

# Distance to maternity care in Utah

Women in rural Utah often have to travel an hour or more to access labor and delivery care, prenatal care, and other maternity services.

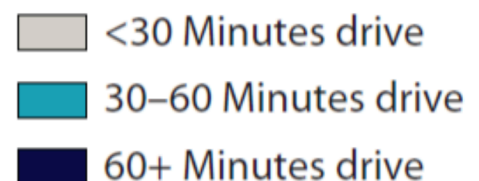
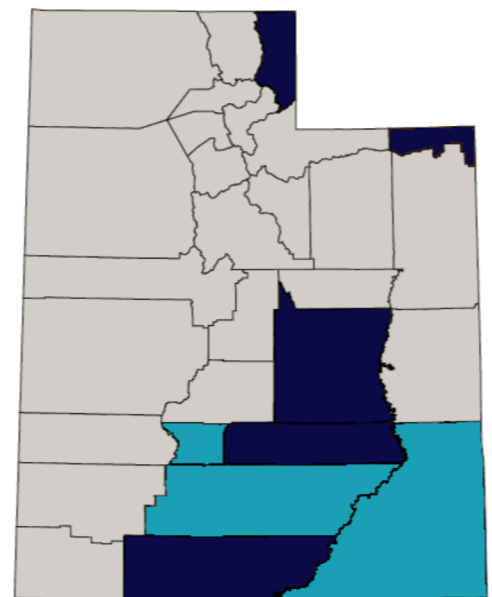
The amount of time and distance to travel to a care facility are significant and add to the risk of complications.

Distance is especially significant for low-income and rural Utah families, as this may require or consume scarce resources such as:

- money for gas
- time off work
- lost wages
- access to reliable vehicles
- child-care for other children.

In 5 Utah counties the average time to drive to the nearest birthing hospital is over an hour. In 3 counties it's at least 30 minutes.

**Average driving time to the nearest birthing hospital By county**



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