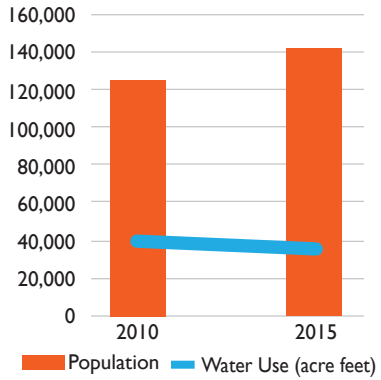
Water Smart Washington County

From 2010 to 2015, Washington County added more than 16,000 new residents, but decreased its water use by more than **one billion gallons.**[1]
Not too shabby for Utah's fastest-growing county.

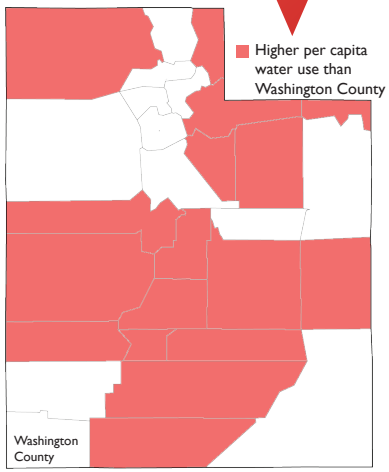
Population Up. Water Use Down.[1]



13% increase in population

9% decrease in water use

Washington County Uses Less Water than Most of Utah



Despite being the hottest and driest region in Utah, Washington County's average water use is lower than nearly 60% of the other counties in the state.

How does Washington County Use its Potable Water?[2]

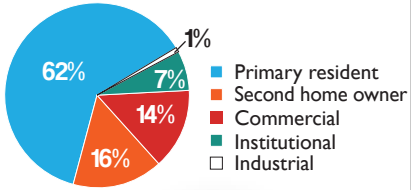
143 gpcd[3] Residential (primary residents)

36 gpcd[3] Residential (second home owners)[4]

17 gpcd[3] Institutional (schools, worship facilities, parks)

33 gpcd[3] Commercial (hotels, restaurants and other businesses)

1 gpcd[3] Industrial (manufacturing companies)



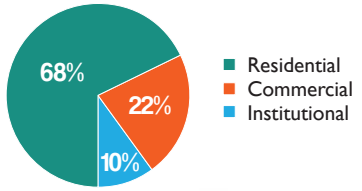
How does Washington County Use its Secondary Water?[2]

Unlike many other cities and states, Utah reports secondary (untreated) and reclaimed water use.

16 gpcd[3] Residential (Primary residents and second home owners)

7 gpcd[3] Commercial (stores, office buildings, hotels)

49 gpcd[3] Institutional (schools, parks, cemeteries, golf courses)



1. Population and potable water use of WCWCD's municipal customers. 2. 2015 Municipal and Industrial Water Use Report, Utah Division of Water Resources 3. GPCD, or gallons per capita per day, is a measurement used to estimate an areas daily water use – it is not an effective tool to compare water use efficiencies to other communities given vast climate, demographic and accounting (how gpcd is calculated and reported) variations. 4. Approximately 20 percent of homes in Washington County were owned by second home owners in 2015.