# **Economic Updates**

Utah State Board of Education October 2, 2025



# **Economic Update:**

- Monthly State Revenue Snapshot
  - June 2025(based on Utah State Tax Commission Monthly Revenue Summary Report (Report TC-23)).
    - July 2025 Monthly State Revenue Snapshot is available (PRELIMINARY YEAR-END)!!!
- Utah Economic Council Economic and Business Indicators (Utah Economic Council and Gardner Institute)
  - Based on Utah Economic Council and Business Indicators Report – June 2025.



## **Economic Update:**

- Latest GDP Report 2nd Quarter (Advance Estimate and Second Estimate)
  - Advance Estimate Based on U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) News Release, July 30, 2025.
  - Second Estimate Based on U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) News Release, August 28, 2025.
- "Soft landing"?



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  - General and Income Tax Funds (GF/ITF/USF)
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      - Represents Year-Over-Year (YOY)
         increase of 4.2 %.
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    - Revenues \$6.157 billion:
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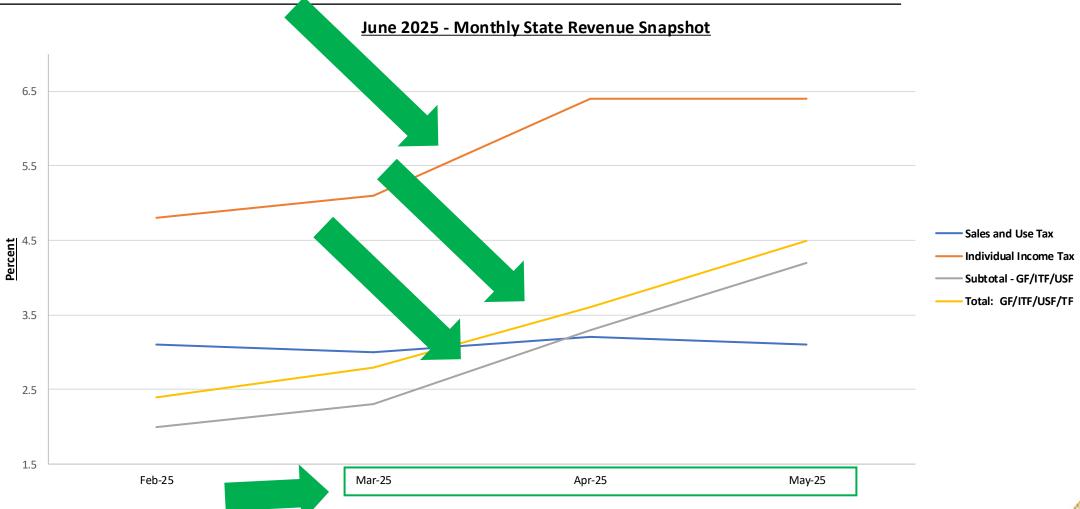
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- Overall Commentary:
  - 'Summary':
    - "Looking at the total General Fund, Income Tax Fund, and Transportation Fund together, collections increased by 4.5 percent compared to the same period last year, above the 1.6 percent projected growth rate."
  - 'Income Tax Fund':
    - "Income Tax Fund collections were over \$7.0 billion in the first 11 months of FY 2025 a change of 6.2 percent compared to last year. This growth was driven by robust growth in all the major income tax sources. Individual income tax grew at 6.4 percent, above the 4.4 percent projected growth rate."

