

**Total Population** 787,582 The Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University collaborated with a Purdue University Masters of Public Health student intern to provide a public health-focused snapshot of the veteran, military and civilian population within each congressional district. Data was collected from multiple sources including MFRI's Measuring Communities online data portal. The provided data will help inform district leaders of the characteristics, health and accessibility of constituents residing in their districts and support legislative initiatives. To view congressional districts, visit www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map

36,548

#### **Veterans**

#### 4.6% of total population

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18,551 **Veteran Dependents** 

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

6,604 **Military Members** 0.8% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

#### Gender District State National Male 94.1% 92.7% 91.0%

7.3%

28.0%

9.0%

5.9%

**Veterans** 

Female

**Veteran Population by Gender** 

**Disability** Civilians 9.0%

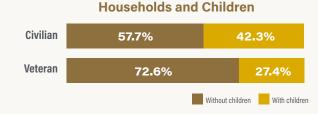


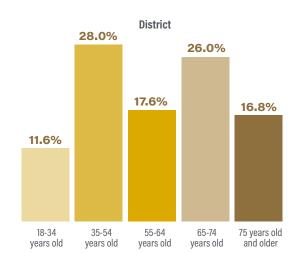
Congressional District 1 has 238,139 total households, 35,070 or 14.7% of those are veteran households.

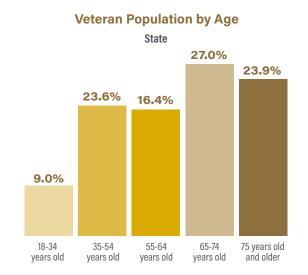
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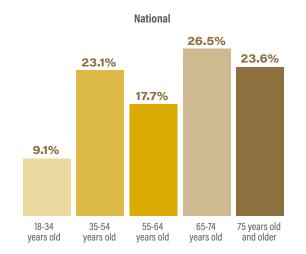
**Military Dependents** 

Number of spouses, children under 18, and others who rely on service member for more than half of their financial support (based on DEERS enrollment of Active Duty and Selected Reserve in 2018).









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### **Utah Congressional District 1 Health and Well-Being**

#### **Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment**

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	7.7%	8.9%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	4.6%	5.5%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	9.7%	9.5%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	2.9%	2.5%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	8.4%	8.5%	13.3%

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#### **Households on SNAP benefits**



#### **Food Desert**

supermarket

	Percentage	Number
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a	29.8%	214,899

#### **Households with Food Insecurity and Access**



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#### **Rural-Urban Continuum**

According to the Rural-Urban Continuum, the counties of Daggett, Duchesne, Rich, Summit, and Uintah in Congressional District 1 are defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

#### **Digital Divide Index Range**

District State

8,96-24,92 8,96-47,09

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#### **AARP Livability Index Range**

District State 43-60 43-60

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Total Population **788,484** 

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### 35,276

#### **Veterans**

#### 4.5% of total population

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12,765

Veteran Dependents
Number of estimated dependents under 18
years old who rely on the financial support
of the veteran in their household.

**4,312**Military Members 0.5% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

### Veteran Population by Gender Gender District State Nation

91.6%

8.4%

Male

Female

 State
 National

 92.7%
 91.0%

9.0%

7.3%

Congressional District 2 has **253,347** total households, **32,828** or **13%** of those are veteran households.

### 6,704

#### **Military Dependents**

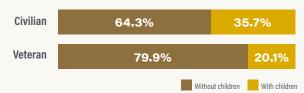
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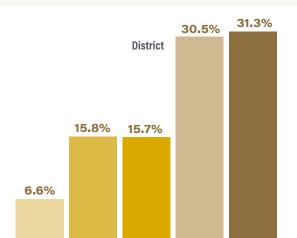
#### Disability

Civilians 11.3%

Veterans 21.9%

#### **Households and Children**





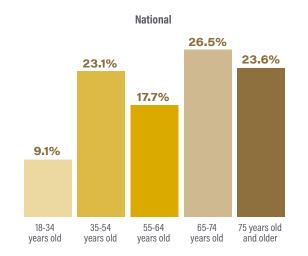
55-64

years old

65-74

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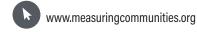
#### **Veteran Population by Age** State 27.0% 23.9% 23.6% 16.4% 9.0% 18-34 35-54 55-64 65-74 75 years old years old years old years old years old and older



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35-54

years old



18-34

years old



75 years old

and older









# **Utah Congressional District 2 Health and Well-Being**

#### **Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment**

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	10.1%	8.9%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	6.8%	5.5%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	10.5%	9.5%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	3.6%	3.4%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	3.0%	2.5%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	8.7%	8.5%	13.3%

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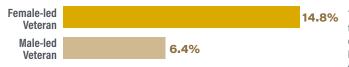
#### Households on SNAP benefits



	Percentage	Number	
Low income civilian population living a mile or more from a	26.3%	189,298	

**Food Desert** 

#### **Households with Food Insecurity and Access**



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#### **Rural-Urban Continuum**

According to the Rural-Urban Continuum, the counties of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, and Sevier in Congressional District 2 are defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

#### **Digital Divide Index Range**

District

State

8.96-41.19

8.96-47.09

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#### **AARP Livability Index Range**

District

State

43-55

43-60

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Total Population 779,460

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### 23,176

#### **Veterans**

#### 3% of total population

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3,379
Military Members
0.4% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

