

# **ST. GEORGE**

## REGIONAL MARKET REPORT • Q4 2022



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The St. George MSA is located in the southwestern part of Utah, near the northern Arizona border. St. George itself lies near the convergence of the Mojave Desert, Colorado Plateau, and the Great Basin. The St. George region is well known for its year-round outdoor activities and proximity to many national parks. The St. George region has become one of Utah's fastest growing areas, a destination for vacationers looking to enjoy the outdoors, and an art hub.

194,040





POPULATION

MEDIAN AGE

HOUSEHOLDS

Source: Zonda Home; Market Reports

#1 State Economy in the Nation

#3 Best State for Growth Source: US News & World Report

#2 Lowest State Poverty Rate in the Nation

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE 2.3% (as of Dec. 2022)

JOBS ADDED Q4 2022 1,000

82,200

PEOPLE

RANK

JOBS





PROJECTED % CHANGE IN 2023 2.1%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$68,292







#### **ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The St. George metro is among the fastest growing areas in Utah and the nation. The St. George MSA is expected to experience continued growth for years to come - with the metro's population and jobs projected to increase by 17.5% and 21%, respectively through 2027. Due to its rapidly increasing population, strong job market, and growing housing market, St. George is considered a boomtown with potential for continued growth. The metro's main industry drivers include Health Care and Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Construction, and Government.

Top Employers:

1. LHC Health Services Inc.

- 2. Skywest Airlines, Inc.
- 3. Sunroc Corporation
- 4. Walmart Stores, Inc.

New & Notable Employers:

- Steton Technology
- Home Depot USA, Inc.
- Costco Wholesale Corporation



**GROWTH TRENDS** 

TOTAL JOBS 2022

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



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### HOUSING MARKET

St. George's housing market remained relatively flat for most of Q4 2022, with an uptick in activity as the quarter rounded out. New median home prices in the area increased by about 14% from Dec. 2021 to Dec. 2022. Single-family permit issuance slowed in Q4 2022 and was down just over 8% compared to the year prior. Home starts, however, gained traction and were up just over 17% on a year-on-year basis.



#### **RENTAL MARKET**

St. George's rental market showed an increase in activity in the last quarter of 2022. Renter occupancy remained strong at 93%, with only a 7% vacancy rate. Multifamily permit issuance in the area increased by 5x - or 400% - compared to the year before. The median price for a rental unit in the St. George region increased by 3% from Dec. 2021 to Dec. 2022.



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