

# Utah's network for education and healthcare

The Utah Education and Telehealth Network is a national leader among publicly-supported networks. One of only a few networks that provide internet connectivity for schools, universities, healthcare providers, state libraries and state agencies, it is among the most reliable and cost-efficient in the nation. Between 2021 and 2022, UETN's network traffic increased 26.8% - more than 225 petabytes of data

(imagine 400 years of continuously running 4K HD video). UETN's service model leverages free-market principles as internet providers competitively bid to provide statewide connectivity. It plays a central role in the economic development of Utah's private internet provider market that has ultimately helped Utah to become one of the most internet-connected states in the country.

#### **UETN Services**

#### **Network:**

- Hosts all internet traffic for K-12, universities, state agencies, state libraries, telehealth clinics and several local governments.
- Over 1,800 network connections via lease agreements with telecom providers statewide.
- For every 30 cents appropriated by the Legislature, UETN leverages 70 cents in federal funds from the Universal Service Fund on behalf of schools, universities, libraries and healthcare providers statewide.
- "Anchor tenant" model drives economies of scale, saving stakeholders over \$13.7M annually in networking costs.
- 24/7x365 network monitoring services include failover redundancy, security and outage monitoring, and professional networking services to local IT staff.

#### **Education:**

- Thousands of students utilize virtual learning and video conferencing services daily. This includes classroom video conferencing, Zoom, Webex and other platforms for all educational institutions.
- Statewide software licensing for K-12 and higher education saves Utah an average of \$11M per year.
   One example is Canvas - the learning management platform used by all public schools and universities.

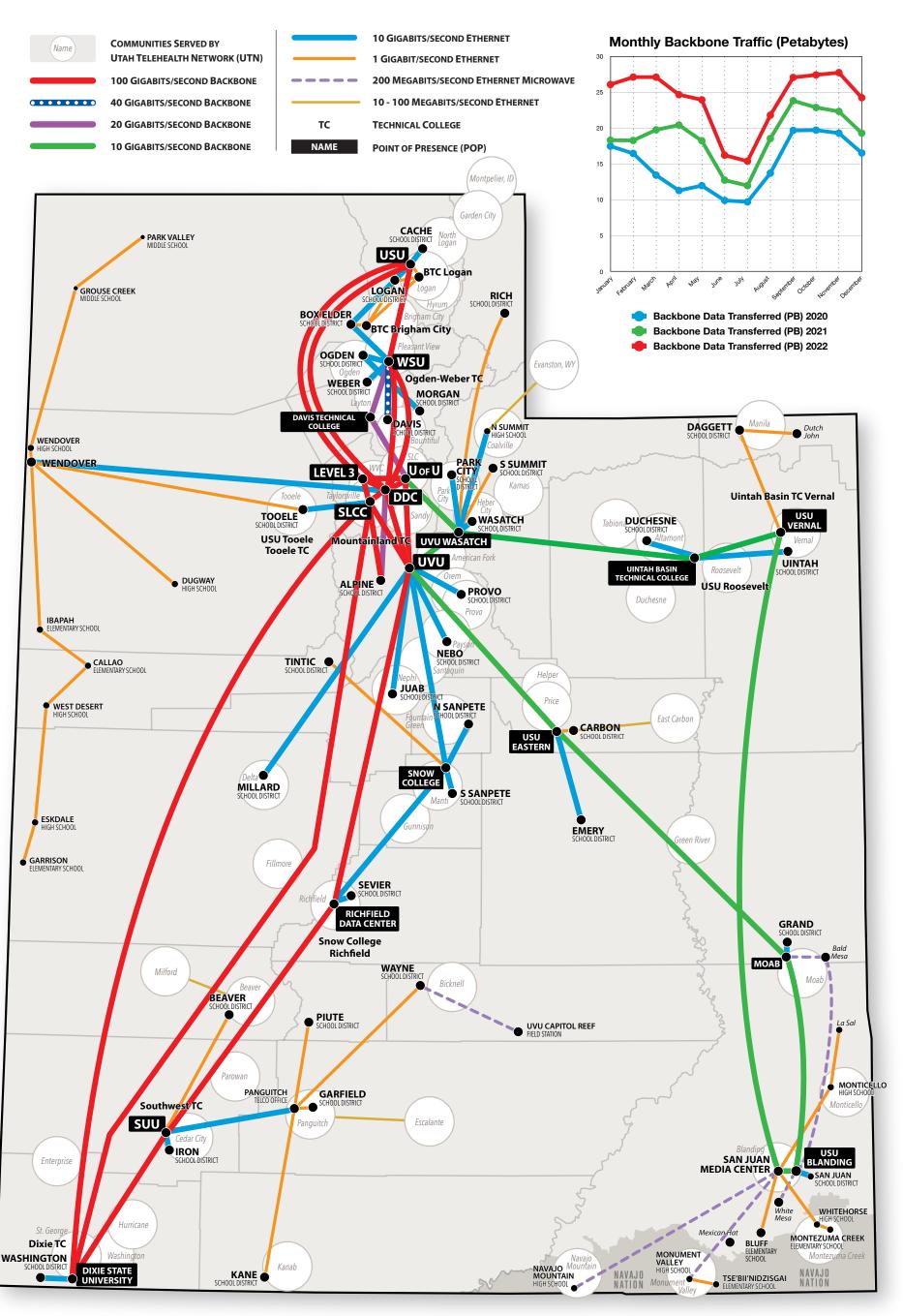
- Over 5,000 participants each year complete UETN professional development workshops to improve their teaching using educational technology. These include license endorsements and leadership programs for principals – all at no cost to participants.
- Student resources including open-source e-textbooks, Utah's Online Library, software including Adobe and NearPod.
- IT services to the four Regional Education Service Agencies that support rural school districts in Utah.

