

Community Demographics

No single geographical entity defines which students will attend Cottonwood High. Most Cottonwood High students live in three separate Salt Lake County cities. Students to the east and southeast of Cottonwood reside in Holladay. Those who live between 45th and 66th South along the corridor between 9th and 13th East have a Murray address. And a third group of students come to us from the west side of the valley in an area extending from 47th to 66th South and from 27th West to the Bangerter Highway. Some of our students also come from an unincorporated track of county land lying north of Van Winkle Expressway and east of Thirteenth East. We also serve a large population of Special Permit students who come from all over the valley, especially from Jordan District.

It is as difficult to define Cottonwood to a single set of demographic data as it is to define the typical Cottonwood student. Although the community statistics that appear here represent the home cities our students live in rather than the particular students that come to Cottonwood from those areas, we may still be able to draw some useful conclusions about our students' lives away from school that are based on the general trends and indicators. Because Utah itself tends toward homogeneity, these three communities in many ways share obvious similarities. Yet differences do exist, and some are significant.

- The racial composition of all three communities is predominantly white, ranging from a high of 95% in Holladay to a low of 85% in Taylorsville. Hispanics/Latinos comprise the largest minority population in all three areas, although the numbers differ greatly from east to west (Holladay: 1.9%; Murray: 7.5%; Taylorsville: 2.2%). Latinos comprise the fastest growing ethnic minority.
- English is not the primary language spoken at home by 8-15% of our students
- Our communities exceed or on par with the state average when it comes to high school graduates. The number of post graduates equal or bypass state averages in two of the three Cottonwood cities.
- One of the realities Granite District grapples with is burgeoning west side growth as reflected in the number of school-age children. While percentages may appear to be within close range of each other, the actual numbers of students are quite different.
Holladay: 20.4% = 2977
Murray: 19.9% = 6725
Taylorsville: 22.3% = 12,801
- The median home value in Holladay is \$273,100; in Murray, it's \$159,200; and in Taylorsville, \$138,100. Most people own the homes they live in, but rental units tend to be highest in Murray.
- Family and per capita income is highest in Holladay (\$66G+/\$35G+) and lowest in Taylorsville (\$47G+/\$17G+). Murray, however, has the highest poverty rate with 5.5% of its families and 6.3% of its individuals living below the poverty level.