Syracuse — #1 of 10: Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)



Syracuse has Utah’s longest commute

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Syracuse leads the Ogden-Clearfield metro and Utah in average commute time.

This 28.5-minute average reflects a growing trend of urban sprawl and decentralized employment centers. The data suggests that while Syracuse remains a residential hub, its proximity to key industrial zones in Box Elder County has created a unique labor geography—where workers travel longer distances for jobs that are not concentrated in a central business district.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-14-ogden-clearfield-commute-place-long



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Commuting is a signal of market resilience

In this context, commute time becomes a proxy for economic diversification—not a burden. The market is not simply growing; it is evolving in a way that spreads opportunity beyond traditional urban cores, making peripheral areas like Syracuse increasingly viable for both work and residence.

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Commuting patterns reveal future land use

Investors and developers should view long commutes not as a deterrent but as a leading indicator. The next wave of real estate value will not be in the core cities but in the transit corridors and infill zones that connect Syracuse to the broader Ogden-Clearfield economy—particularly along the I-15 corridor and near the Box Elder County industrial parks.

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