#### MONTHLY STATE REVENUE SNAPSHOT JUNE 2025

based on the Utah State Tax Commission Monthly Revenue Summary (Report TC-23)

General Fund	Projected Growth Rate - February Estimates (Annual)	YoY Growth Rate	Projected Range in Collections Through 11 Months	FY 2025 Actual Collections	FY 2025 Year-End Forecast	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
Sales & Use Tax	2.4%	3.1%	\$2,956,000,000 - \$3,268,000,000	\$3,185,798,968	\$3,394,946,667	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%
All Other Sources	-9.5%	-7.5%	\$650,000,000 - \$794,000,000	\$764,906,430	\$787,784,000	-6.9%	-7.0%	-6.7%	-7.5%
Subtotal General Fund	-0.1%	0.9%	,,,,	\$3,950,705,398	\$4,182,730,667	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%
Sales & Use Tax Set-Asides	2.9%	1.4%	\$1,040,000,000 - \$1,272,000,000	\$1,113,247,035	\$1,261,144,062	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.9%	1.4%
Income Tax Fund/Uniform School Fund	4.4%	6.4%	\$5,887,000,000 - \$6,006,000,000	ĈE 157.051.507	\$6 406 707 667	4.8%	5.1%	6.4%	6.4%
	4.476	3.2%	\$5,887,000,000 - \$6,006,000,000	\$6,157,051,587	\$6,486,707,667	4.8%			
Withholding				\$4,855,237,953			4.6%	3.0%	3.2%
Final Payments (plus SALT Passthrough)		20.0%		\$1,301,813,633		4.7%	9.2%	19.9%	20.0%
Corporate Tax	-11.7%	5.3%	\$645,000,000 - \$788,000,000	\$811,177,518	\$781,871,667	-20.0%	-13.4%	-8.3%	5.3%
All Other Sources	-14.2%	0.2%	\$63,000,000 - \$77,000,000	\$79,368,455	\$152,073,000	4.4%	-1.5%	-7.8%	0.2%
Subtotal Income Tax Fund	2.0%	6.2%		\$7,047,597,560	\$7,420,652,333	2.5%	3.2%	4.5%	6.2%
Subtotal GF/ITF/USF	1.2%	4.2%		\$10,998,302,958	\$11,603,383,000	2.0%	2.3%	3.3%	4.2%
Transportation Fund									
Motor Fuel Tax	8.5%	8.7%	\$399,000,000 - \$488,000,000	\$438,377,679	\$484,101,250	9.2%	8.5%	8.2%	8.7%
Special Fuel Tax	3.3%	1.9%	\$168,000,000 - \$205,000,000	\$172,202,012	\$203,510,667	2.0%	4.7%	3.3%	1.9%
Other	8.9%	15.2%	\$135,000,000 - \$165,000,000	\$162,174,974	\$204,431,333	18.2%	18.8%	17.0%	15.2%
Subtotal Transportation Fund	7.4%	8.4%		\$772,754,665	\$892,043,250	9.1%	9.5%	8.8%	8.4%
Total, GF/ITF/USF/TF	1.6%	4.5%		\$11,771,057,623		2.4%	2.8%	3.6%	4.5%



