History of Spanish Fork

Spanish Fork is a growing community of 37,000 people which strives to maintain a high quality of life by providing an outstanding environment for working, recreating and enjoying life. We believe in pride and progress, and we are the only community in Utah that owns and operates a municipal cable TV and high speed internet service.

Spanish Fork is located at the junction of Interstate 15 and US Highway 6. Interstate 15 leads directly to Las Vegas and Southern California to the south and to Salt Lake City and Interstate 80 to the north. US Highway 6 leads to the Denver Metropolitan Area via Interstate 70 heading east.

Spanish Fork is nestled along the Wasatch mountain range and Utah Lake.

The City is 50 miles south of Salt Lake City and 10 miles south of Provo.

In 1850 Enoch Reece settled the first home in the Spanish Fork area; he laid claim to 400 acres of land with 200 head of cattle belonging. In the winter of 1850-1851 a few families settled along the Spanish Fork River.

By the end of 1852 the population along the river had grown to over 100 families. In January of 1855 the area of Spanish Fork incorporated as a city. Soon after incorporation, the first Icelandic immigrants settled between 1855 and 1860. These Icelandic pioneers established the first permanent Icelandic settlement in the United States.

By 1860, the population had grown to 1,069. Spanish Fork inhabitants were of Irish, English, Scottish, Welsh, and Scandinavian descent. Ten years later, the population had reached 1,450. Spanish Fork City erected its first school house in 1862, a one room structure complete with a shingle roof. In 1910, the Thurber School was built. The present day City government offices are housed in the renovated school.

Spanish Fork built a light and power system in 1909, which was completed and connected with the government power plant in 1910. The development of the Strawberry Valley Reclamation Project in 1919 has had a significant impact on the City and surrounding area. It allowed for cultivation of thousands of acres, and also provided the City with a stable supply of water.
Within minutes of the City are numerous outdoor locations for camping, picnicking, hiking, biking, fishing, and skiing.

City Government

Elected Officials:

**Mayor Steve Leifson**  
801.798.7875  
sleifson@spanishfork.org

**Councilman Rod Dart**  
801.798.2315  
rdart@spanishfork.org

**Councilman Richard Davis**  
801.372.2941  
rmdavis@spanishfork.org

**Councilman Brandon Gordon**  
801.369.5001  
bgordon@spanishfork.org

**Councilman Mike Mendenhall**  
801.358.6229  
mikem@spanishfork.org

**Councilman Kier Scoubes**  
801.798.2891  
kscoubes@spanishfork.org

Volunteer Groups:

- Airport Board
- Arts Council
- Board of Adjustment
- Fiesta Days Committee
- Fire/Ambulance
- Economic Development Committee
- Historical Committee
- Library Board
- Miss Spanish Fork Pageant
- Parks and Recreation Committee
- Planning Commission
- Rodeo Commission
- Senior Citizens Committee
- Shade Tree Commission

City Administration

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<th>Position</th>
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<tr>
<td>City Manager</td>
<td>Dave Oyler</td>
<td>801.804.4536</td>
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<td>Assistant City Manager</td>
<td>Seth Perrins</td>
<td>801.804.4536</td>
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<td>Finance Director</td>
<td>Kent Clark</td>
<td>801.804.4520</td>
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<td>Public Works Director</td>
<td>Chris Thompson</td>
<td>801.804.4553</td>
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<td>City Attorney</td>
<td>Junior Baker</td>
<td>801.804.4676</td>
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<td>Community and Economic Development Director</td>
<td>Dave Anderson</td>
<td>801.804.4586</td>
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<td>Public Safety Director</td>
<td>Steve Anderson</td>
<td>801.804.4705</td>
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<td>IT Director</td>
<td>John Bowcut</td>
<td>801.804.4411</td>
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<td>Parks and Recreation Director</td>
<td>Dale Robinson</td>
<td>801.804.4610</td>
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<td>Library Director</td>
<td>Pam Jackson</td>
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Professional Sports

- Utah Jazz (NBA)
- Utah Grizzlies (IHL)
- Salt Lake Bees (Pacific League Baseball)
- Real Salt Lake (MLS)
- Orem Owlz (Pioneer League Baseball)

Ski Resorts

- Alta
- Brighton
- Deer Valley
- The Canyons
- Park City
- Snowbird
- Solitude
- Sundance

