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Salt Lake City-Murray's income gap barely moved

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0.3%

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This marks the smallest shift in the income gap among top-tier U.S. metro areas.

The 0.3% change in the earnings gap between incoming and outgoing households in Salt Lake City-Murray reflects a rare equilibrium in migration dynamics. Unlike most high-growth regions where new arrivals out-earn leavers, this stability suggests a balanced labor market with limited income polarization. This is especially notable given national trends of rising inequality and housing cost displacement.



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Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2022-23 and 2023-24 · ALEX Intelligence computation
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Stability over disparity

The minimal change in the income gap signals that Salt Lake City-Murray is not experiencing the typical polarization seen in fast-growing metros. High-income arrivals are not systematically outpacing departing residents in earnings, suggesting a more equitable distribution of economic gains. This equilibrium may be due to strong local employment in sectors like tech, healthcare, and public services that attract a broad income spectrum.

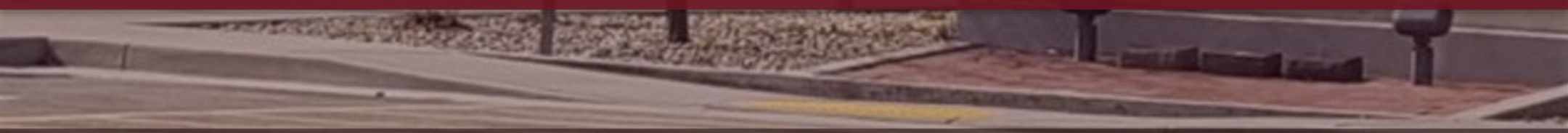


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A resilient migration engine

The fact that the gap hasn’t widened despite rising housing costs and interest rates implies that the market is absorbing new residents without a sharp rise in income inequality. This suggests a mature, self-sustaining economy where job creation matches population inflow. It also hints at strong retention of mid- and high-income workers who are not fleeing, even as housing affordability pressures mount.

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