

Lindon City Community Profile Section

This section of the City's 2010-2011 presents' information regarding the City's rich culture, location, population, education, economic development, and statistics.

Lindon History (pages 14-15)

The history of Lindon describes the rich cultural background that residents enjoy on a daily basis.

Lindon location (page 15)

The location of Lindon is centered between Orem City and Pleasant Grove City, and gives details on elevation, acres, and boundaries.

Lindon Land Use, Population, Education, Economic Development (page 15-16)

Voted 74th in the nation as one of the best small towns to live in, this section gives more detailed information regarding the land use, population, education, and economic development of Lindon City.

Lindon Statistics (pages 16-22)

This section covers all the statistical information of the City such as population projections, population make-up, and the assessed value of the City, recreation statistics, and police statistics.

LINDON CITY COMMUNITY PROFILE



Lindon

Lindon was first settled in 1850 by Mormon pioneers. Lindon was initially known as Stringtown because all the homes were built along one road. When the City was incorporated on March 5, 1924, with a population of “458 souls,” the town petitioned the government for a formal post office to be named Linden, after the Linden tree. The post office approved the paperwork as Lindon instead of Linden. The name has never been changed.

The following paragraphs contain information regarding Lindon’s (a) history, (b) location, (c) beauty, (d) land use, (e) population, (f) education, (g) economic development, (h) service and statistics.

History

Established in 1850, Lindon has an abundant cultural and historical background. As an outgrowth of Pleasant Grove, originally known as Stringtown because the houses were built along a single road, the City’s layout was unique from other valley cities. The land was divided into clusters and subdivisions rather than along stream beds. This caused water having to be diverted along the new lines. Over the past century Lindon has seen organized development, but it has tried to remain true to its motto: “A little bit of country.”

Some notable historic sites include:

- ◆ The Gillman Farm – 584 West Gillman Lane. James Henry Gillman bought 10 acres of land late in the 1800s. Now, over a hundred years later, four generations of Gillman’s have restored and still works the land today. The Gillman Farm has been identified as one of Utah’s “Century Farms.”
- ◆ Lindon Cider Mill – 395 North State Street. Built by Lewis Robinson in 1857, the Lindon Cider Mill provided cider for City residents every fall and winter. Later in the summer, residents would use the aged cider as vinegar. Today the cider mill stands with its original honeycomb limestone that was quarried from American Fork Canyon.
- ◆ Lindon Ward Chapel – 400 North and Main. The Lindon Ward Chapel was built by early LDS members who settled in Lindon in the late 1800s. The chapel was dedicated in 1891 by Reed Smoot, a member of the quorum of the twelve apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Today, the original iron fence and pine trees remain where the church once stood.

- ◆ Lindon Elementary School – Main and Center. On the Corner of Main Street and Center Street the Lindon Elementary school was built for \$5,200 in 1900, and was annexed by the Pleasant Grove School District and was torn down in 1966. A new school was constructed for \$510,000 in November 1967.

Location

Lindon City is located in North Utah County, approximately 40 minutes south of Salt Lake City, and 15 minutes north of Provo, Utah. It extends east to the Wasatch Mountains and the Great Western Trail and west to the Lindon Marina on Utah Lake. The City shares a boundary with Orem on the south and with Pleasant Grove and American Fork on the north. The mean elevation of the City is 4,640 feet above sea level. The City has an area of about 5,453 acres.

A Beautiful Place

Lindon City is a beautiful and fun place to live. Ranked in 2009 by CNN Money Magazine as the 74th best small towns in America to live in, residents here think Lindon should have been number 1. A variety of sights and activities for people of all ages can be found in and around the Lindon area. Utah Lake, Utah's largest freshwater lake lies to the west of Lindon's marina and offers a wide array of activities such as boating, waterskiing, and fishing. A paved scenic trail runs through the City and under State Street called the Lindon Heritage Trail. This trail can be used for bicycling, jogging, walking, or horseback riding. Mountain ranges, such as the beautiful Wasatch Mountains to the east and the White and Oquirrh Mountains to the northwest, can also be found within a forty-five minute drive of the City and offer activities such as hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping, and skiing.

Land Use

Lindon City has three basic types of land use: residential, commercial, and industrial. About 50 percent of the land is zoned for residential, while 27 percent of the land is zoned commercial. Approximately 20 percent of Lindon is zoned for industrial/manufacturing uses. Approximately 64 percent of the land within the City has been developed to date.

Population

According to the 2008 Census, Lindon has a population of 10,466 and a median annual household income of \$77,613. Total build-out population estimates for Lindon City are about 15,000 to 17,000. The City in the past experienced a yearly growth rate of around three percent, but with the economic downturn that growth rate has slowed substantially.

Education

The Alpine School District operates the public schools in Lindon. Lindon Elementary, Rocky Mountain Elementary, Timpanogos Academy and Oak Canyon Junior High School are in Lindon. Lindon students also attend Aspen Elementary and Pleasant Grove High School. The City is 10 minutes from Utah Valley University in Orem and 15 minutes from Brigham Young University in Provo. There are also several smaller universities, community colleges, and vocational institutions that can be found in and around the surrounding Utah Valley.

