

U.S. Census Bureau Estimates by County

BACKGROUND

The Census Bureau released the county-level estimates for July 1, 2016, highlighting growth over the previous year. Three Utah counties, San Juan, Wasatch, and Juab, were in the top 10 fastest growing counties in the nation of all counties with a population of 10,000 or more. Among these, San Juan County was ranked as the fastest growing county. Wasatch and Juab were ranked fourth and ninth, respectively. This release also included Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas. St. George, Provo-Orem, and Logan were among the top 20 fastest growing metro areas in the nation.

FAST GROWING COUNTIES

- **San Juan County** grew by 1,188 people (7.6 percent), with 87 percent of the growth attributed to net migration.
- **Utah County** grew by 3 percent, and surpassed Salt Lake County in absolute growth (17,503) and net migration (7,447).
- **Wasatch County** and **Juab County** both grew by 4.7 percent and 4.2 percent, with over half of their growth attributed to net migration. These ring counties have seen much growth over the past few years.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas (areas with a core of at least 50,000 people and strong commuting ties)

- **St. George's metro area** (Washington County) grew by 4,795 people, ranking them sixth in the nation at 3.1 percent. St. George's growth is characterized by high net migration and low natural increase.
- **Provo-Orem's metro area** (Juab and Utah Counties combined) grew by 17,947, ranking them seventh in the nation at 3.1 percent. Natural increase is Provo-Orem's primary driver of growth.
- **Logan's metro area** (combined with Franklin County, ID) grew by 3,066, ranking them twentieth in the nation at 2.3 percent.

Micropolitan Statistical Areas (areas with a core between 10,000 and 50,000 people and strong commuting ties)

- **Heber's micro area** (Wasatch County) was the fastest growing in the nation at 4.7 percent.
- **Cedar City's micro area** (Iron County) was the fifth fastest growing in the nation at 3.4 percent.
- **Summit Park's micro area** (Summit County) was the fourteenth fastest growing in the nation at 2.1 percent.

Table 1
U.S. Census Bureau July 1, 2016 County Population Estimates

COUNTY	2016 Estimate	Absolute Change	% Change
BEAVER	6,463	119	1.9%
BOX ELDER	53,139	1,141	2.2%
CACHE	122,753	2,693	2.2%
CARBON	20,399	-31	-0.2%
DAGGETT	1,095	-15	-1.4%
DAVIS	342,281	6,513	1.9%
DUCHESNE	20,337	-444	-2.1%
EMERY	10,216	-136	-1.3%
GARFIELD	4,986	-5	-0.1%
GRAND	9,579	86	0.9%
IRON	49,937	1,643	3.4%
JUAB	11,010	444	4.2%
KANE	7,334	214	3.0%
MILLARD	12,694	45	0.4%
MORGAN	11,437	346	3.1%
PIUTE	1,466	-37	-2.5%
RICH	2,319	23	1.0%
SALT LAKE	1,121,354	16,732	1.5%
SAN JUAN	16,895	1,188	7.6%
SANPETE	29,409	608	2.1%
SEVIER	21,267	327	1.6%
SUMMIT	40,307	826	2.1%
TOOELE	64,833	1,954	3.1%
UINTAH	36,373	-1,416	-3.7%
UTAH	592,299	17,503	3.0%
WASATCH	30,528	1,363	4.7%
WASHINGTON	160,245	4,795	3.1%
WAYNE	2,702	-1	0.0%
WEBER	247,560	4,107	1.7%
STATE	3,051,217	60,585	2.0%