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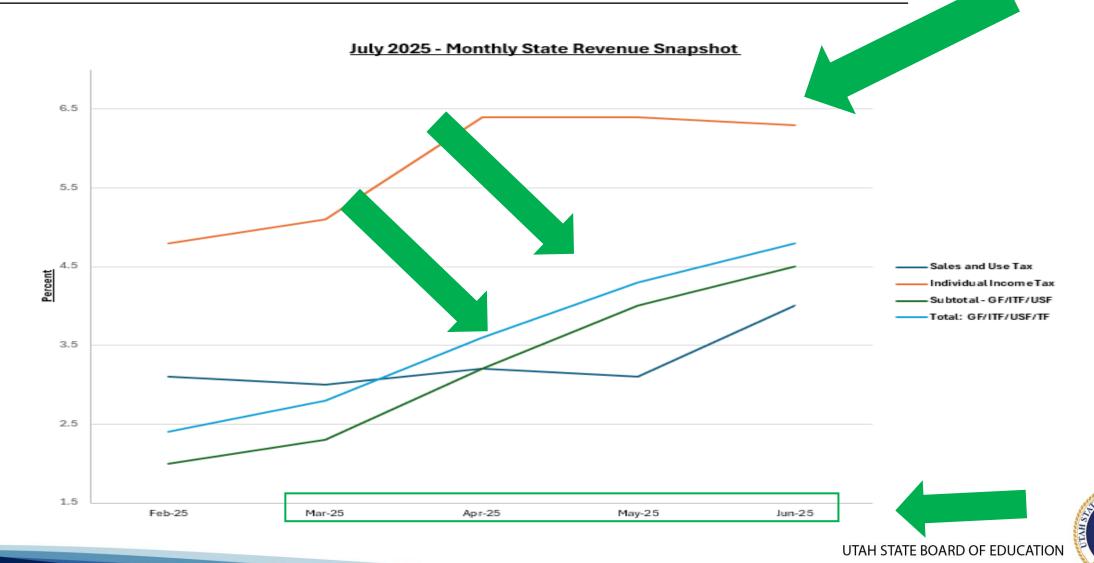
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- 'Summary':
  - "Looking at total General Fund, Income Tax Fund, and Transportation Fund together, collections increased by 4.8% compared to the same period last year, above the 1.7% projected growth rate."
- 'Income Tax Fund':
  - "Preliminary year-end FY 2025 Income Tax Fund collections amounted to just over \$7.68 billion, for a YoY growth of 6.7%. The fund overall outpaced the forecast by 4.7 percentage points due in large part to strong individual income tax growth throughout the year as well as corporate tax's accelerated growth in the second half of the year. Individual income tax collections totaled a preliminary \$6.62 billion, growing at 6.3% YoY. The growth of this source is largely supported by an underlying labor market which has experienced steady growth in both wages and number of jobs over the last year. Corporate tax ends the year with a preliminary \$946 million in collections for a 6.8% growth rate. "

### Monthly State Revenue Snapshot July 2025

based on the Utah State Tax Commission Monthly Revenue Summary (Report TC-23)

	Projected Growth	YoY								
	Rate - Febuary	Growth	Projected Range in Collections	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Year-End					
General Fund Estimates		Rate	Through 12 Months	Collections	Forecast	Маг-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	
Sales & Use Tax	2.4%	4.0%	\$3,055,000,000 - \$3,734,000,000	\$3,475,218,722	\$3,394,946,667	3.0%	3.2%	3.1%	4.0%	
All Other Sources	-9.5%	-10.9%	\$709,000,000 - \$867,000,000	\$806,222,166	\$787,784,000	-6.7%	-6.9%	-9.4%	-10.9%	
Subtotal General Fund	-0.1%	0.9%		\$4,281,440,888	\$4,182,730,667	1.0%	1.1%	0.4%	0.9%	
Sales & Use Tax Set-Asides	2.9%	0.2%	\$1,135,000,000 - \$1,387,000,000	\$1,207,087,325	\$1,261,144,062	0.0%	-0.9%	1.4%	0.2%	
Income Tax Fund/Uniform School Fund										
Individual Income Tax	4.4%	6.3%	\$5,838,000,000 - \$7,135,000,000	\$6,621,742,980	\$6,486,707,667	5.1%	6.4%	6.4%	6.3%	
Withholding		3.5%		\$5,301,245,105		4.6%	3.0%	3.2%	3.5%	
Final Payments (plus SALT Passthrough)		19.7%		\$1,320,497,875		9.2%	19.9%	20.0%	19.7%	
Corporate Tax	-11.5%	6.8%	\$704,000,000 - \$860,000,000	\$946,430,819	\$781,871,667	-13.4%	-8.3%	5.3%	6.8%	
All Other Sources	-14.2%	30.9%	\$137,000,000 - \$167,000,000	\$113,314,675	\$152,073,000	-1.5%	-7.8%	0.2%	30.9%	
Subtotal Income Tax Fund	2 0%	6.7%		\$7,681,488,474	\$7,420,652,333	3.2%	4.5%	6.2%	6.7%	
Subtotal GF/ITF/USF		4.5%		\$11,962,929,362	\$11,603,383,000	2.3%	3.2%	4.0%	4.5%	
Transportation Fund										
Motor Fuel Tax	8.5%	8.3%	\$436,000,000 - \$533,000,000	\$481,888,730	\$484,101,250	8.5%	8.2%	8.7%	8.3%	
Special Fuel Tax	3.3%	5.9%	\$183,000,000 - \$224,000,000	\$199,597,672	\$203,510,667	4.7%	3.3%	1.9%	5.9%	
Other	8.9%	15.3%	\$184,000,000 - \$225,000,000	\$178,380,907	\$204,431,333	18.8%	16.9%	15.1%	15.3%	
Subtotal Transportation Fund	7.4%	9.1%		\$859,867,308	\$892,043,250	9.5%	8.8%	8.4%	9.1%	
Total, GF/ITF/USF/TF	1.7%	4.8%		\$12,822,796,670		2.8%	3.6%	4.3%	4.8%	

