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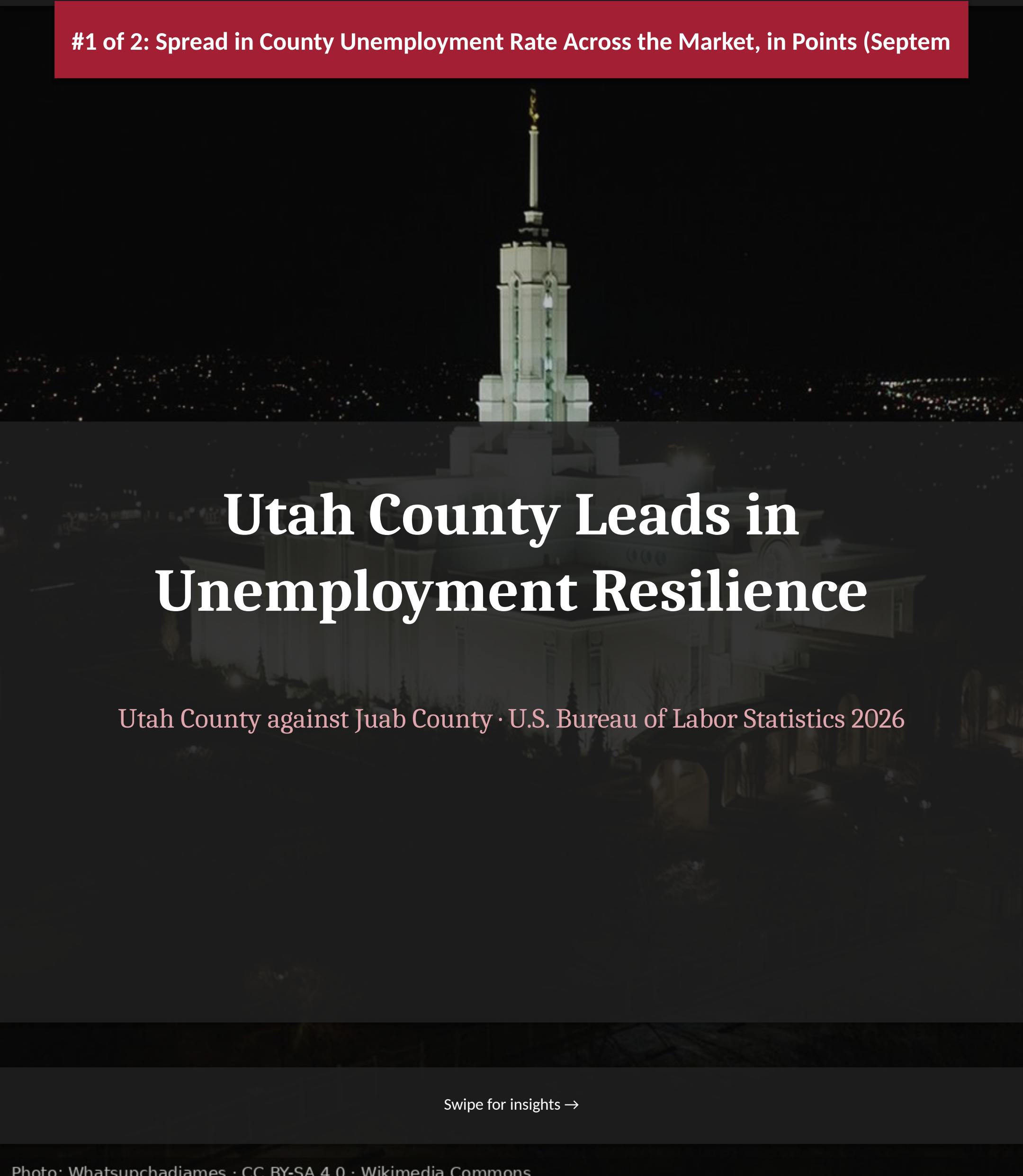

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The gap between Utah County and Juab County's unemployment rates in September 2026.

This 0.4-point spread reflects a pronounced internal divergence within the Provo-Orem-Lehi market. While Utah County maintains a low 3.3% unemployment rate, Juab County sits at 2.9%—a gap that underscores uneven economic integration across the metro. This divergence is not a sign of weakness, but of structural differentiation: Utah County's concentration in tech, education, and healthcare drives a tighter labor market, while Juab County's reliance on agriculture and light industry results in a more flexible, but less anchored, employment base.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, September 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) · ALEX Intelligence computation
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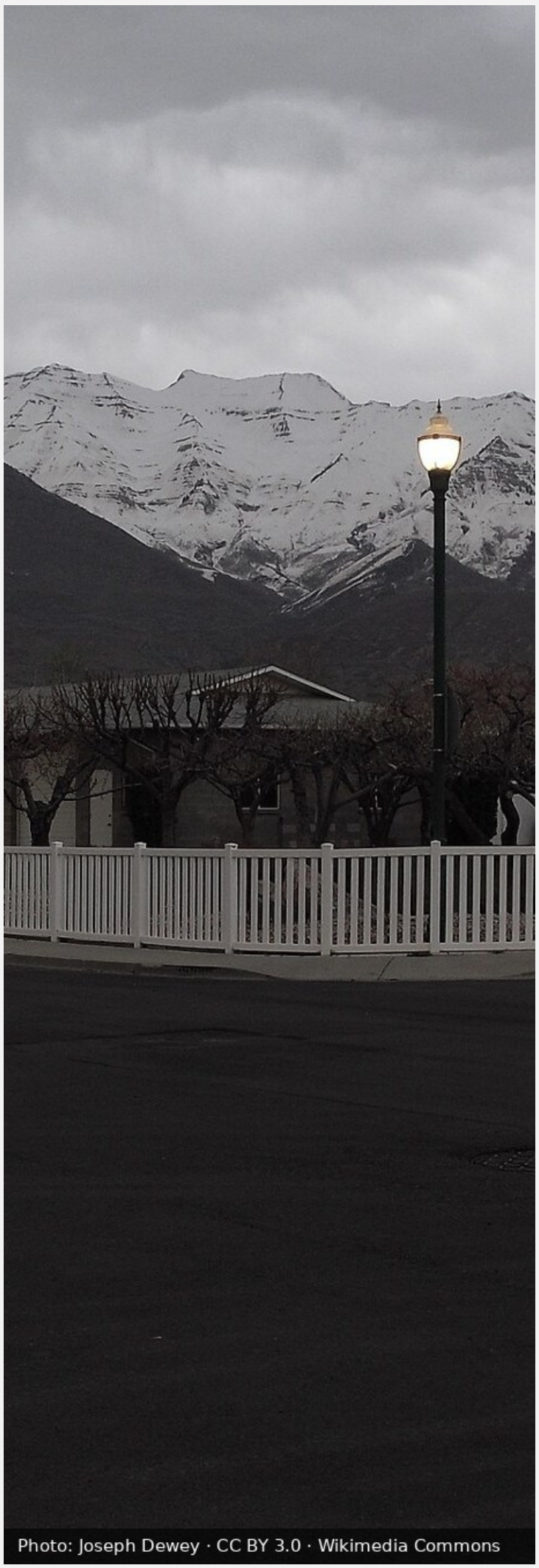

