

## Utah Occupations by Race and Sex

The U.S. Census Bureau recently released Census 2000 Summary File 4 data. The data comes from the Census 2000 long form questionnaire that was received by one in every six households nationwide and about 117,000 households in Utah.

### Utah Labor Force Characteristics by Sex and Race

Utah's employed civilian population ages 16 years and over increased 41.9% over the past decade, totaling 1,044,362 in 2000.

In 2000, a higher percentage of men worked than women (55.4% and 44.6%, respectively). This was the case for all races and Hispanic Origin; however, the degree to which this trend holds true varies. Asians had the least disparity in the ratio of working men to working women, with women making up 49.5% of the Asian workforce. The Some Other Race category had the largest disparity, with women making up only 37.6% of the Some Other Race workforce. A large disparity also exists for Black or African Americans with women making up only 38.7% of the Black or African American civilian labor force.

Utah's workforce is mostly made up of persons who selected White as their race (90.7%), followed by those who selected Some Other Race (3.8%), Asian (1.7%), American Indian and Alaskan Native (1.0%), Black or African American (0.6%), and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (0.5%). Those who selected two or more races made up 1.7% of the working population in Utah.

The Hispanic population made up 7.8% of Utah's civilian labor force in 2000, while White non-Hispanics made up 87.4%.

### Utah Occupation Characteristics

In Utah, the majority of the employed civilian population 16 years and over worked in Management, Professional, and Related occupations (32.5%), followed by occupations in Sales and Office (28.9%); Service (14.0%); Production, Transportation, and Material (13.5%); Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (10.6%); and Farming, Fishing, and Forestry (0.5%).

The majority of men who worked in 2000 had occupations in the Management, Professional, and Related fields (32.5% of men who worked), while the majority of women had occupations in the Sales and Office field (40.9% of women who worked).

Men and women of all race and ethnic categories followed this trend except for the Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander men, the Some Other Race men, and the Hispanic or Latino men who mostly worked in Production, Transportation, and Material occupations (30.9% of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander men, 29.1% of Some Other

Race men, and 28.2% of Hispanic men). American Indian and Alaska Native men also defied this trend with 27.5% of the working men working in Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance occupations.

### Occupations of the Minority Population in Utah

The White civilian labor force population reflects the State of Utah's occupational trend.

Among the Black or African American employed civilian labor force, most worked in Sales and Office occupations (28.1%), followed by occupations in Management, Professional, and Related (27.8%); Production, Transportation, and Material (17.9%); Service (17.6%); and Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (7.8%).

The American Indian and Alaska Native workforce, for the most part, was more evenly distributed among the six main occupation categories than was the workforce of other races. Most were concentrated in Sales and Office occupations (22.4%), followed by Production, Transportation, and Material (20.9%); Management, Professional, and Related (20.2%); Service (20.2%); and Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (15.2%).

Among the Asian workforce, most worked in occupations in the Management, Professional, and Related field (36.0%), followed by occupations in Production, Transportation, and Material (22.9%); Sales and Office (21.9%); Service (14.8%); and Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (1.4%).

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders mostly worked in Sales and Office occupations (30.1%), followed by occupations in Production, Transportation, and Material (25.4%); Management, Professional, and Related field (16.2%); Service (16.0%); and Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (12.2%).

Among the Some Other Race workforce, most worked in Production, Transportation, and Material occupations (27.4%), followed by occupations in Service (23.5%); Sales and Office (17.9%); Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (17.6%); and Management, Professional, and Related field (11.5%).

The Hispanic or Latino workforce resembles that of the Some Other Race workforce, as most worked in Production, Transportation, and Material occupations (25.5%), followed by occupations in Service (22.3%); Sales and Office (19.9%); Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance (16.0%); and Management, Professional, and Related field (14.5%).

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