Maeser Academy is a charter school also located in Lindon that hosts grades 7-12. Maeser Academy was published in Newsweek as the best school in the state, ranking it 232 in the nation. Humbly housed in a former bowling alley for the last three years, soon to move temporarily to a former church building until its permanent campus building is complete, the outward appearance of the fledgling school belies its achievement.

Maeser Academy is a tuition-free, publicly funded charter school, and focuses on mentoring as our model for teaching. Faculty uses the Socratic method of teaching to bring out student interests and involvement.

Of residents at least 25 years old, 93.1% have a high school education, 32.9% have a bachelor's degree, and 11.7% have a graduate or professional degree.

Economic Development

Lindon City is bisected by Interstate 15 with two freeway interchange accesses in Lindon. The City has created a business-friendly climate. Major employers include Modus Media, Canopy Group, Altiris Inc., Teleperformance USA, Utah Pacific Bridge & Steel, Mountain State Steel, Sunroc Corp, Home Depot, Wal-mart, and Stock Building Supply. Major taxpayers include Wal-mart, Home Depot, Sunroc Corp, Burton Lumber, Stock Building Supply, Hyundai, Larry H. Miller Lexus and Mercedes Dealerships, Low Book Auto Sales and Wheeler Machinery, and Harley Davidson Motorcycles.

Service and Statistics

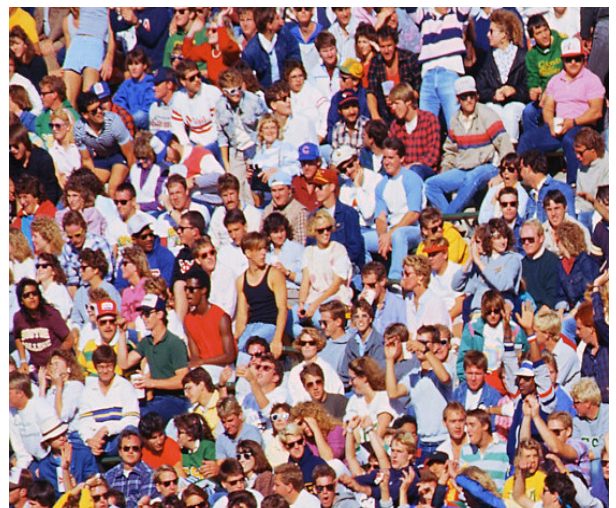
The following pages contain several statistics relating to the services provided by the City. Numbers for statistics are supplied by individual City Departments. Current population numbers are supplied by the Planning and Zoning Department, while population projections are supplied by Mountainland Association of Governments.



Dry Canyon in Lindon at dusk

General Information	
Date of Incorporation:	March 5, 1924
Form of Government:	Traditional
Assessed Value of the City:	\$844,311,895
Full-time City Employees:	41
Three quarter time Employees:	1
Part-time Regular City Employees (Non-seasonal):	2
Area of the City (sq. Miles):	8.4
Population Growth Rate:	0.50%
2010 Population estimate (2008 Census):	10,466
Average Household Income	\$77,613
Population Make-up	
White	94.40%
Hispanic	3.30%
African American	0.20%
Pacific Islander	0.16%
Native American	0.22%
Other	1.72%
Sex	
Male	50.70%
Female	49.30%
Age	
Median Age	22.4
Under 18 Years	42.90%
18 to 24 Years	10.50%
25 to 44 Years	27.20%
45 to 64 Years	14.40%
65 and Older	5.00%

Population Projections	
Current 2008:	10,466
2010	10,780
2020	11,858
2030	13,044
2040	14,348
2050	15,783
*Total build-out would be 17,000	



Recreation	
Aquatics Center	1
Parks:	13
Park Acreage (developed)	56.4
Playgrounds:	5
Sports Fields:	9
Swimming Pools: (in one facility)	5
Ski Resorts within 40 miles:	5
Lakes within 40 miles:	20
Community Center	1



Entertainment and Arts	
Restaurants:	14
Hotels and Motels:	1
Parades:	1
Rodeos:	1
Total Businesses:	784

Churches

Fellowship Bible Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints



Community Development

New Building Permits Issued (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010):	20
New Residence Single-Family	14
New Residence Multi-Family	1
New Commercial	5
Total Building Permits issued	144

Healthcare Facilities

IHC Insta-care Centers
Nearby Hospitals:
American Fork
Orem Community
Timpanogos Regional
Utah Valley Regional



Streets and Transportation	
Miles of Paved Streets:	55
Number of Street Lights:	322
Major Highway:	I-15
Nearby Major Highways:	I-80 and I-215
Distance to International Airport:	37.9 miles
Public Transportation:	UTA Bus Routes



Sewer and Drainage System	
Sewer Line Miles Inspected	10.4
Total Sewer Line Miles	46
Storm Drains (in miles)	18
Treatment Facilities (located in Orem):	1 Service District
Sewer Service Connections:	2,715



Police Protection	
(Numbers based off a calendar year 1/1/09-12/31/09)	
Stations:	1
Full-time Police Officers:	14
Patrol units:	14
Calls for Service:	12,008
Offenses:	5,918
Arrests	1314
Traffic Accidents	311
Fire Protection	
*Contracted with Orem City	\$1,088,727



Culinary Water	
Residential accounts serviced	2,715
Average daily consumption (thousands of gallons)	416
Water Main Line Miles	71
Storage capacity (thousands of gallons)	3,830

