


Utah KIDS COUNT Data Links Publication, July 2021

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Utah Kids Count Data Links: *Working Parents in Utah*



The state of Utah has a unique demography. Almost 30% of our population are children; the highest percentage in the nation. And Utah is seeing an ever-increasing proportion of our parents in the workforce.

This means that policies like paid parental leave, family-friendliness in company culture, creating a safe space for working parents, and possibly most critical of all - child care - are all becoming more and more important in Utah.


The percentage of Utah families with all available parents* working in Utah has increased - from 62.5% in 2010 to 64.1% in 2019. Additionally, the total number of families has grown from 342,000 to 364,000 in the same time period, making the need for child care more important than ever.

This Data Link provides data on families with working parents by county and provides policy recommendations that can help those working parents succeed in the workplace.

*Calculation is based on adding the number of families with both parents in the labor force, female householder (no spouse) in the labor force, and male householder (no spouse) in the labor force.

Trend Data on Working Parents in Utah

2010 YEAR	2015 YEAR	2019 YEAR
342,455 TOTAL FAMILIES	350,849 TOTAL FAMILIES	364,153 TOTAL FAMILIES
214,044 NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THE HOME AND ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE	219,058 NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THE HOME AND ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE	233,529 NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THE HOME AND ALL AVAILABLE PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE
62.5% PERCENTAGE	62.4% PERCENTAGE	64.1% PERCENTAGE



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The series is designed to highlight various data sources and help familiarize policymakers, the media and concerned citizens with web-based information on child well-being in Utah.

This DATA LINKS features data on working parents in Utah from the U.S. Census Bureau's new database retrieval system located at <https://data.census.gov/>.

The Census Bureau is the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy.

Information from the 2020 Census will become available by the end of this year.

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