

Cedar City Demographic Information

Cedar City, Utah is located in the southwest corner of Utah, in what is locally known as “color country”. Cedar City is surrounded by beautiful scenic red rock, mountains, lakes, and forests. Cedar City is the largest city in Iron County at an elevation of 5,800 ft in a semi-arid region of southern Utah. It is the 28th most populated city in Utah. The largest racial/ethnic groups are White (85.9%), Hispanic (7.9%), and American Indian (2.4%).

There are a variety of churches to include, but not limited to Catholic, LDS, Baptist, Pentecostal, Lutheran, non-denominational, and Presbyterian. The percent of residents in Cedar City identified as religious is higher than the percentage of all Utah residents. Also, significantly, the percent of Presbyterian members is twice the statewide percentage of Presbyterians, (.45% and .24%, respectively). LDS church affiliation is 69%. According to the 2010 census, the population of Utah was 2,763,885. Iron County was 46,163 and Cedar City was 28,857. This represented an increase of 40.6% over the 2000 census in the city. Cedar City is a young city with the median age of residents 24.3 yrs.

Cedar City is known to have a broad economic base with a diversity of employers and as such is not overly dependent on only one employer or industry. Major governmental employers include Southern Utah University, Iron County School District, the State of Utah, and Cedar City Corporation. The largest for profit employers include Valley View Medical Center, Convergys Telephone Call Center, Wal-Mart, and the Leavitt Group.

The median income in Cedar City is \$40,382. Overall wage profile for Iron County reveals an annual wage of \$26,928 which translates to \$14.03 per hour. **Overall cost of living is 87.4% of the national average. The median price of owner occupied housing units is 68.5% of the national average, or \$182,000.**

Educational achievement is high in the community with 92.7% of residents having a high school diploma and 33.7% having at least a bachelors degree. In March 2014, Southern Utah University completed a seven year fundraising campaign raising \$105 million dollars for scholarships. Ground breaking was completed in March 2014 for a new \$30 million dollar center to house the Shakespeare Festival as well as the Beverly Sorenson Center for the Arts.

The community is known as Festival City as it offers numerous events and attractions through out each year. Community attractions include the Utah Shakespeare Festival, Larry H Miller Tour of Utah Professional Cycling Race, Neil Simon Festival, Groovefest Music Festival, Utah Summer Games, Cedar City Livestock and Heritage Festival, and the Southern Utah Orchestra. Known as the “Gateway to the National Parks”, Cedar City is within hours of four of the nation’s most famous National Parks (Zion, Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, and Great Basin) and three of it’s picturesque National Monuments (Cedar Breaks, Pipe Spring, and Grand Staircase-Escalante). The community is in close proximity to national forests, deep alpine lakes, and minutes from Brian Head, a year-round ski and mountain resort.