139.3	6.0	142.7	134.2	6.3
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	24.9	23.0	8.3	22.9	19.8	15.7
Accommodation and Food Services	122.7	116.3	5.5	119.8	114.4	4.7
Accommodation	23.4	22.0	6.4	20.9	20.4	2.5
Food Services and Drinking Places	99.3	94.3	5.3	98.9	94.0	5.2
Other Services	40.9	39.5	3.5	41.0	39.1	4.9
Government	248.3	243.0	2.2	248.0	243.1	2.0
Federal Government	35.9	35.8	0.3	35.4	35.6	-0.6
Federal Defense	18.6	17.8	4.5	18.5	17.7	4.5
Other Federal Government	17.3	18.0	-3.9	16.9	17.9	-5.6
State Government	82.0	80.4	2.0	81.8	80.2	2.0
State Schools	50.4	49.6	1.6	50.1	49.3	1.6
Other State Government	31.6	30.8	2.6	31.7	30.9	2.6
Local Government	130.4	126.8	2.8	130.8	127.3	2.7
Local Education	74.6	72.4	3.0	74.6	72.5	2.9
Other Local Government	55.8	54.4	2.6	56.2	54.8	2.6

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS); Current Employment Statistics (CES). January 19, 2018

Note: Government owned education, healthcare, etc. are enumerated within Government.

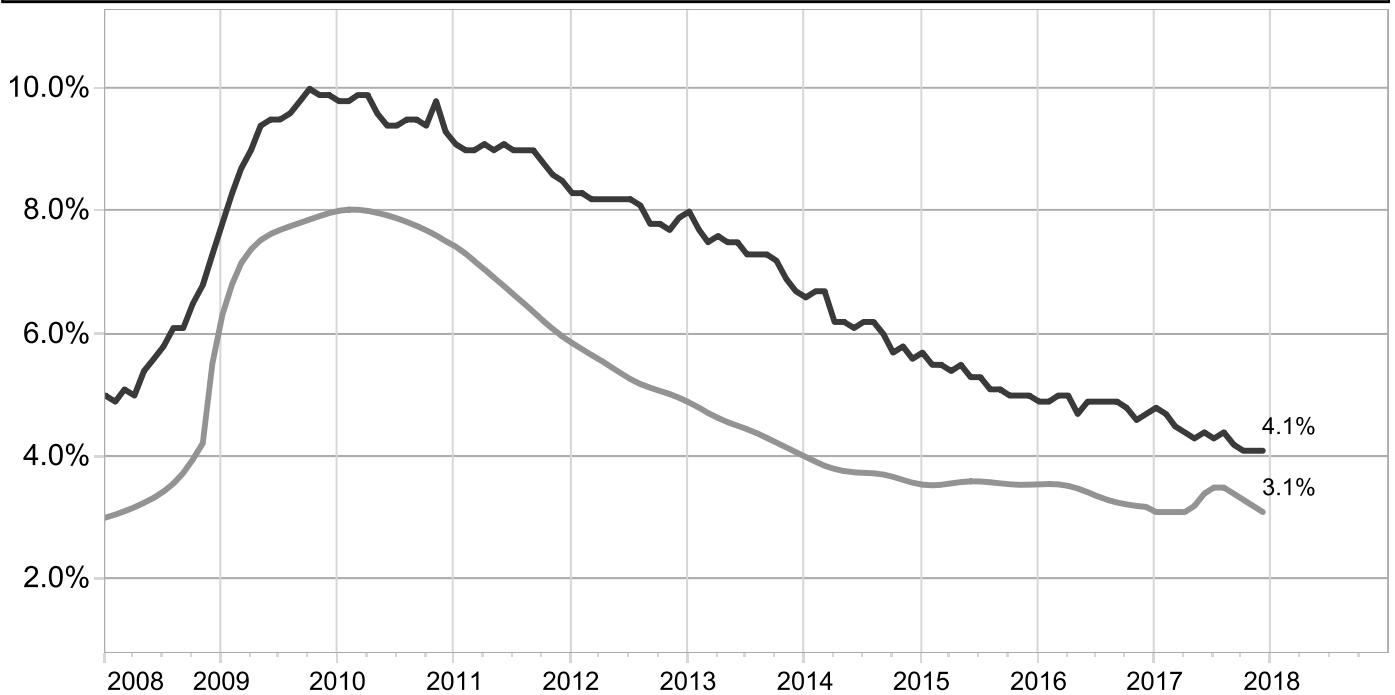
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Year-Over Percent Change In Nonfarm Jobs