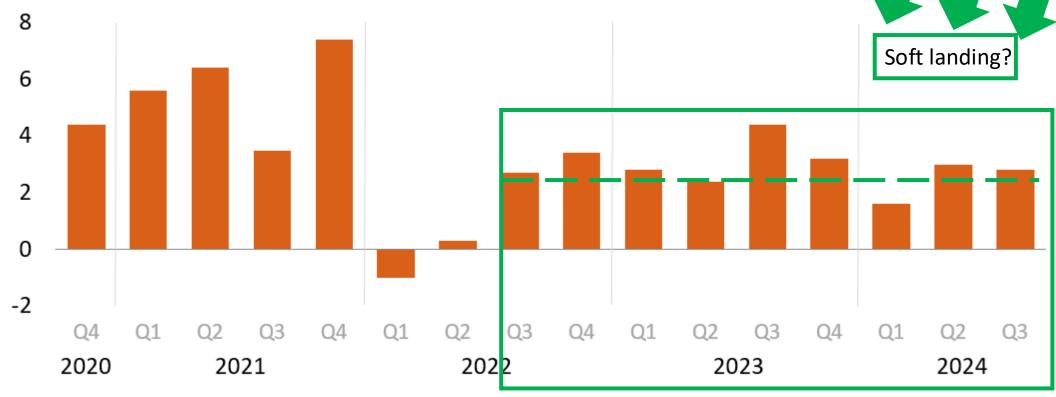


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Real GDP: Percent change from preceding quarter



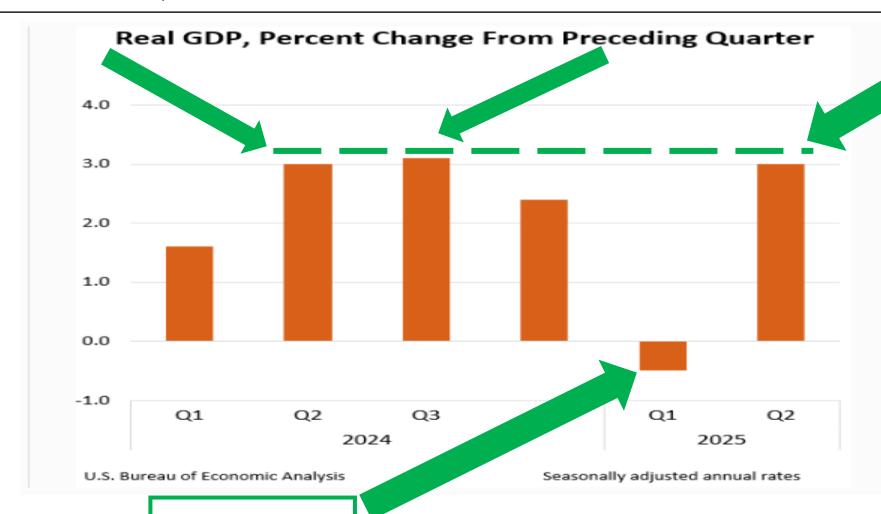
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Seasonally adjusted annual rates

