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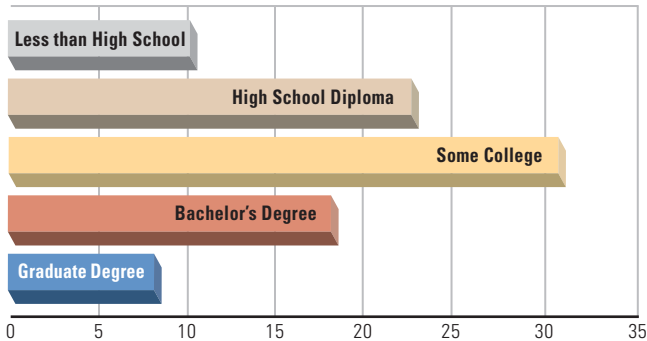


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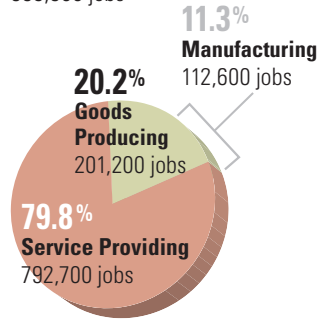
**Population 2009: 2,674,170** **Population growth forecast 2009-2013: 10.13%** **Median household income: \$58,055**

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Private Sector Employment

993,900 jobs



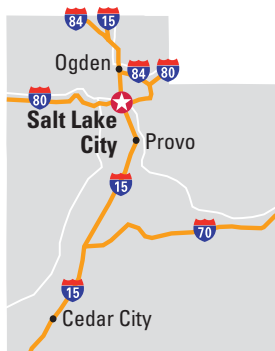
Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **36,600**  
 Percent of Total State Employment: **3.4**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$13.19**  
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development **\$20.2 million**

## Did You Know?

- The University of Utah was ranked second in the nation at starting technology companies based on its research, according to the Association of University Technology Managers.
- Utah ranked second overall in the Beacon Hill Institute's 2008 State Competitiveness Report.
- Pollina Corporate Real Estate ranked Utah's business climate second nationally in 2009, up from ninth a year ago.
- Fluor is leading the \$1.1-billion expansion of a 23-mile stretch of I-15 between Salt Lake City and Provo/Orem.
- The new \$160-million airport in St. George is expected to be complete in 2011.
- A large portion of Utah state employees work a four-day (10 hours per day) work week as an energy-saving measure.



