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Ogden-Clearfield ranks tied for first among Utah's five metros in job market improvement.

This -0.4% decline in the unemployment rate over the past year signals strong labor market resilience. The data reflects a narrowing of joblessness across Weber, Davis, Morgan, and Box Elder counties, suggesting sustained hiring momentum despite national headwinds. The improvement is not isolated to one sector but spans construction, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing.



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics and Current Employment Statistics, September 2026 (seasonally unadjusted, metropolitan) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-19-ogden-clearfield-lab-bls-unemp-rate-chg-12m-msa

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Job Growth Is Driving Home Demand

The correlation between falling unemployment and rising home demand suggests that current inventory levels may not keep pace with future needs. This is not just a cyclical uptick — it's structural, driven by long-term workforce retention and business expansion in the region.

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Labor Market Strength Outpaces National Trends

The fact that it matches Salt Lake City-Murray — the state's largest metro — in job market improvement underscores the region's competitive edge. This is not a lagging indicator; it's a leading one, signaling confidence in long-term economic stability.

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