#### Telehealth:

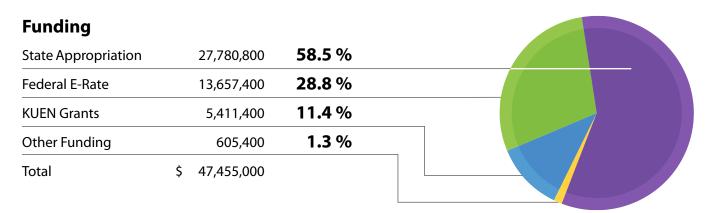
- Telehealth services supporting virtual doctorpatient services, electronic records management, care coordination, 3rd party physician support to underserved areas.
- 1 in 8 of all medical claims in Utah are now delivered over telehealth services. Whereas, in 2019, less than 1% of all claims were delivered over telehealth.
- Rural healthcare support by scaling federal funding opportunities in support of local communities with limited internet access.
- UETN is the home of the Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center a cooperative agreement serving seven states (AK, ID, MT, OR, UT, WA, WY) to advance affordable and reliable telehealth services throughout the region.

# UETN Infrastructure Map

### Connecting 1800+ locations throughout Utah



## FY22 UETN Financials



#### **Expenses**

Circuits	19,466,200	41.0 %	
Personnel	16,862,700	35.5 %	
Software	6,331,700	13.3 %	
Equipment	2,491,900	5.3 %	
Other	2,302,500	4.9 %	
Total	\$ 47,455,000		

#### **UETN Governing Board**

#### **Robert Wagner (Chair)**

Utah State University
Represents: Higher Education
Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### **Jared Haines**

Utah System of Higher Education Represents: Higher Education Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### **David Long**

Beaver School District Represents: Public Education Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### Jason Strate

Central Utah Educational Services Represents: Public Education Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### Patty Norman (Co-Chair)

Utah State Board of Education Represents: Public Education Term Through: July 1, 2024

#### **Stephen Hess**

U of U & Utah System of Higher Education Represents: Higher Education Term Through: July 1, 2024

#### **Kurt R. Loveless**

Kane County Hospital Represents: Utah Telehealth Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### **Spencer Jenkins**

**UETN Executive Director** 

#### **Christina Baum**

Utah Valley University
Represents: Higher Education
Term Through: July 1, 2024

#### Chaundra Johnson

Utah State Library Represents: State Library Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### **Tad Morley**

University of Utah Hospital & Clinics
Represents: Utah Telehealth
Term Through: July 1, 2024

#### **Brittney Cummins**

Education Advisor Represents: Office of the Governor Term Through: July 1, 2024

#### Taryn Kay

Grand School District
Represents: Public Education
Term Through: July 1, 2026

#### **Greg Scherer**

Davis Technical College Represents: Higher Education Term Through: July 1, 2026

Learn more about UETN's mission, services and administration here: www.uetn.org