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The Hidden Advantage of Labor Market Density

Utah County’s 3.3% unemployment rate isn’t just a number—it’s a signal of deep labor market saturation in high-growth sectors. The 0.4-point gap with Juab County reflects not a regional imbalance, but a deliberate clustering of talent and capital. This density enables faster innovation cycles, stronger wage growth, and greater investor confidence. Proximity to Brigham Young University and the expanding tech corridor ensures that job creation outpaces labor supply, reinforcing the county’s position as the metro’s economic anchor.

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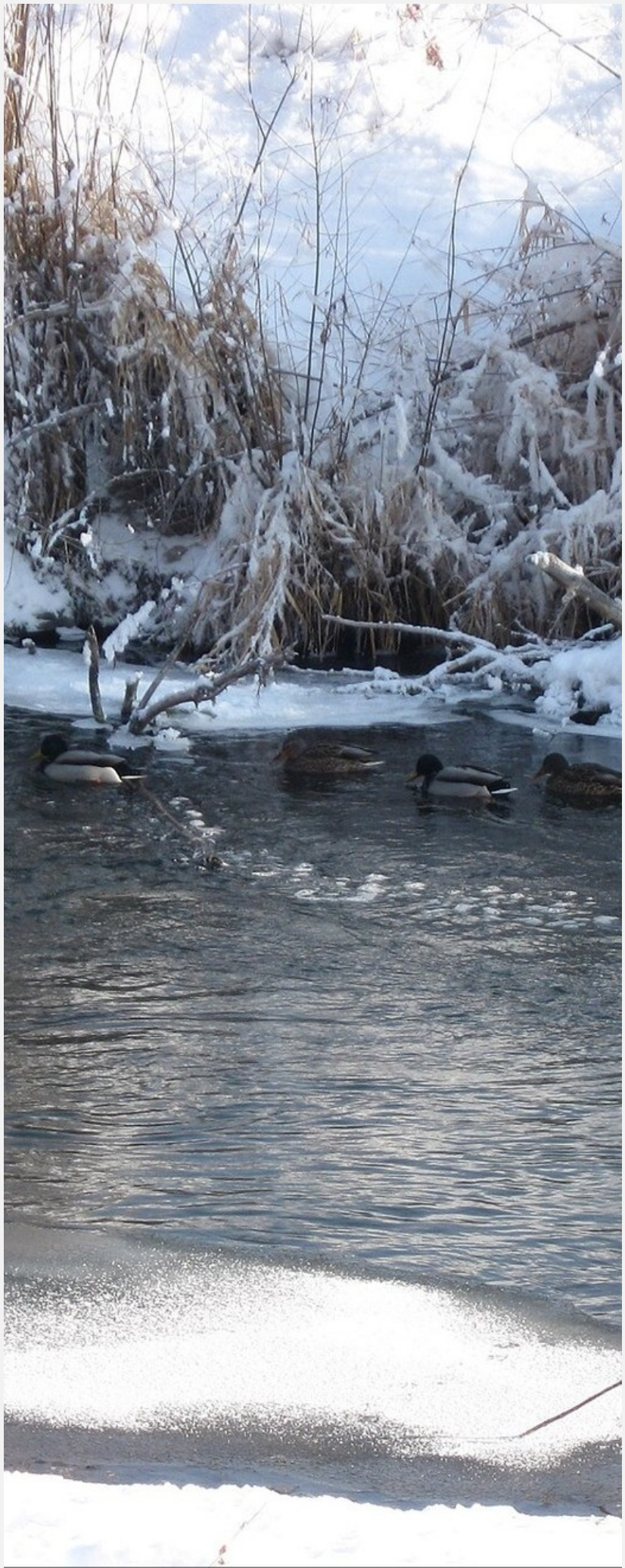

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The Risk of Fragmented Growth

The 0.4-point spread reveals a growing risk: as Utah County becomes more economically insulated, Juab County risks becoming a secondary labor pool with limited upward mobility. Without targeted infrastructure or workforce development programs, this gap could harden into long-term regional inequality. The Provo-Orem-Lehi market's future stability depends not on uniformity, but on whether Juab County can leverage its lower unemployment to attract value-added industries—without being left behind in the region's innovation economy.

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