



Gov. Herbert (R)

# Utah

**“The Talent Ready Utah grant program unveiled today is a collaborative effort to improve both our education system and workforce in Utah. The program seeks to align our efforts to provide a pipeline of future talent and meet the needs of Utah businesses.”**

— Gov. Gary Herbert, March 21, 2017, announcing a new program backed by \$2.1 million from the Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership create work-based learning programs for adults and students

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**Pop. (2017): 3,113,215**

**Median household income: \$62,902**

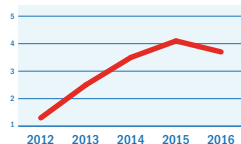
**Credit Rating: AAA/Stable**

**Pop. growth 2017-2022: 1.61%**

**Median age: 30.4**

**Right-to-work state: Yes**

**GDP**  
**31<sup>st</sup>**



**2016 GDP**  
(in millions of current US\$)  
**\$157,671**

## Legislative Update

- Per-pupil education spending was boosted by 4 percent in order to accommodate the estimated 10,000 new students coming into the school system every year.
- The University of Utah Medical School was approved for a \$190-million expansion.
- A measure to incrementally increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 was defeated.
- The 25K Jobs Tour of rural Utah, which took place in a series of events from July to September, and was organized by World Trade Center Utah and 20 economic development partners, is part of the governor's initiative to create 25,000 jobs in 25 rural counties outside the Wasatch Front over the next four years.

