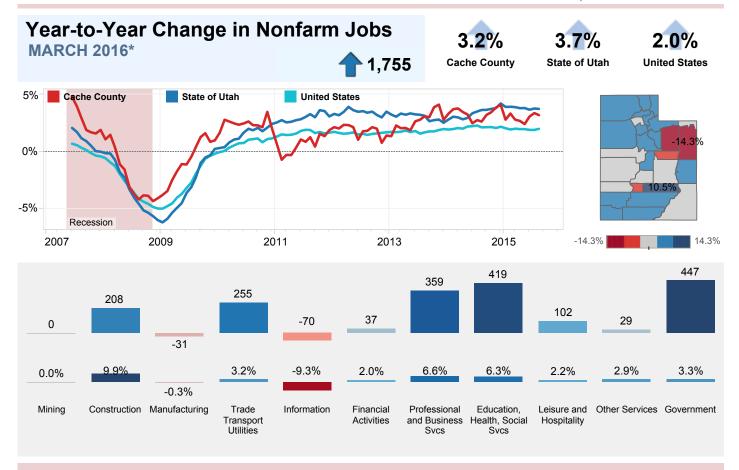
ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT



Cache County

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How's the economy?

Cache County continued expanding its employment base at an even faster pace in first quarter 2016 - this despite a large layoff in manufacturing. Taxable sales were up 3.2 percent with particular strength in retail markets. Employment growth was strong and broad-based despite the low unemployment rate. As an added bonus, wages are beginning to pick up suggesting healthy economic progress.

Jobs

Cache County accelerated to 3.2 percent year-over job growth in March 2016, adding 1,755 jobs since March 2015.

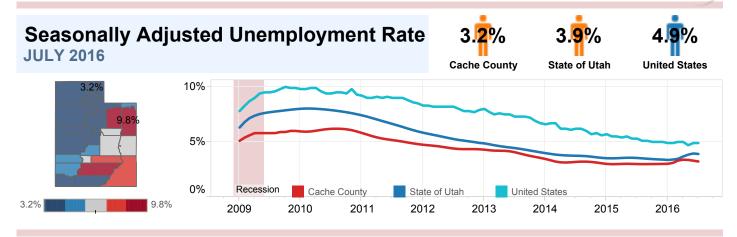
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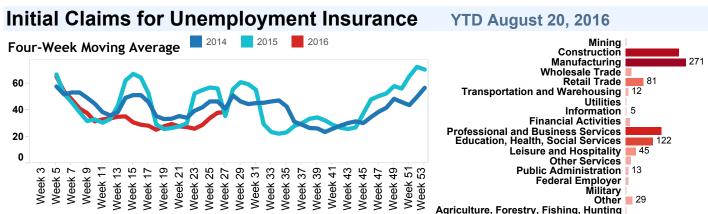
Job growth was greater than 3 percent in 5 of 11 major industry sectors with government, education/health/social services, and professional/business services adding more than 350 new jobs each.

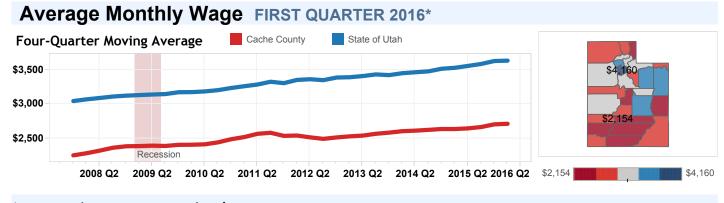
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Job growth in government was largely due to an increase in state government education employment. While food manufacturing experienced strong growth of 279 new jobs, the gains were washed out by a loss of 464 in sporting goods manufacturing where there was a large layoff.

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Unemployment and Wages

Cache County's unemployment rate is among lowest in the state at 3.2 percent.

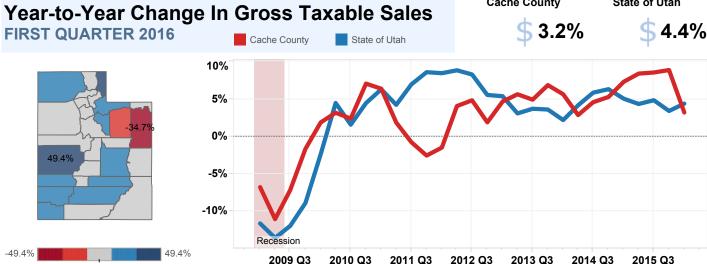
Initial unemployment claims are down to 21 per week on average as of mid-August 2016.