9 quarters of steady economic growth



## United States - Latest GDP Report — 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Advanced Estimate)



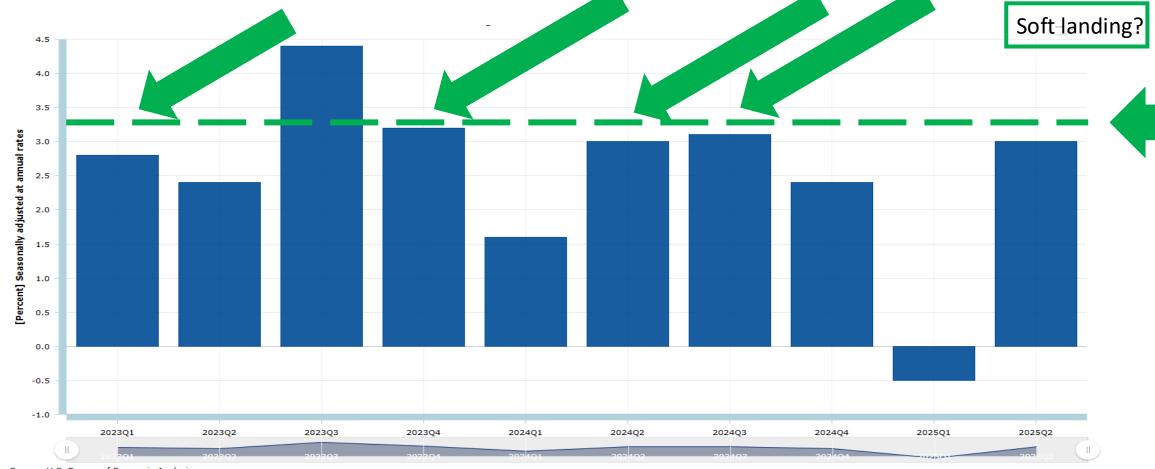
Soft landing?

Overall economy seems to resume growth – back in 'soft landing mode'?

Tariff "news" shock



# United States - Latest GDP Report — 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Advanced Estimate)



Gross domestic product

Overall economy seems to resume steady growth



#### Utah Economic Council – Economic and Business Indicators

- Indicators: Percent Change 2024-25
  - Note:
    - US Real GDP: 1.5%
    - Utah Real GDP: 3.3%
- Indicators: Percent Change 2025-26
  - Note:
    - US Real GDP: 1.8%
    - Utah Real GDP: 3.1%