National Parks

- Arches
- Canyonlands
- Zion
- Bryce
- Capital Reef
**Education**

**University of Colleges:**
- Brigham Young University
  - 34,101 undergraduate students
- Utah Valley University
  - 33,395 undergraduate students
- MATC
  - 6,504 students
- Provo College
  - 384 students

**Local Schools:**
- 10 Elementary Schools in Spanish Fork (Grades K-6)
- 3 Junior High Schools in Spanish Fork (Grades 7-9)
- 4 High Schools in Spanish Fork (Grades 9-12):
  - Landmark High School
  - American Leadership Academy
  - Spanish Fork
  - Maple Mountain

**Nebo School District:**
- 31,251 Students in 2014
- 2,026 Students Graduated High School in 2014
- 91% High School Graduation Rate

**Nebo School District**
- 350 South Main Street
- Spanish Fork, Utah 84660
- 801.354.7400
- [www.nebo.edu](http://www.nebo.edu)

**Media Contact Information**

**Television:**
- Channel 2 (KUTV CBS)
  - 801.818.0140
- Channel 4 (KTVX ABC)
  - 801.975.4444
- Channel 5 (KSL-TV NBC)
  - 801.224.5806
- Channel 7 (PBS)
  - 801.581.7777
- Channel 11 (KBYU)
  - 801.378.8450
- Channel 13 (KSTU FOX)
  - 801.536.1313
- Channel 14 (KJZZ)
  - 801.537.1414

**Newspaper:**
- Associated Press
  - 801.322.3405
  - [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org)
- Daily Herald
  - 801.377.5590
  - [www.daily-herald.com](http://www.daily-herald.com)
- Deseret News
  - 801.237.2100
  - [www.deseretnews.com](http://www.deseretnews.com)
- Enterprise Business Journal
  - 801.533.0556
  - [www.slenterprise.com](http://www.slenterprise.com)
- Salt Lake Tribune
  - 801.237.2045
  - [www.sltrib.com](http://www.sltrib.com)

**Radio:**
- KSL (area news)
  - 801.575.5555
- Cumulus Media
  - 404-949-0700
- Clear Channel Broadcasting
  - 801.908.1300
- Simmons Media Group
  - 801.323.9836

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**Utility Information**

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<td>Sewer</td>
<td>$12.00 monthly base rate plus $1.30 per 1.000 gallons</td>
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<td>Culinary Water</td>
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<td>Pressurized Irrigation</td>
<td>$13.25 monthly base rate plus $0.87 per 1.000 gallons</td>
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<td>Electricity</td>
<td>$3.50 per month customer charge plus $0.08984 per kWh used</td>
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<td>Natural Gas</td>
<td>Questar Gas - 800.323.5517</td>
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<td>Telephone Service</td>
<td>Qwest Communications - 800.573.1311 or Spanish Fork - 801.804.4503</td>
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<td>High Speed Internet</td>
<td>Spanish Fork - 801.804.4503</td>
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<td>Cable TV</td>
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Within 30 minutes of Spanish Fork is a population of over 550,000 people, five colleges and universities with nearly 60,000 students.
**Growth and Quality of Life**

### Cost of Living

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<td>Per Capita Income</td>
<td>$18,129</td>
<td>$28,051</td>
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<td>Average Income Per Capita</td>
<td>$13,797.77</td>
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<td>Average Yearly Utility Cost a Month</td>
<td>$135.36</td>
<td>$163</td>
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### Average Household

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<td>21.1 Minutes</td>
<td>25.4 Minutes</td>
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<td>Retail Expenditure</td>
<td>$202,718</td>
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### Quality of Life

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<td>2,507.90</td>
<td>4,479.30</td>
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<td>Odds of Being a Victim in a Violent Crime</td>
<td>0.04%</td>
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### Households and Home Prices

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<td>Households</td>
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<td>Median Family Income</td>
<td>$64,376</td>
<td>$51,371</td>
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<td>Median Home Purchase Costs</td>
<td>$239,800</td>
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<td>Median Home Value</td>
<td>$199,300</td>
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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$61,737</td>
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### Elevation & Weather

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<td>4,500 Feet</td>
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<td>Avg. Sunny Days</td>
<td>226 days</td>
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<td>Precipitation Days</td>
<td>87 days</td>
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<td>Avg. Rainfall</td>
<td>19 inches</td>
<td>36.5 inches</td>
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<td>Avg. Snowfall</td>
<td>51 inches</td>
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### Job Growth