★ Capital  
 Main highways  
 Railways

## Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2009

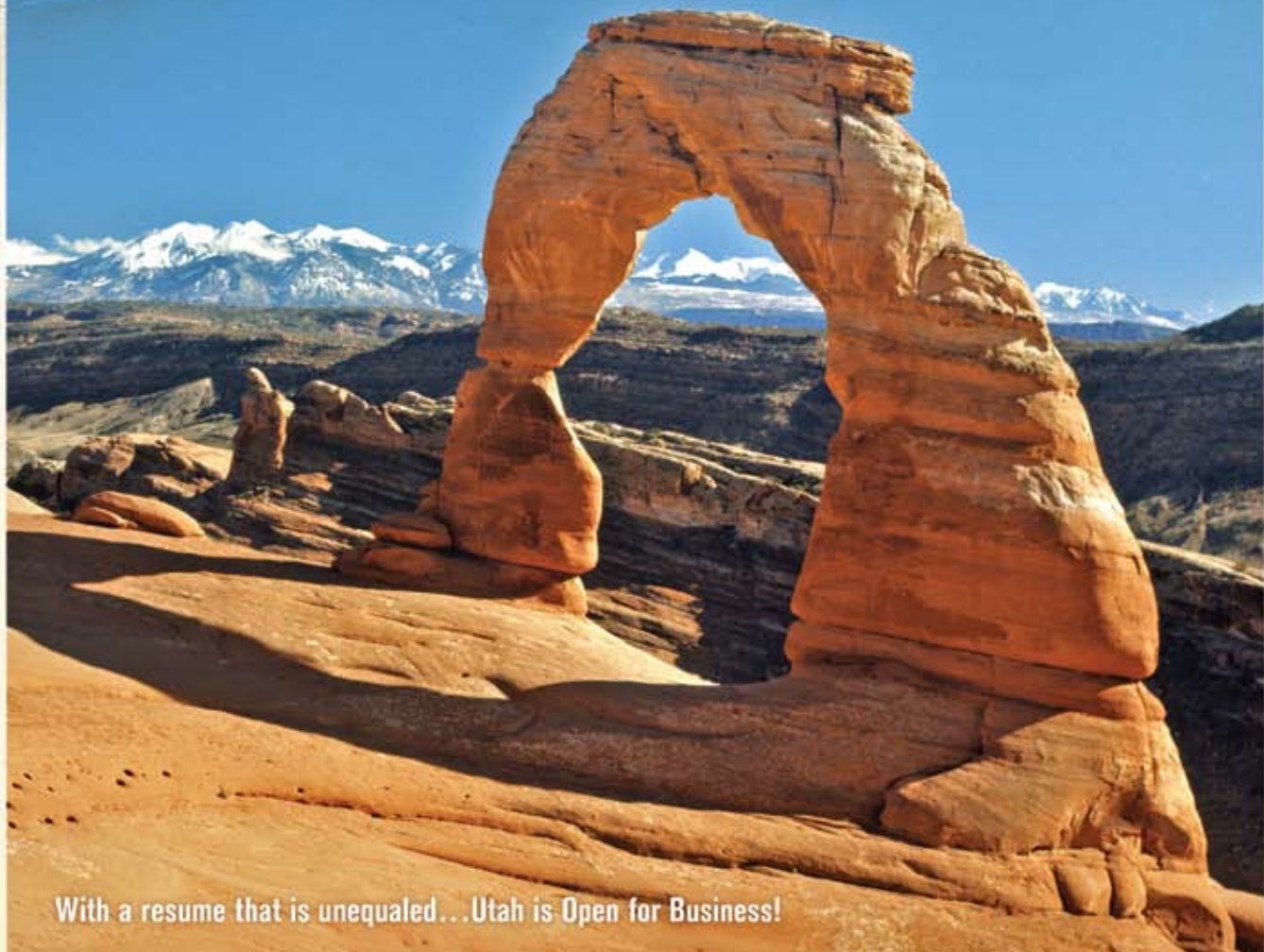
Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Goldman Sachs	Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	OF	E	Investments	\$51	315
Reckitt Benckiser	Tooele	Tooele	DW	N	General Merchandise	32	60
O'Reilly Auto Parts	Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	DW	N	Auto Parts	28	450
Edwards Lifesciences	Draper	Salt Lake	MF	N	Surg. Appliances	14	
Quality Bicycle Products	Ogden	Weber	DW	N	Bicycle Distributor	5	100
Merit Medical	not yet determined		MF	E	Medical products	4	
Vangent, Inc.	Sandy	Salt Lake	CC	N	Call Center	2	1,200
Backcountry.com	Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	DW	N	Sporting Goods		

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded

## Legislative Update

- SB 14 raises the incentive for motion picture production to 20 percent of a film's total expenditure in the state and removes the \$500,000 cap that had been in place.
- \$2 million in stimulus funds will support the state's Engineering Initiative to support university training.
- House Bill 39, the Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act, amends and restructures the existing Utah Injured Worker Reemployment Act and includes reporting requirements for rehabilitation efforts made by employers and insurers. It provides for the Division of Industrial Accidents to make rules and regulations consistent with the statute. It further clarifies the process for making referrals and initial reports of rehabilitation efforts. It also clarifies provisions related to a rehabilitation counselor and extends the sunset date of the statute to July 1, 2014.
- Senate Bill 163, on Construction Trade Exemption, provides an exemption from licensure for electrical and plumbing work done on building projects with a value of less than \$3000.
- The Renewable Energy Development Incentive was created, providing for a 100-percent refundable tax credit on new state taxes for the life of a project to manufacturers of renewable energy components or providers of utility-scale renewable energy. A separate measure establishes a new authority overseeing transmission infrastructure for renewable energy.

# OPEN FOR BUSINESS



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