#### Utah Economic Council — Economic and Business Indicators

2023

#### (June 2025)

#### **Utah Economic Council Economic and Business Indicators**

Utah and the United States, June 2025

DEMOGRAPHICS	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	21-22	22-23	23-24
Utah July 1st Population (Thousands)	3,343	3,401	3,456	3,507	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%
Utah Net Migration (Thousands)	34.0	34.9	31.6	26.0	2.9%	-9.5%	-17.7%
U.S. July 1st Population (Millions)	333	335	337	341	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%
EMPLOYMENT, WAGES, AND INCOME							
Utah Nonagricultural Employment (DWS) (Thousands)	1,617	1,685	1,724	1,748	4.2%	2.3%	1.4%
Utah Total Nonagriculture Wages (DWS) (Millions)	\$92,037	\$101,797	\$108,493	\$115,532	10.6%	6.6%	6.5%
Utah Average Annual Pay (DWS) (Dollars)	\$56,928	\$60,406	\$62,922	\$66,094	6.1%	4.2%	5.0%
Utah Unemployment Rate (DWS) (Percent)	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.2	-	-	-
Utah Personal Income (BEA) (Millions)	\$194,316	\$205,519	\$219,332	\$232,792	5.8%	6.7%	6.1%
U.S. Establishment Employment (BLS) (Millions)	146.3	152.5	155.9	158.0	4.3%	2.2%	1.3%
U.S. Total Wages & Salaries (BEA) (Billions)	\$10,316	\$11,123	\$11,725	\$12,401	7.8%	5.4%	5.8%
U.S. Average Annual Pay (BEA)	\$70,521	\$72,921	\$75,220	\$78,507	3.4%	3.2%	4.4%
U.S. Unemployment Rate (BLS) (Percent)	5.4	3.7	3.6	4.0	-	-	-
U.S. Personal Income (BEA) (Billions)	\$21,419	\$22,089	\$23,403	\$24,669	3.1%	5.9%	5.4%
PRODUCTION AND SALES							
Utah Real GDP (2017 Chained, Millions)	\$210,447	\$217,443	\$225,459	\$235,407	3.3%	3.7%	4.4%
Utah Taxable Sales (Millions)	\$90,105	\$100,894	\$102,657	\$105,191	12.0%	1.7%	2.5%
Utah Exports (Millions)	\$18,060	\$16,542	\$17,388	\$18,213	-8.4%	5.1%	4.7%
U.S. Real GDP (2017 Chained, Billions)	\$21,495	\$22,035	\$22,671	\$23,305	2.5%	2.9%	2.8%
U.S. Total Retail Sales (Billions)	\$7,214	\$7,872	\$8,149	\$8,361	9.1%	3.5%	2.6%
U.S. Real Exports (2017 Chained, Billions)	\$2,284	\$2,456	\$2,524	\$2,606	7.5%	2.8%	3.3%

2025	2026	Percent 24-25	Change 25-26
3,556	3,602	1.4%	1.3%
25.3	23.8	-2.7%	-5.9%
342	343	0.5%	0.3%
1,781	1,813	1.9%	1.8%
\$121,848	\$128,134	5.5%	5.2%
\$68,407	\$70,665	3.5%	3.3%
3.3	3.5	-	-
\$244,432	\$256,653	5.0%	5.0%
159.6	160.1	1.0%	0.3%
\$13,004	\$13,543	4.9%	4.1%
\$81,488	\$84,613	3.8%	3.8%
4.5	4.6	-	-
\$25,938	\$27,194	5.1%	4.8%
\$243,102	\$250,530	3.3%	3.1%

\$108,557

\$19,216

\$23,655

\$8,702

\$2,618

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\$19,780

\$24,080

\$8,944

\$2,683

**Utah Economic Council Forecast** 

Percent Change

	5.1%	4.8%	
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	3.3%	3.1%	
	3.2%	3.1%	
	5.5%	2.9%	
	1.5%	1.8%	
	4.1%	2.8%	
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Utah forecasts were increased whereas U.S. forecasts were lowered.



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#### <u>United States - Latest GDP Report - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter(Second Estimate)</u>

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U.S. Real Exports (2017 Chained, Billions)

