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# Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge



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## Citizenship in the Community

- 1) Discuss with your counselor what citizenship in the community means and what it takes to be a good citizen in your community. Discuss the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship, and explain how you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, Scouting unit, place of worship, or school.
- 2) Do the following:
  - a. On a map of your community, locate and point out the following:
    - i. Chief government buildings such as your city hall, county courthouse, and public works/services facility
    - ii. Fire station, police station, and hospital nearest your home
    - iii. Historical or other interesting points
  - b. Chart the organization of your local or state government. Show the top offices and tell which are elected or appointed
- 3) Do the following:
  - a. Attend a city or town council or school board meeting, or a municipal; county, or state court session.
  - b. Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinions was expressed, and explain to your counselor why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one.
- 4) Choose an issue that is important to the citizens of your community; then do the following:
  - a. Find out which branch of local government is responsible for this issue.
  - b. With your counselor's and parent's approval, interview one person from the branch of government you identified in requirement 4a. Ask what is being done about this issue and how young people can help.
  - c. Share what you have learned with your counselor.
- 5) With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.
- 6) List some of the services (such as the library, recreation center, public transportation, and public safety) your community provides that are funded by taxpayers. Tell your counselor why these services are important to your community.
- 7) Do the following:
  - a. Choose a charitable organization outside of Scouting that interests you and brings people in your community together to work for the good of your community.
  - b. Using a variety of resources (including newspapers, fliers and other literature, the Internet, volunteers, and employees of the organization), find out more about this organization.
  - c. With your counselor's and your parents approval, contact the organization and find out what young people can do to help. While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.
- 8) Develop a public presentation (such as a video, slide show, speech, digital presentation, or photo exhibit) about important and unique aspects of your community. Include information about the history, cultures, and ethnic groups of your community; its best features and popular places where people gather; and the challenges it faces. Stage your presentation in front of your merit badge counselor or a group, such as your patrol or a class at school.

**Requirement 1**

What does citizenship in the community mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What does it take to be a good citizen in your community? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are the rights, duties, and obligations of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Explain how you can demonstrate good citizenship in your community, scouting unit, place of worship, or school: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Requirement 2-A

Match the following South Jordan City buildings, historical sites and points of interest with the stars on the map.

South Jordan City properties:

1. City Hall / Police Station
2. Community Center
3. Municipal Service Building
4. Gale Center of History and Culture
5. Fitness and Aquatic Center
6. Cemetery
7. Mulligans Golf & Games
8. Fire Station 61
9. Fire Station 62

Other points of interest:

Equestrian Park (SL County)  
Library (SL County)  
U.S. Post Office  
Daybreak  
Jordan River Temple  
Oquirrh Mountain Temple  
Samuel Holt Homestead (Aunt Mame's Place)

*For additional information about historic sites and locations in South Jordan, visit the Gale Center of History and Culture (10300 South Beckstead Lane)*



# CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN Community Citizenship Map 2012



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5. Fitness and Aquatic Center
6. Cemetery
7. Mulligans Golf & Games
8. Fire Station 61
9. Fire Station 62
10. Jordan River Parkway and Fish Ponds

### Other points of interest:

11. Equestrian Park (SL County)
12. Library (SL County)
13. U.S. Post Office
14. Daybreak
15. Jordan River Temple
16. Oquirrh Mountain Temple
17. Samuel Holt Homestead (Aunt Mame's Place)
18. Rio Tinto Headquarters
19. Glenmoor Golf Course
20. Daybreak Community Center

**Requirement 2-B**

(Refer to “South Jordan Citizens” organization chart on last page of this packet or [www.sjc.utah.gov/pdf/orgchart.pdf](http://www.sjc.utah.gov/pdf/orgchart.pdf))

Which are the top offices? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Which are elected? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Which are appointed? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**South Jordan City Officials**

Scott L. Osborne	Mayor	City Manager	John Geilman
Mark Seethaler	City Council District 1	Assistant City Manager	Gary Whatcott
Chuck Newton	City Council District 2	Assistant City Manager	Laurie Johnson
Brian Butters	City Council District 3	Assistant City Manager/ Attorney	Rob Wall
Steve Barnes	City Council District 4		
Larry Short	City Council District 5	Municipal Court Judge	Clinton E. Balmforth

**Requirement 3**

For Requirement 3 you must attend a public meeting such as a City Council meeting. Attending City Council will give you a better understanding of community government in action. It is open and free to the public. Plan on taking notes of the meeting so you can discuss it with your merit badge counselor.

*City Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at South Jordan City Hall; 1600 West Towne Center Drive, 801-254-3742*

Choose one of the issues discussed at the meeting where a difference of opinions was expressed.

Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why you agree with one opinion more than you do another one: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Requirement 5

With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community.

## Requirement 6

Listed below are some of the services provided by South Jordan City that are funded by taxpayers.

### City Attorney

- Prosecutes traffic and criminal offenses
- Defends against lawsuits
- Analyzes and settles claims against the City

### Police Department

- Public Safety, Traffic Patrol, Animal Control, Investigations, Victims Services
- Crime prevention, Neighborhood Watch

### Fire Department

- Fire suppression, Fire prevention, Emergency medical care and Transportation
- Hazardous materials response, Rescue activities, Public education and Emergency response.

### Municipal Services (Public Works)

- Maintains roads and street lights, snow removal
- Garbage collection and Recycling
- Building Inspections, City Planning
- Maintains City parks, trails and public open spaces.

### Community Services

- Runs recreational activities such as sports, classes and special events
- Manages the Community Center and senior programs, Mulligans Golf & Games, the Fitness & Aquatic Center and the Gale Center of History & Culture

## Requirement 7

Choose a charitable organization outside of scouting that interests you and brings people in your community together to work for the good of your community.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Find out more about this organization. What did you learn?

With your counselor's and your parent's approval, contact the organization and find out what young people can do to help.

While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, tell your counselor what you have learned.

## Requirement 8

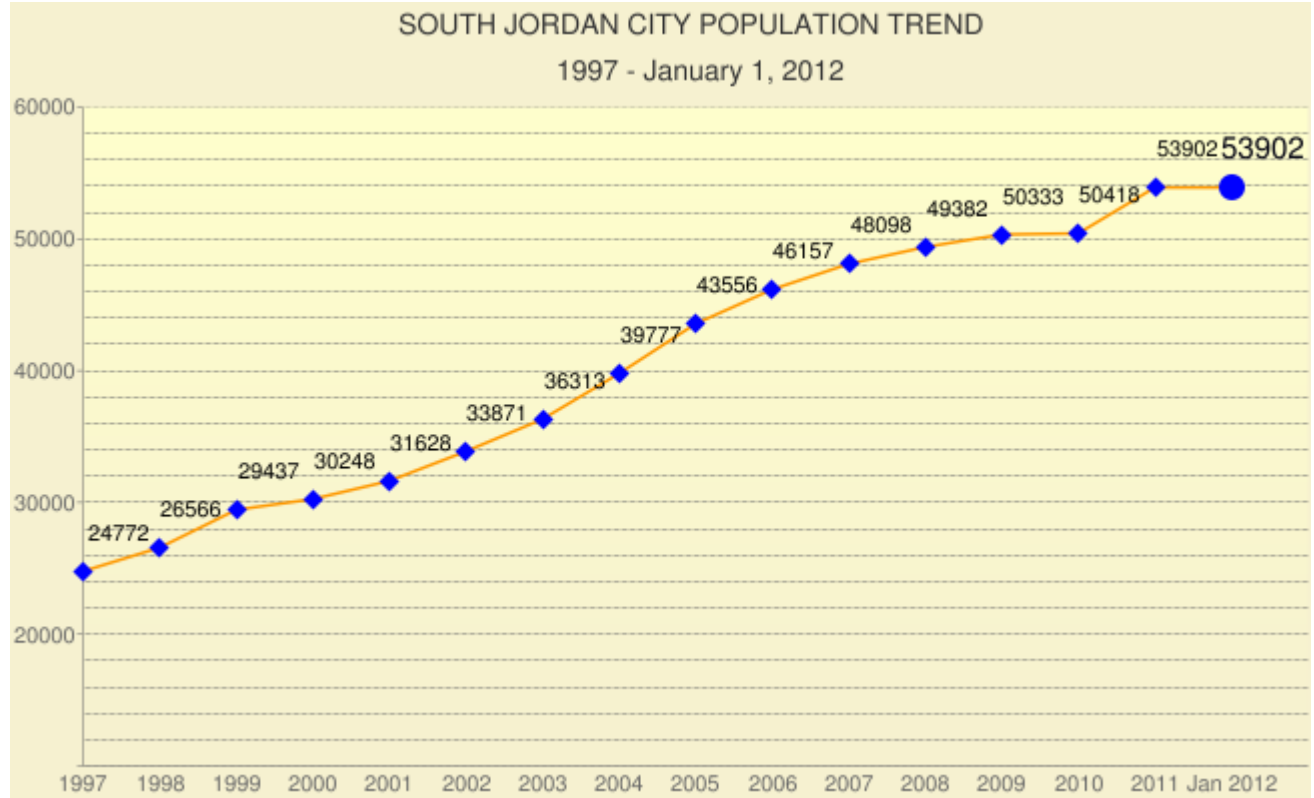
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### South Jordan Demographics

#### *Population Growth*

South Jordan City is one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Utah. Since 1960, the population has grown from 1,345 to **53,902** (January 1, 2012). South Jordan had the 2nd highest annual average growth rate from 1990 to 1999 in the State of Utah with 9.4%. South Jordan is one of the largest cities in the State of Utah and has been since 2000.

