



CITY OF WEST JORDAN

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WEST JORDAN IS A GREAT PLACE FOR DOING BUSINESS

- SME Steel chose West Jordan as the site for its new headquarters.
- Sysco, North America's leading foodservice marketer and distributor, has a plant in West Jordan.
- Jordan Valley Medical Center is undergoing a \$50 million expansion to serve this growing area and provide additional health specialists.

SALT LAKE METRO RANKINGS

- Best Cities for Jobs in 2008: #1 (*Forbes*)
- Hottest Job Market: #2 (*bizjournals, 2007*)
- Best Cities for Bargain House Hunters: #1 (*Forbes, Feb. 2008*)

STATE ACCOLADES

- Utah was named the 2nd best state for business in Forbes' 2007 rankings.
- Utah was ranked 1st by the ALEC – Laffer 2007 State Economic Competitive Index
- Utah was listed 1st by the 2007 Beacon Hill Economic Competitiveness rankings
- Utah was named the #1 most dynamic economy by the Kauffman 2007 State New Economy Index.



A Message from the Mayor ...

When I first moved to West Jordan, Utah in 1974, there were only about 5,000 people. A lot has changed since then. The city has experienced steady – and sometimes explosive – growth and now tops 102,000 people, making West Jordan the fourth-largest city in the state. We are located in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley, which has a population of about 1 million people and is steadily growing. It's a recipe for economic success as many businesses – including my own – have found.

Here are just a few of the reasons many people and businesses call this full-service city home:

- Easy access by road, rail and air, including a regional airport that services executive aircraft.
- Located in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley.
- Young, well-educated population looking for goods and services. This group also provides a great employee pool.
- A new Hampton Inn is ready to accommodate guests and offers conference space.

West Jordan supports a thriving business community with a total of 3,272 licensed businesses. City staff works hard to make sure the needs of our business community are met. For example, the city has an "Office of Development Assistance" that ensures the development process runs smoothly so businesses can be up and running as quickly as possible. City government leaders are also supportive of new businesses.

It's not only the business environment that's thriving. Utah is also home to a vibrant performing arts community, world-class recreational opportunities, and several professional sports teams. West Jordan is known for being the "Home of the Good Neighbor." It's also fast gaining a reputation for being the "Home for Good Business." I invite you to find out for yourself all West Jordan has to offer.



David B. Newton
Mayor, City of West Jordan

Affordable Community

Offering a high quality of life – affordable housing, quality schools, top-notch public safety, quality shopping and dining, and a variety of recreational opportunities are just a few of the reasons West Jordan is one of the fastest-growing cities in the western United States.

Easy Access

West Jordan provides easy access to I-15 and is 15 minutes from I-80. The city is also home to Salt Lake Airport II, which handles about 180 takeoffs and landings per day of corporate jets, and small single- or twin-engine planes. Salt Lake International Airport is less than 15 miles away. The Mid-Jordan light rail line is scheduled for completion by 2010 and will offer six transit stops within the city. It will access the Utah Transit Authority's entire light rail system and provide connections to the regional commuter rail system.

Quality Schools

As part of the Jordan School District, West Jordan has two high schools, four middle schools, 15 elementary schools, a special needs school, and several charter schools. The Jordan School District boasts a graduation rate of 93%, with more than 80% continuing their education at institutions of higher learning. West Jordan is home to a branch of Salt Lake Community College, which awards more associate degrees than any other Utah institution. The West Jordan campus has 2,173 of SLCC's 32,000 student body.

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West Jordan, Utah *Home of the Good Neighbor*

More than 102,000 people call the City of West Jordan home, making it the fourth-largest city in the State of Utah. Located in the heart of the Salt Lake Valley, this vibrant, full-service city has experienced unprecedented growth over the past decade. Growth is expected to continue as 6,760 acres on the city's west side continue to develop. Population is expected to reach 145,000 by 2030.



The city has 24,134 single-family and 5,388 multi-family residences. More than 82 percent of the city's housing units are owner-occupied, with the median house value listed at \$279,500.



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The Western Stampede calls the West Jordan Arena home. The rodeo has been a West Jordan tradition for 55 years.

West Side Plan

A comprehensive plan is in place to guide development along the city's west side. A team of city staff, residents, property owners and developers worked with a consultant to develop the plan, which focuses on architecture and urban design and designates locations for residential, commercial and mixed-use development.

Arts and Recreation

Utah is home to a vibrant performing arts community, including groups such as the Utah Symphony, the Utah Shakespearean Festival, the Utah Opera Company, Ballet West, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Outdoor recreational opportunities abound, including 13 world-class ski resorts, 43 state parks, six national monuments, four national historic trails, and five national parks. The area is home to several professional basketball, baseball, football, hockey, and soccer franchises as well.

West Jordan has 29 parks, including the 100-acre Veterans Memorial Park, home to the Wild West Jordan Playground, Military Services Monument, five baseball fields, Utah Jazz basketball court, tennis court and more. The city also has a new arena, the home of the Western Stampede rodeo, which comes to town every year for Independence Day.

If soccer is your game, you're in luck. With a 16-field soccer complex, there's plenty of room to play. The Ron Wood Baseball Park is also expanding to keep up with America's pastime. It currently has five baseball fields with four softball fields soon to be constructed. West Jordan is part of the Jordan Trail system, a 25-mile trail that meanders along the Jordan River.

Industrial Growth

Over the last couple of years, West Jordan has increased its industrial base by 1,774,191 square feet. Industry leaders like KraftMaid Cabinetry and Dannon have facilities in West Jordan. KraftMaid Cabinetry opened the doors of its 818,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in the spring of 2007. It's the largest manufacturing facility constructed west of the Mississippi River in the last 10 years. Dannon's West Jordan plant is undergoing an expansion that will make it one of the largest yogurt manufacturing plants in the world.

Retail Opportunities

To service the area's growing population, the city is continually looking to expand its retail offerings. The city has a variety of locations suitable for retail development including Jordan Landing, the state's largest commercial power center, with 1.4 million square feet of shopping.

Adjacent to downtown West Jordan's Civic Center, a redevelopment project is under way which will bring 300,000 square feet of new dining and retail opportunities to West Jordan. Gardner Village features retail specialty shops surrounding the historic Gardner Mill – all with the charm and ambiance of an early Utah village. Businesses also line the city's main arterials.

Over the last couple of years, West Jordan increased its commercial base by 382,360 square feet. California-based Sport Chalet is a recent addition to our community and selected West Jordan as its first Utah location. Sears Corporation also chose West Jordan as the site for its first Sears Grand location. Mountain America Credit Union and Cypress Credit Union relocated their corporate headquarters to West Jordan.



Jordan Landing, the state's largest commercial power center, features 1.4 million square feet of shopping and an additional 1.5 million square feet of office space.