

U.S. Census Bureau Estimates by County, 2022

Each year, the Census Bureau produces population estimates at varying levels of geography. The Census Bureau’s most recent release on March 30, 2023, provides population estimates with components of population change for counties in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The National Picture

The 2022 population estimates indicate the beginning of a return to pre-pandemic patterns. Throughout the nation, large counties that experienced high out-migration during the pandemic are seeing less out-migration in the 2022 estimates. Small counties experienced high domestic in-migration during the pandemic and are now experiencing a slowing in domestic in-migration. Natural decrease remains high, with 74% of counties experiencing more deaths than births.

How Does Utah Compare Nationally?

None of the top 10 national rankings this year included Utah counties, but Utah County ranked 23rd largest annual population increase.

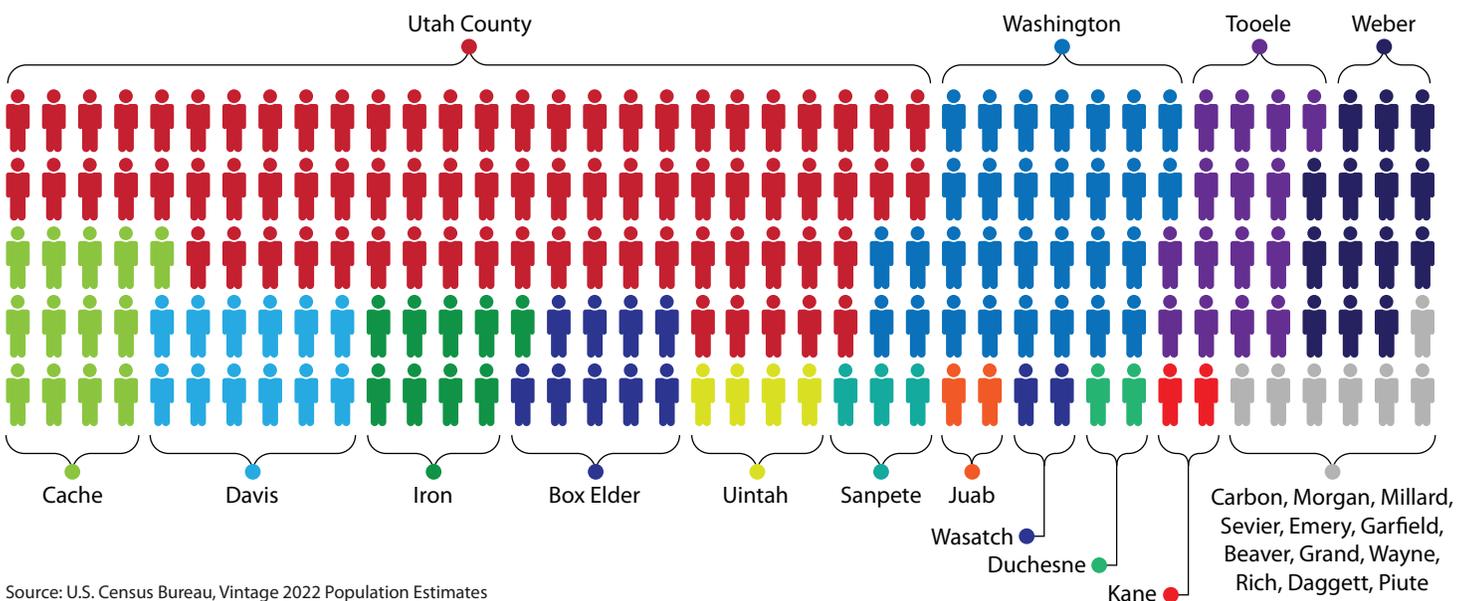
Utah’s County Highlights

The first release of the 2022 Vintage estimates highlighted Utah as the 10th fastest-growing state (1.2%), with the 9th largest numeric increase (41,687), from 2021 to 2022. Net migration played a smaller role in the components of change this year, contributing 44% of annual statewide growth. This is a reversal of 2021 estimate data, which showed net migration as the largest component of population change.

Over half (54.8%) of statewide growth came from two counties. Utah and Washington counties added 16,628 and 6,204 new residents, respectively. Tooele, Weber, and Cache counties each contributed over 6% to statewide growth.

In the 2022 estimates, the fastest-growing counties were Tooele, Daggett, Washington, Iron, and Juab counties. All had growth rates of over 3%, with Tooele County highest at 4.2%. While the growth in Daggett was significant in relation to its size, it was the 5th smallest absolute growth of all Utah counties at 37 people. Three counties experienced population decline: Salt Lake, Summit, and San Juan counties.

