

# Decline of the Great Salt Lake

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Over the past forty years, Utah's Great Salt Lake has steadily receded. The growing demand for water fueled by agriculture and the growing local population has claimed more and more of the runoff that refills the lake after each dry season.

This has posed several unforeseen consequences for the Salt Lake City metropolitan area including the threat of toxic dust and sediment from the dried lakebed blowing into the city and the loss of a longstanding brine shrimp ecosystem.