#### **Utah Economic Council Economic and Business Indicators**

Utah and the United States, September 2024

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DEMOGRAPHICS	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Estimate	Per 20-21	cent Cha 21-22	nge 22-23	2024	2025	Percent 23-24	Change 24-25
Utah July 1st Population (Thousands)	3,285	3,343	3,400	3,456	1.8%	1.7%	1.6%	3,508	3,557	1.5%	1.4%
Utah Net Migration (Thousands)	26.1	34.0	34.9	31.6	29.9%	2.9%	-9.7%	32.0	31.3	1.4%	-2.3%
U.S. July 1st Population (Millions)	332	333	335	338	0.2%	0.7%	1.1%	342	345	1.0%	0.8%
EMPLOYMENT, WAGES, AND INCOME											
Utah Nonagricultural Employment (DWS) (Thousands)	1,539	1,617	1,685	1,726	5.1%	4.2%	2.4%	1,762	1,797	2.1%	2.0%
Utah Total Nonagriculture Wages (DWS) (Millions)	\$83,223	\$92,040	\$101,800	\$108,301	10.6%	10.6%	6.4%	\$114,777	\$121,170	6.0%	5.6%
Utah Average Annual Pay (DWS) (Dollars)	\$54,079	\$56,930	\$60,408	\$62,747	5.3%	6.1%	3.9%	\$65,131	\$67,411	3.8%	3.5%
Utah Unemployment Rate (DWS) (Percent)	4.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	-	-	-	3.0	3.2	-	-
Utah Personal Income (BEA) (Millions)	\$171,385	\$190,468	\$201,012	\$213,159	11.1%	5.5%	6.0%	\$224,883	\$236,577	5.5%	5.2%
U.S. Establishment Employment (BLS) (Millions)	142.2	146.3	152.5	156.1	2.9%	4.3%	2.3%	158.6	159.6	1.6%	0.7%
U.S. Total Wages & Salaries (BEA) (Billions)	\$9,465	\$10,313	\$11,116	\$11,798	9.0%	7.8%	6.1%	\$12,362	\$12,909	4.8%	4.4%
U.S. Average Annual Pay (BEA)	\$66,575	\$70,501	\$72,877	\$75,597	5.9%	3.4%	3.7%	\$77,969	\$80,873	3.1%	3.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate (BLS) (Percent)	8.1	5.4	3.6	3.6	-	-	-	4.1	4.4	-	-
U.S. Personal Income (BEA) (Billions)	\$19,629	\$21,408	\$21,841	\$22,961	9.1%	2.0%	5.1%	\$24,004	\$25,214	4.5%	5.0%
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Utah Real GDP (2017 Chained, Millions)	\$194,754	\$209,975	\$213,898	\$219,180	7.8%	1.9%	2.5%	\$225,135	\$230,997	2.7%	2.6%
Utah Taxable Sales (Millions)	\$74,731	\$90,105	\$100,893	\$102,554	20.6%	12.0%	1.6%	\$105,938	\$110,176	3.3%	4.0%
Utah Exports (Millions)	\$17,713	\$18,060	\$16,542	\$17,398	2.0%	-8.4%	5.2%	\$18,512	\$19,594	6.4%	5.8%
U.S. Real GDP (2017 Chained, Billions)	\$20,234	\$21,408	\$21,822	\$22,385	5.8%	1.9%	2.6%	\$22,945	\$23,404	2.5%	2.0%
U.S. Total Retail Sales (Billions)	\$6,219	\$7,354	\$8,020	\$8,310	18.2%	9.1%	3.6%	\$8,471	\$8,650	1.9%	2.1%

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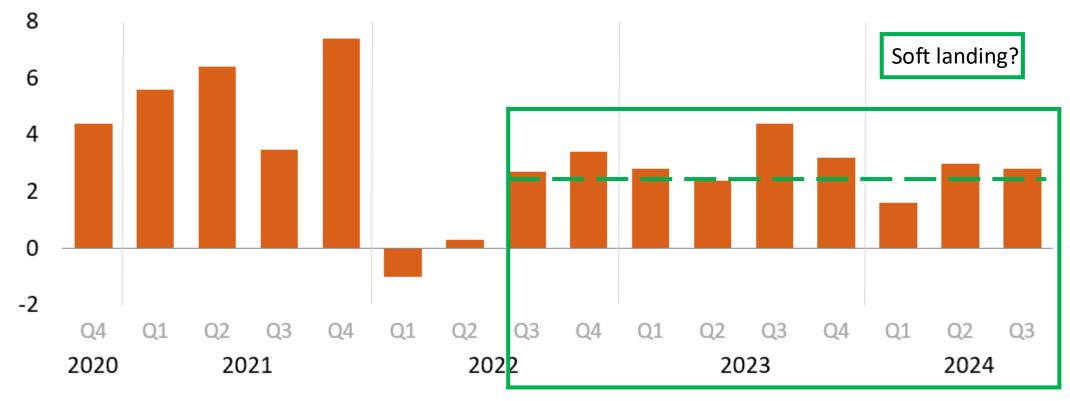
**Utah Economic Council Forecast** 