Residential growth will continue for the next 20 to 25 years until the City reaches its ultimate population projection (85,000 - 90,000). The growth is fueled by the availability of land, a community lifestyle based on open space, large lots, a rural atmosphere, and a general population increase in the Salt Lake Valley. Kennecott Land Development (4,100 Acres) has begun to be developed and with new residential neighborhoods, the City population could increase an additional 25,000 to 30,000 residents.



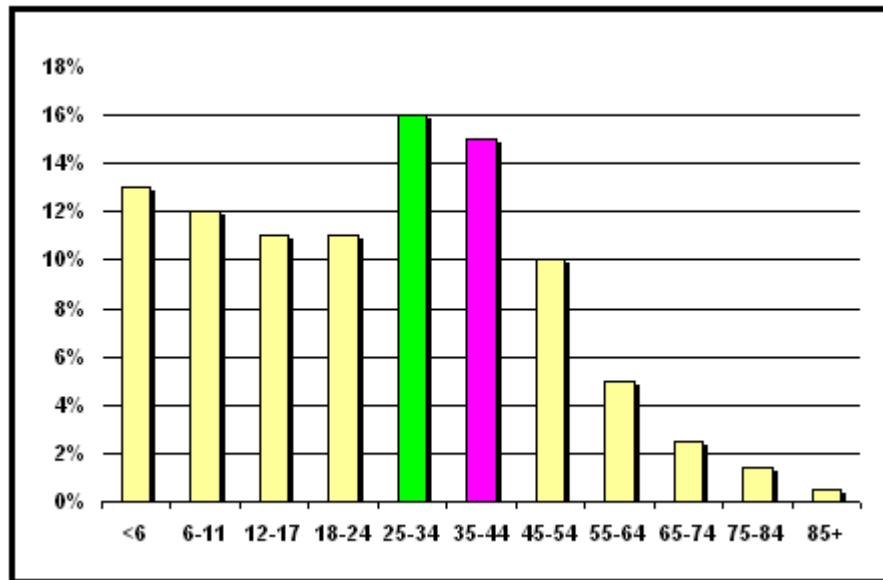
### ***Description of Households***

Of the City's nearly 9,300 households, 8,770 are single family residences, and 560 are multi-family. High home values are a reflection of the South Jordan City's stability and sense of community. South Jordan City has a median home value of \$221,800 (US Census Bureau). Also according to the Census, South Jordan City has an average of 3.9 persons per household. The following chart describes the households:

South Jordan Occupancy Per Household (HH)		South Jordan Family Structure	
HH w/1 Person	5.6%	HH w/Single Adult	5.0%
HH w/2 Persons	11.4%	HH w/Married Couple	87.1%
HH w/3+ Persons	83.0%	HH Single w/Children	5.0%
Avg. # Persons in HH	3.92	HH Married w/Children	58.0%

## Age

According to the 2000 US Census report, the median age is 25.3. The following chart will show the age distribution for the City of South Jordan.



## ***Education***

South Jordan's population is highly educated. According to the 2000 US Census, 95.8% of the City's population, 25 years and older, has a high school diploma or some college experience. Of the 95.8%, 30.9% have bachelor's degrees or higher. According to the Census only 3.7% of the population 25 years and older attended high school, but did not receive a high school diploma.

### **South Jordan Statistics** as of 5-1-08

Acreage	city total 18,301; city parks: 363
Median Age	27.5
Average Household Size	3.81
Household Income	Average \$93,351; Median \$97,645
% High School Graduates (population 25 and older)	95.8%
% College Degree Holders (population 25 and older)	30.9%
Housing Units	13,396
Median Home Value	\$346,000
Median Home Sales Price	\$415,000
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	26.1 min
July Temperature (average maximum)	83.4°F; 28.6°C
January Temperature (average minimum)	7.7°F; -13.5°C
Annual Precipitation (inches)	14.96"
Taxable Retail Sales 99-07	1999 \$49,123,425; 2007 \$515,354,605; +949%

***Personal Income***

High-income levels have a stabilizing effect upon economic growth and the high-income levels in South Jordan City are an attractive feature to incoming businesses. The following chart indicates the distribution of personal income in the City.