Tightening labor market conditions are finally putting upward pressure on wages. Cache County average wages rose 1.8 percent

year-over in the first quarter 2016 and the improvements were seen across 10 of 11 major industry sectors.

^{*} Preliminary. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Utah Department of Workforce Services. Utah State Tax Commission.





Construction and Sales

Residential construction permits started the year with a strong 24 percent increase over the first half of 2015, this is partly driven by a new residence hall permitted at USU, but single family home permits are also a major contributor increasing 37 percent YTD.



Taxable sales were up for the sixteenth consecutive quarter increasing 3.2 percent year-over and reaching nearly \$390 million.



Total retail sales were up more than 6 percent year over with food/beverage and general merchandise stores topping list in terms of total growth adding \$2.7 million and \$2.6 million respectively compared to last year.



Arts/entertainment/recreation also saw impressive growth of nearly 30 percent, pulling in almost \$4.5 million in taxable sales in Q1 2016. Growth in entertainment spending and strong retail sales across the board are both signs of growing consumer confidence.

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^{*}Preliminary; NA - Not Available.



Nonfarm Jobs by Month FIRST QUARTER 2016*

January 2016 February 2016 March 2016 Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago Year-Ago **Total Jobs** Numeric **Total Jobs** Numeric **Total Jobs** Numeric % Change % Change % Change Change Change Change TOTAL 55,579 1,656 3.1% 56,418 1,844 3.4% 56,619 1,755 3.2% **GOODS PRODUCTION** 13,170 85 0.6% 189 177 13,242 1.4% 13,274 1.4% Mining 12 0 0.0% 12 -1 -7.7% 12 0.0% Construction 2.231 217 10.8% 2,246 218 10.7% 2,301 208 9.9% Manufacturing 10,927 -132 -1.2% -28 -31 -0.3% 10,984 -0.3% 10,961 SERVICE PRODUCTION 3.8% 42,409 1,571 43,176 1,655 4.0% 43,345 1,578 3.8% **Trade Transport Utilities** 8,115 230 2.9% 8.131 276 3.5% 8.179 255 3 2% -5.4% Wholesale Trade 917 -65 -6.6% -35 -3.6% 927 -53 928 6,054 320 5.6% Retail Trade 6,038 318 5.6% 6,088 318 5.5% Transportation and Warehousing 1,090 -25 -2.2% 1.113 -9 -0.8% 1.112 -9 -0.8% Utilities 0 0.0% 54 2 52 4.0% 52 -1 -1.9% Information 678 -85 -11.1% -67 -9.0% 682 -70 -9.3% 677 **Financial Activities** 1,922 134 7.5% 1,904 72 3.9% 1,879 37 2.0% Finance and Insurance 1,444 72 5.2% 1,431 18 1.3% 1,425 2 0.1% Real Estate and Rental and Leasing 478 62 14.9% 473 54 12.9% 454 35 8.4% 342 **Professional and Business Svcs** 5.712 6.4% 5,747 394 7.4% 5,789 359 6.6% Professional/Scientific/Techn Srvcs 3.629 373 11.5% 3,644 370 329 10.0% 11.3% 3,634 **Management of Companies** 342 67 24.4% 363 85 30.6% 377 95 33.7% **Administrative Support/Waste Mgmnt** 1.741 -98 -5.3% 1,740 -61 -3.4% 1,778 -65 -3.5% 6,934 412 6.3% Education, Health, Social Svcs 7,014 445 6.8% 7,024 419 6.3% **Educational Services** 532 39 7.9% 571 46 8.8% 572 34 6.3% **Health Care and Social Services** 6,402 373 6.2% 6,443 399 6.6% 6.452 385 6.3% Leisure and Hospitality 4,589 100 2.2% 4,662 112 2.5% 4,658 102 2.2% 956 Arts. Entertainment and Recreation 123 14.8% 974 113 13.1% 970 125 14.8% **Accommodation and Food Services** 3,633 -23 -0.6% 3,688 -1 0.0% 3,688 -23 -0.6% 21 Other Services 1,006 16 1.6% 1,016 2.1% 1,036 29 2.9% 13,452 423 3.2% Government 14.024 403 3.0% 14.097 447 3.3% Federal 324 6 1.9% 319 2 0.6% 317 -3 -0.9% 7 822 331 4 4% 8 372 296 3 7% 8 430 338 4 2% State 5,306 86 1.6% 5,333 105 2.0% 5,350 112 2.1% Local 400 406 12.5% Covered Ag, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting* 50 14.3% 45 442 75 20.4%

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding and the exclusion of confidential data. Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

^{*} Not included in total.

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