Demographics ...

Population		Grand County	
Utah	2,669,554	Median Household income	\$31,604
Grand County (2007 est)	9,125	Personal income per capital	\$22,949
Moab (2006 est)	4,875	Average Monthly Wage	\$2,007
Annual rate of change	1.1 %	Median house value	\$112,700
18 and under (2005)	23.3 %	Median resident age	35.5 years
65 and over (2005)	12.7 %	Home ownership rate	71.0%
Female	50.2 %	Civilian Labor Force,	5,319
Persons/household	2.44	Average Employment	5,048
Dage		Unemployment rate, Nov.	5.0 %
Race White/non-Hispanic	87.1 %	Business Establishments	535
Hispanic	6.6 %	Education/Employment	
American Indian & Alaskan Native	5.3 %	(over 25 years of age)	
Black	.3 %	High School or higher (2000)	82.5%
Asian	.3 %	Bachelor's Degree or higher (2000)	22.9%
Other/Mixed Race	.7 %	Graduate/Professional degree	8.0%

Geography

Latitude 38.57° N, Longitude: 109.55° W

Elevation: Colorado River Bridge is 4,025 ft. above sea level and Mt. Peale (highest peak in LaSal range) is 12,721 ft. Grand County covers 3,694 square miles, making it the 9th largest county in the state. Much of the land base is government owned. There are approximately 2.3 people/square mile.

Weather and Climate

Summers are hot and dry with an average high in the mid 90s°F (35°C). Daily summer temperatures can exceed 100°F for extended periods. Winters are mild (30°F average with highs of 50°F possible). Snowfall is rare at lower elevations (below 5000′), but often occurs above 6000′. Humidity is well below the US average, under 25% in the summer months. Daytime temperatures at higher elevations, including mountain valleys and mesa tops, are roughly 10 - 20°F (7-12°C) cooler.

Precipitation averages less than 1 inch/month. Moab is located in the high desert of the Colorado Plateau, which averages 9-15 inches total precipitation annually. Sunshine ranges from a low average of 60% in the winter to over 80% in the summer. Outdoor activities such as gardening, hiking and mountain biking are best in spring and fall but they are doable in summer as long as you go out early and beat the heat between Noon and 4PM. River rafting is ideal from May to early September.