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#### Real GDP: Percent change from preceding quarter



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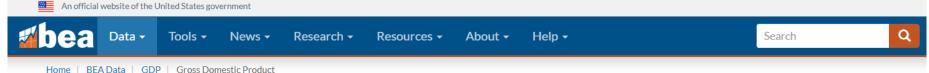
- Real Gross Domestic Product:
  - Increased at an annual rate of 3.0 percent in the 2nd quarter of 2025 (Advance estimate).
    - "Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 3.0 percent in the second quarter of 2025 (April, May, and June), according to the advance estimate released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the first quarter, real GDP decreased 0.5 percent. The increase in real GDP in the second quarter primarily reflected a decrease in imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, and an increase in consumer spending. These movements were partly offset by decreases in investment and exports."

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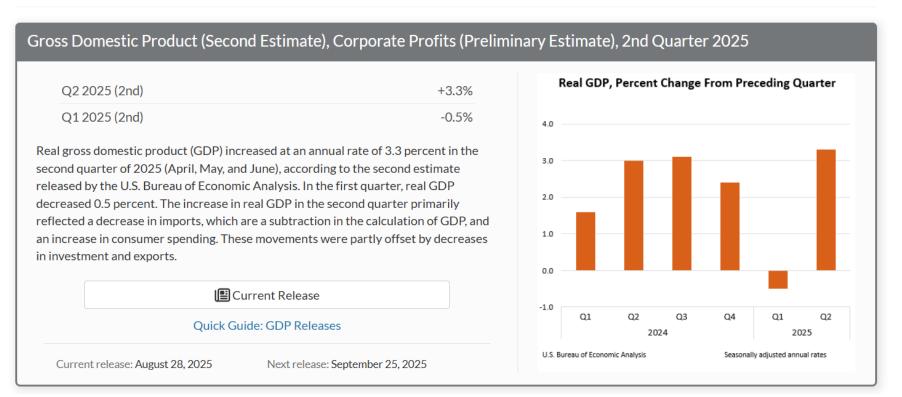
- Real Gross Domestic Product:
  - Increased at an annual rate of 3.3 percent in the 2nd quarter of 2025 (Second estimate).
    - "Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 3.3 percent in the second quarter of 2025 (April, May, and June), according to the second estimate released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the first quarter, real GDP decreased 0.5 percent. The increase in real GDP in the second quarter primarily reflected a decrease in imports, which are a subtraction in the calculation of GDP, and an increase in consumer spending. These movements were partly offset by decreases in investment and exports."

### United States - Latest GDP Report - 2nd Quarter (Second

#### Estimate - August 28, 2025 - UPDATED!!!)



#### **Gross Domestic Product**



#### Economic Update – Fed Chair Recent Comments

- Federal Reserve Chair Powell Jackson Hole Economic Symposium (August 2025):
  - Opened the door to a September rate cut.
    - Inflation risks "tilted to the upside".
      - Tariff-related inflation pressures "are now clearly visible".
    - "Downside risks to employment are rising."
      - "If those risks materialize, they can do so quickly in the form of sharply higher layoffs and rising unemployment."

#### Economic Update – Federal Reserve Cuts Interest Rates

- The Federal Reserve cut interest rates by a quarter percentage point:
   9/17/2025
  - First Reduction of 2025.
    - Projected two more cuts for the rest of the year.
  - "Assessing impacts of tariffs on the economy."
  - "Job gains have slowed" (Cooling labor market).
    - "Unemployment rate has edged up but remains low."
  - Fed predictions:
    - Inflation: 3.1%
    - Real GDP upgraded to 1.6% vs 1.4 % for 2025.
    - Unemployment rate: 4.5% vs 4.3%.







# Thank

you!