Figure 1. County Share of State Growth, 2021–2022



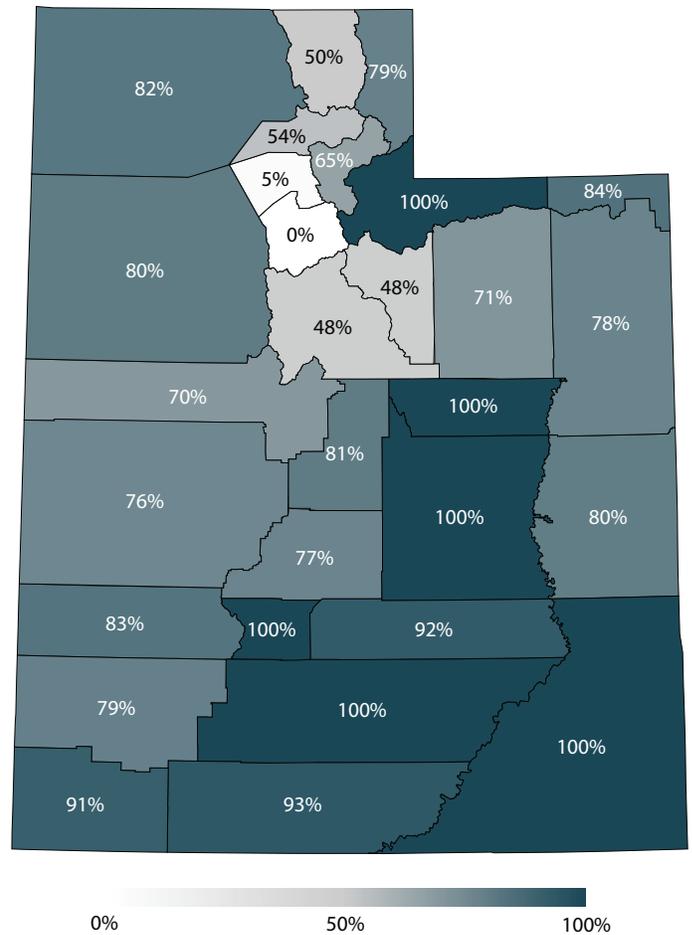
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates

Table 1: 2022 Census Bureau Estimates, State of Utah and Counties

| Area | 2022 Estimate | 2021 to 2021 Change | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | Absolute | Percent | Natural Increase | Net Migration | Share of Change | |
| | | | | | | Natural Increase | Net Migration |
| State of Utah | 3,380,800 | 41,687 | 1.2% | 23,549 | 18,312 | 56% | 44% |
| Beaver | 7,327 | 124 | 1.7% | 20 | 103 | 16% | 83% |
| Box Elder | 61,498 | 1,805 | 3.0% | 288 | 1,483 | 16% | 82% |
| Cache | 140,173 | 2,744 | 2.0% | 1,382 | 1,367 | 50% | 50% |
| Carbon | 20,571 | 210 | 1.0% | -48 | 256 | 0% | 100% |
| Daggett | 1,014 | 37 | 3.8% | 5 | 31 | 14% | 84% |
| Davis | 369,948 | 2,502 | 0.7% | 2,534 | 127 | 95% | 5% |
| Duchesne | 20,161 | 355 | 1.8% | 100 | 252 | 28% | 71% |
| Emery | 10,099 | 136 | 1.4% | -6 | 141 | 0% | 100% |
| Garfield | 5,281 | 132 | 2.6% | -3 | 134 | 0% | 100% |
| Grand | 9,769 | 104 | 1.1% | 16 | 83 | 15% | 80% |
| Iron | 62,429 | 1,907 | 3.2% | 361 | 1,503 | 19% | 79% |
| Juab | 12,567 | 375 | 3.1% | 114 | 261 | 30% | 70% |
| Kane | 8,227 | 228 | 2.9% | 1 | 213 | 0% | 93% |
| Millard | 13,330 | 155 | 1.2% | 41 | 118 | 26% | 76% |
| Morgan | 12,832 | 165 | 1.3% | 66 | 108 | 40% | 65% |
| Piute | 1,487 | 5 | 0.3% | -4 | 9 | 0% | 100% |
| Rich | 2,628 | 47 | 1.8% | 9 | 37 | 19% | 79% |
| Salt Lake | 1,186,257 | -183 | -0.02% | 6,991 | -6,743 | 100% | 0% |
| San Juan | 14,359 | -117 | -0.8% | 5 | -123 | 0% | 100% |
| Sanpete | 29,724 | 586 | 2.0% | 112 | 472 | 19% | 81% |
| Sevier | 22,069 | 151 | 0.7% | 45 | 117 | 30% | 77% |
| Summit | 43,036 | -132 | -0.3% | 215 | -346 | 0% | 100% |
| Tooele | 79,934 | 3,200 | 4.2% | 554 | 2,572 | 17% | 80% |
| Uintah | 37,141 | 909 | 2.5% | 185 | 705 | 20% | 78% |
| Utah County | 702,434 | 16,628 | 2.4% | 8,662 | 7,947 | 52% | 48% |
| Wasatch | 36,619 | 359 | 1.0% | 203 | 173 | 57% | 48% |
| Washington | 197,680 | 6,204 | 3.2% | 344 | 5,641 | 6% | 91% |
| Wayne | 2,645 | 78 | 3.0% | 4 | 72 | 5% | 92% |
| Weber | 269,561 | 2,973 | 1.1% | 1,353 | 1,599 | 46% | 54% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates

Figure 2. Net Migration as a Share of Population Growth, 2022



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Salt Lake County experienced high net out-migration for a second year in a row (-6,743), and saw a -0.02% decline since July 1, 2021, contributing to an almost identical 2022 population estimate.

As seen nationally, net in-migration is the primary growth contributor to most of Utah's counties this year (24 counties). Utah's fastest-growing counties, especially those in Southwestern Utah and those surrounding the Wasatch Front core, are experiencing most of their growth from net migration. However, three highly populated counties, Salt Lake, Davis, and Utah, had more natural increase than net migration in 2022.

Endnote

1. This release does not include metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas due to a delay in Connecticut boundary changes. Metropolitan and micropolitan population estimates will be released in May 2023.

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