#### **Veteran Population by Gender**

Gender	District	State	National
Male	92.1%	92.7%	91.0%
Female	7.9%	7.3%	9.0%



### 11,030

#### **Veteran Dependents**

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

5,842

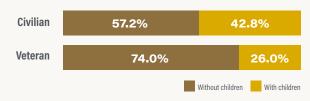
#### **Military Dependents**

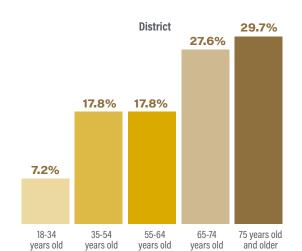
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#### Disability

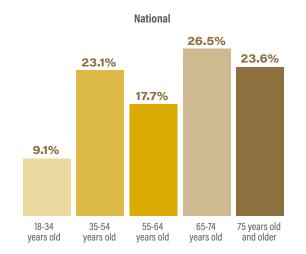
Civilians	9.2%	
Veterans	19.1%	

#### **Households and Children**

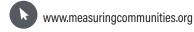




#### **Veteran Population by Age** State 27.0% 23.9% 23.6% 16.4% 9.0% 18-34 35-54 55-64 65-74 75 years old years old years old years old years old and older



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# **Utah Congressional District 3 Health and Well-Being**

#### **Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment**

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	9.8%	8.9%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	5.9%	5.5%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	9.4%	9.5%	18.0%
Veteran Uninsured	2.9%	3.4%	3.2%
Unemployment (Feb. 2020)	2.8%	2.5%	3.5%
Unemployment (May 2020)	7.7%	8.5%	13.3%

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#### Households on SNAP benefits



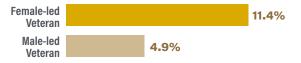
# Percentage Number Low income civilian population 25.6% 184,862

living a mile or

more from a supermarket

**Food Desert** 

#### **Households with Food Insecurity and Access**



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#### **Rural-Urban Continuum**

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#### **Digital Divide Index Range**

District

State

11.45-47.09

8.96-47.09

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#### **AARP Livability Index Range**

District

State

49-59

43-60

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### 27,170

#### 3.2% of total population

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#### 12,512 **Veteran Dependents**

Number of estimated dependents under 18 years old who rely on the financial support of the veteran in their household.

#### 2,901 **Military Members** 0.3% of total population

Active Duty and Selected Reserve 2019

#### **Veteran Population by Gender**

Gender	District	State	National
Male	92.5%	92.7%	91.0%
Female	7.5%	7.3%	9.0%

Congressional District 4 has 240,626 total households, 24,686 or 10.3% of those are veteran households.

### 4,320

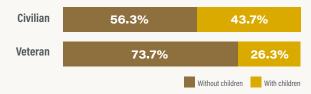
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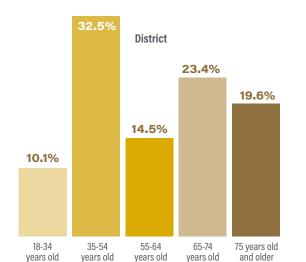
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#### **Disability**

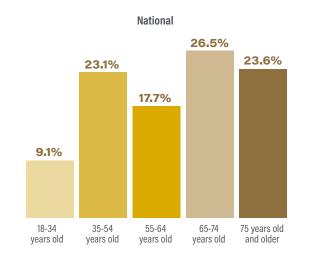
Civilians	8.8%	
Veterans	21.1%	

#### **Households and Children**





#### **Veteran Population by Age** State 27.0% 23.9% 23.6% 16.4% 9.0% 18-34 35-54 55-64 65-74 75 years old and older years old years old years old years old



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## **Utah Congressional District 4 Health and Well-Being**

#### **Poverty, Insurance Coverage and Unemployment**

	District	State	National
Civilian Poverty Rate	8.1%	8.9%	11.8%
Veteran Poverty Rate	4.7%	5.5%	6.7%
Child Poverty Rate (18 and younger)	8.7%	9.5%	18.0%
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#### **Households on SNAP benefits**



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**Food Desert** 

#### **Households with Food Insecurity and Access**



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supermarket

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#### **Rural-Urban Continuum**

According to the Rural-Urban Continuum, Sanpete County is defined as rural.

Codes are determined on a 1 to 9 scale, 1 being the least rural and 9 being the most rural. Rural areas often have a higher poverty rate when comparing to their urban counterparts. Poverty in rural areas may contribute to poor housing conditions and health among residents.

#### **Digital Divide Index Range**

State

District

11.45-25.39 8.96-47.09

In Congressional District 4, there are no areas of concern. The digital divide index is a value ranging from 0 to 100, 100 indicating the highest digital divide. A higher digital divide score is associated with limited broadband infrastructure, digital literacy, and exposure to technology benefits. In areas with higher digital divide scores, individuals may face barriers that limit their ability to obtain health information, stay informed, access online education, or secure employment options.

According to the Purdue Center for Regional Development, a digital divide score of 30 and above presents significant socioeconomic, broadband infrastructure, and adoption challenges that may limit motivation, skills, and usage of technology.

#### **AARP Livability Index Range**

District State **47-55 43-60** 

In Congressional District 4, San Pete has a livability score that is below average. This indicates that this county has scored higher on one or more of the measures that are used to assess community livability. The AARP Livability Index takes a holistic approach measuring housing, neighborhood, transportation, environment, health, engagement, and opportunity. Each metric is scored on a measure of 0 to 100, 0 being the lowest and 100 being the highest. Because health is deeply related to quality of life, higher livability scores are associated with healthier communities due to an increased access to health-related resources and quality healthcare.

According to the AARP Livability Index, an average community livability score is 50, an above-average score is over 50, and a below-average score is below 50.