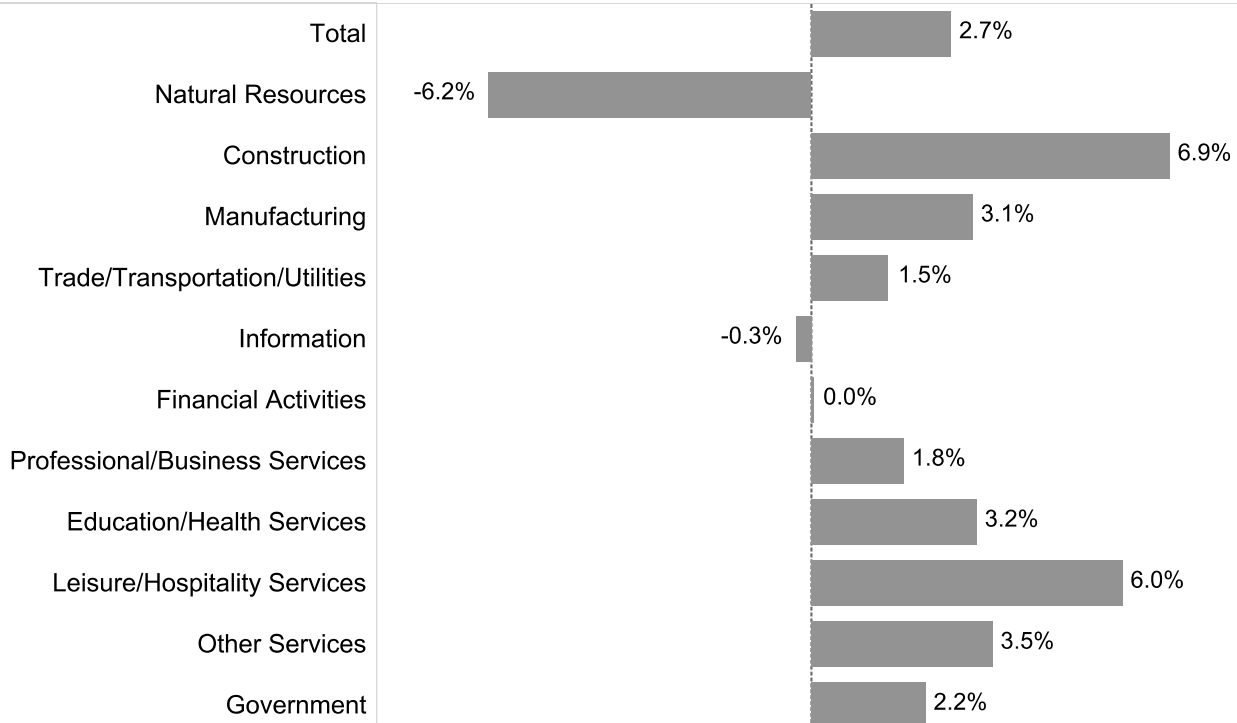


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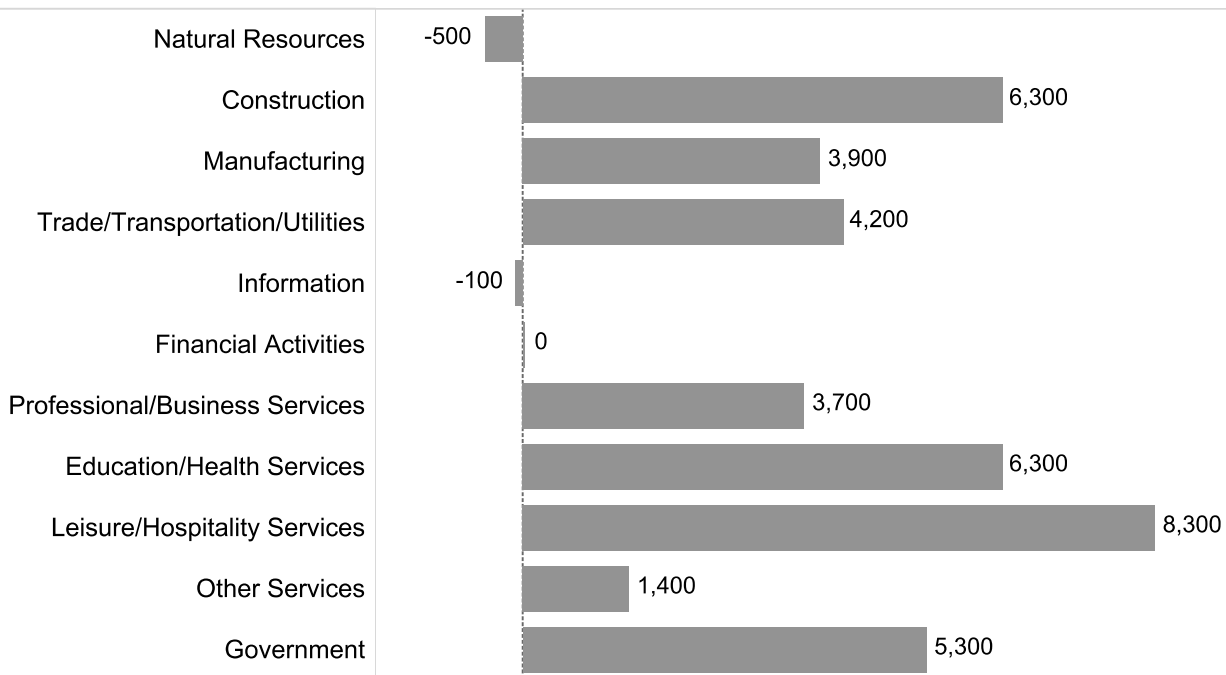
Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



Utah Nonfarm Industry Profiles December 2016 - 2017 Percent Change



Numeric Change



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	December 2017 <i>Estimate</i>	December 2016 <i>Actual</i>	Percent Change	November 2017 <i>Estimate</i>	October 2017 <i>Estimate</i>
BEAVER	2,286	2,279	0.3	2,252	2,257
BOX ELDER	20,413	19,887	2.6	20,571	20,615
CACHE	60,274	58,514	3.0	60,298	60,117
CARBON	8,531	8,292	2.9	8,528	8,583
DAGGETT	324	329	-1.5	351	381
DAVIS	127,843	123,886	3.2	128,476	129,338
DUCHESNE	7,982	7,695	3.7	8,012	7,973
EMERY	3,128	3,074	1.8	3,110	3,112
GARFIELD	2,000	1,873	6.8	2,242	2,642
GRAND	4,819	4,584	5.1	5,398	5,868
IRON	18,888	18,371	2.8	18,717	18,641
JUAB	3,472	3,473	0.0	3,466	3,470
KANE	3,171	3,133	1.2	3,305	3,510
MILLARD	4,371	4,158	5.1	4,372	4,401
MORGAN	2,309	2,147	7.5	2,323	2,336
PIUTE	254	237	7.2	253	259
RICH	691	618	11.8	730	767
SALT LAKE	714,283	697,920	2.3	712,656	708,508
SAN JUAN	4,040	3,997	1.1	4,179	4,332
SANPETE	7,991	7,930	0.8	8,014	8,055
SEVIER	8,706	8,434	3.2	8,755	8,768
SUMMIT	29,558	28,978	2.0	25,540	24,639
TOOELE	16,106	16,092	0.1	16,172	16,223
UINTAH	12,876	12,099	6.4	12,861	12,724
UTAH	251,629	241,260	4.3	251,732	250,989
WASATCH	8,775	8,275	6.0	8,759	8,855
WASHINGTON	64,772	62,319	3.9	65,231	65,119
WAYNE	876	841	4.2	994	1,083
WEBER	107,039	105,160	1.8	107,147	106,527

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

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, 1/19/2018