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**SOUTH JORDAN SECOND FASTEST GROWING CITY IN UNITED STATES.**

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New United States Census Bureau numbers show that South Jordan City was the second fastest growing large city in the United States between 2011-2012. The numbers showed that South Jordan City grew from 50,418 to 55,934, an increase of 4.87%, second only to San Marcos, Texas' growth of 4.91%. Fifteen cities were ranked in all, with eight of the cities located in Texas. South Jordan was the only Utah city on the list, and the only mountain west region city to make the list.

"We've continued to enjoy in South Jordan a very positive influx of high-income residents," Mayor Scott Osborne said. Those moving to South Jordan tend to be well-educated professionals with larger than average families, he said. Mayor Osborne said the city's average home value is about \$380,000 these days. "It's not an especially inexpensive place to build and buy," he noted. City Economic Development Director Brian Preece commented on the city's rapid growth, stating that the City's flexible and professional approach to development was an advantage. The city built a reputation as "a place the developers knew was a welcoming environment," Preece said. "And without the developers, no city gets built."

Future growth in South Jordan is likely to come from a 4,100 acre development project in the western side of the city known as "Daybreak". Built by Rio Tinto's Kennecott Land Company, the development boasts apartments, townhomes, single family homes, two light rail connections, a new University of Utah hospital, a man-made lake and shopping. Currently the development is only around 25% complete with more growth planned.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb13-94.html>

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*The City of South Jordan, one of the fastest growing cities in the United States, is located 20 miles southwest of Salt Lake City, and home to 56,000 residents. In 2010 and 2012, South Jordan was named the #18 "Best Place to Live in America" by Money Magazine.*



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