

Community Information: Ogden, with a population about 79,000, is located along the Wasatch Front mountains. Ogden is approximately an hour north of Salt Lake City and an hour south of the Idaho border on Interstate 15.

House rentals begin at approximately \$650 per month and average about \$1,000 per month. Unfurnished 2-bedroom apartment rentals average about \$600 per month. The average price for purchasing a home is \$162,500; condominiums start at \$70,000. Utilities are priced moderately. Many people have gas heat, which keeps heating costs at a reasonable level. Government housing is not available in the Ogden area.

Ogden is a full-service community. There are several institutions of higher learning in the commuting area: Weber State University in Ogden; Utah State University is in Logan, about 40 minutes away; and the University of Utah is in Salt Lake City, about an hour away. Ogden has numerous elementary and secondary schools, and there are also private and church-affiliated schools and day care facilities. In addition, there are numerous churches of most denominations within Ogden and the surrounding communities.

Ogden has a large medical community with a wide variety of specialists, a number of clinics, and two major hospitals. Cultural opportunities include live theater, vocal and instrumental performances, art and history museums, ethnic festivals, and a full calendar of special community events. The Ogden/Salt Lake City area also sports an NBA basketball team, 2 minor league baseball teams, hockey, and others.

The Ogden/Salt Lake City area has generally moderate temperatures with annual winter snowfall averaging greater than 63 inches. Summer days are sunny with high temperatures usually 80-90 degrees and afternoon thunderstorms fairly common; winter brings temperatures below freezing at night but usually in the 30-50 degree range during the day. The city is within easy distance of skiing some of the best slopes in the world and has easy access to an incredible number of hiking and biking trails.

Utah has a wide variety of recreation sites including Zion, Bryce, Canyon Lands, and Arches National Parks, the new Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the High Uinta Wilderness Area, Glen Canyon and Flaming Gorge National Recreation Areas, and several State Parks. It is easy to visit other beautiful areas of the West such as Yellowstone National Park (6 hours away from Ogden), the Grand Canyon (1 day away), parks, skiing, and other outdoor activities in Colorado and Idaho (6 hours away), and the extraordinary sights of the southwest at only 1-2 days away depending on your destination.