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<td>Unemployment Rate</td>
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<td>5.37%</td>
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<td>47.70%</td>
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<td>Businesses</td>
<td>524</td>
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### January to June 2014 Building Permits

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### June Building Permits

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### Demographic Profile

#### 2013 Census Bureau Estimate
- City Population: 551,891
- 2010 Census: 516,564
- 2000 Census: 368,536
- 1990 Census: 263,590
- Utah County Absolute Change 1990 - 2010: 252,974
- Utah County Percent Change 1990 - 2010: 95.97%

#### Persons Under 5 Years
- 2010 Census: 13%
- 2000 Census: 13%
- 1990 Census: 13%

#### Persons Under 18 Years
- 2010 Census: 40.9%
- 2000 Census: 40.9%
- 1990 Census: 40.9%

#### Persons 65 Years and Over
- 2010 Census: 5.5%
- 2000 Census: 5.5%
- 1990 Census: 5.5%

#### Retail Sales Per Capita
- $6,744

#### Homeownership
- 2010 Census: 77.7%
- 2000 Census: 77.7%
- 1990 Census: 77.7%

#### Median Home Value
- 2010 Census: $199,300
- 2000 Census: $199,300
- 1990 Census: $199,300

#### Median Household Income
- 2010 Census: $61,737
- 2000 Census: $61,737
- 1990 Census: $61,737

#### Persons Below Poverty Level
- 2010 Census: 7%
- 2000 Census: 7%
- 1990 Census: 7%

#### High School Graduate or Higher
- 2010 Census: 92.2%
- 2000 Census: 92.2%
- 1990 Census: 92.2%

#### Bachelor’s Degree or Higher
- 2010 Census: 26.7%
- 2000 Census: 26.7%
- 1990 Census: 26.7%

#### Race and Ethnicity
- White: 85.7%
- African American: 0.4%
- American Indian: 0.5%
- Asian: 0.6%
- Hispanic: 10.6%

#### City Population Estimates
- 2000: 20246
- 2006: 29356
- 2007: 30569
- 2008: 32692
- 2009: 33692
- 2010: 34691
- 2011: 35788
- 2012: 36277
- 2013: 36923
Major Employers

Mountain Country Foods
 www.mcfoods.com
 385 employees
 Manufacture and package treats for pets.

Klune Industries
www.klune.com
 200 employees
 Integrated engineering and manufacturing company; principally producing aerospace components for civil and military use.

SAPA
 www.sapa.com
 209 employees
 High quality aluminum extrusions.

KapStone Paper
 www.kapstonepaper.com
 200 employees
 Manufacturer of paper packaging products.

Precorp, Inc.
www.precorp.net
 120 employees
 Tool manufacturing.

JC Penny’s
 109 employees
 Distribution Center.

Nebo School District
 www.nebo.edu
 94 employees
 Administration office for public school district.

CSB
 www.csbnutrition.com
 90 employees
 Nutraceutical packaging.

Rocky Mountain Composites
 www.rockymountaincomposites.com
 65 employees
 Design and manufacture composite materials: filament winding, fiber-ready composites and tooling.

PDM Steel
 www.pdmsteel.com
 61 employees
 Steel processing.

Realtors, Contractors and Architects

Relators
Cushman Wakefield Commerce 801.322.2000
Industrial Brokers 801.836.8996
Mountain West 801.578.5555
Prudential Utah Elite 801.224.1000

Appraisers
Brandley and Associates 801.798.8030
Darling Appraising 801.794.3180

Architects
Giles, Stransky, Brems, Smith 801.521.8600
KMA and Associates 801.377.5062
MHTN 801.595.6700
VCBO 801.531.1144

Engineers
Atlas Engineering 801.655.0566
Coles Surveying 801.423.1040
Ensign Engineering 801.255.0529
LEI 801.798.0555
Northern Engineering 801.802.8992

Financial Institutions
America First Credit Union 801.223.3970
Bank of American Fork 801.794.3500
Central Bank 801.798.7481
Chase Bank 801.798.7428
Mountain America Credit Union 801.798.0333
Nebo Credit Union 801.798.3679
Rock Canyon Bank 801.798.3522
Utah Community Credit Union 801.223.8188
Wells Fargo Bank 801.798.9270
Zions Bank 801.798.8683

General Contractors
Big D Construction 801.769.7300
Cameron Construction 801.268.3584
Jacobson Construction 801.973.0500
Layton Companies 801.568.9090
Oakland Construction 801.486.0144
R and O Construction 801.627.1403