

## Cache County



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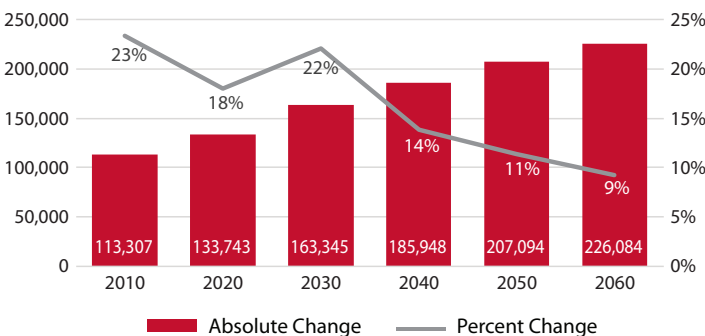
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Cache County's economy ranks among Utah's most economically diverse economies. Analysts expect the economy to grow, driven by its economic assets like Utah State University, a strong economic base of manufacturing and life sciences companies, and ties to the Greater Salt Lake economic region.

## Key Findings

- **Historical context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Cache County grew by 20,498 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 133,154, the sixth largest population in Utah.
- **Regional context** – Cache County is part of the Greater Salt Lake economic region. This 12-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.

### Historic and Projected Growth in Cache County



Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2020-2060 Projections

- **Population growth** – Cache County's population is projected to grow from 133,743 on July 1, 2020 to 226,084 in 2060. Cache County is projected to remain as the state's sixth largest county from 2020 to 2060.
- **Components of change** – Growth in Cache County is expected come primarily from natural increase throughout the projection period, with some out-migration in later decades.
- **Age composition** – Cache County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 9.9% in 2020 to 17.9% in 2060. The share of the population under age 18 is projected to decline, from 29.2% in 2020 to 23.8% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 25.9 in 2020 to 30.9 in 2060.
- **Economic growth** – Cache County's employment is projected to increase from 83,015 in 2020 to 126,714 in 2060. The industries leading this growth will be professional, scientific and technical services, manufacturing, and construction. These industries combined make up 35.1% of total employment growth over the projection period.

## Major Events/Projects

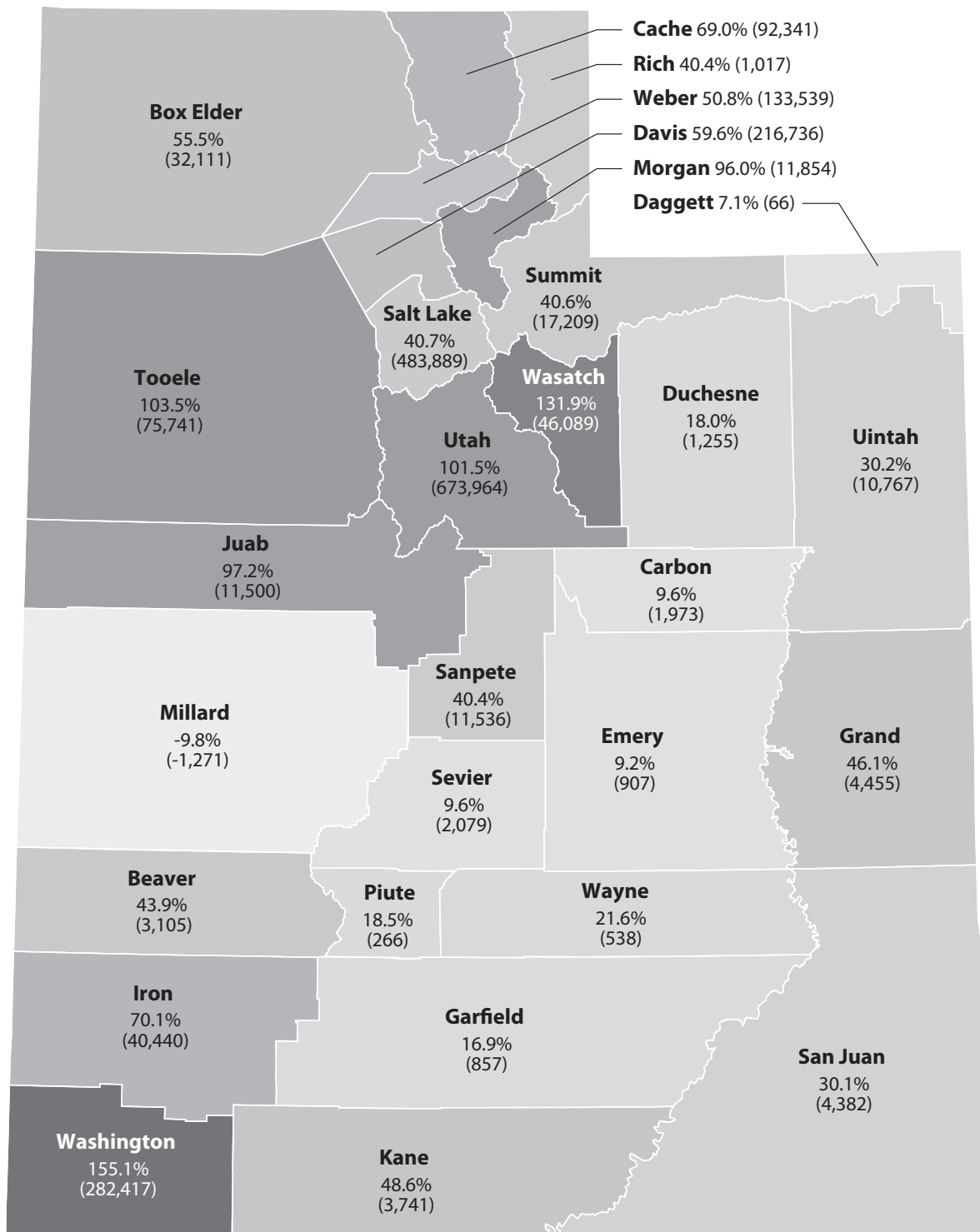
- **Utah State University Innovation Campus** – This public-private partnership is an economic asset tying Utah State University to the Cache County business community. It offers more than 204,000 square feet of state-of-the-art commercial and laboratory space.
- **Malouf Companies** – Bedding and furniture manufacturer, Malouf, will expand its current operation in Cache County. The expansion will bring \$575 million in capital investment and 5,395 new jobs.

## Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Cache County is 2.18. TFRs across all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a 2060 TFR of 1.96 in Cache County in 2060. The statewide TFR is projected to decline from 1.99 in 2020 to 1.78 in 2060.
- **Life expectancy** – The estimated 2020 life expectancy for Cache County males is 80.6 and 83.9 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 86.8 for males and 89.3 for females by 2060.
- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Cache County assume no land (including slopes, flood plains, and soils), water, or other resource constraints. Policy choices such as land use, community preferences, and opportunity zones are considered as part of the local review process.

# Utah Projected County Population

## Absolute and Percent Change, 2020 to 2060



Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2020-2060 Projections

# Projected Cache County Growth by Category, 2020–2060

Year	Population				Employment			Households			
	Population	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate	Median Age	Employment	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate	Households	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate	Persons Per Household
2020	133,743	n/a	n/a	25.9	82,979	n/a	n/a	41,658	n/a	n/a	3.1
2021	137,255	3,512	2.6%	26.1	85,923	2,944	3.5%	43,060	1,402	3.4%	3.1
2022	140,312	3,057	2.2%	26.3	87,332	1,409	1.6%	44,381	1,321	3.1%	3.1
2023	143,540	3,228	2.3%	26.5	89,360	2,028	2.3%	45,772	1,391	3.1%	3.0
2024	146,808	3,268	2.3%	26.6	90,937	1,577	1.8%	47,170	1,398	3.1%	3.0
2025	150,007	3,199	2.2%	26.8	92,080	1,143	1.3%	48,552	1,382	2.9%	3.0
2026	153,062	3,055	2.0%	26.9	93,085	1,005	1.1%	49,908	1,356	2.8%	3.0
2027	155,926	2,864	1.9%	27.1	94,010	925	1.0%	51,189	1,281	2.6%	3.0
2028	158,581	2,655	1.7%	27.2	95,177	1,167	1.2%	52,403	1,214	2.4%	2.9
2029	161,040	2,459	1.6%	27.3	96,616	1,439	1.5%	53,555	1,152	2.2%	2.9
2030	163,344	2,304	1.4%	27.5	97,811	1,195	1.2%	54,660	1,105	2.1%	2.9
2031	165,565	2,221	1.4%	27.7	98,756	945	1.0%	55,752	1,092	2.0%	2.9
2032	167,800	2,235	1.3%	27.9	99,952	1,196	1.2%	56,837	1,085	1.9%	2.9
2033	170,070	2,270	1.4%	28.1	101,210	1,258	1.3%	57,925	1,088	1.9%	2.9
2034	172,358	2,288	1.3%	28.2	102,616	1,406	1.4%	59,008	1,083	1.9%	2.8
2035	174,638	2,280	1.3%	28.4	103,802	1,186	1.2%	60,066	1,058	1.8%	2.8
2036	176,915	2,277	1.3%	28.6	105,026	1,224	1.2%	61,122	1,056	1.8%	2.8
2037	179,183	2,268	1.3%	28.8	106,253	1,227	1.2%	62,162	1,040	1.7%	2.8
2038	181,443	2,260	1.3%	29.0	107,409	1,156	1.1%	63,187	1,025	1.6%	2.8
2039	183,690	2,247	1.2%	29.2	108,526	1,117	1.0%	64,197	1,010	1.6%	2.8
2040	185,948	2,258	1.2%	29.4	109,684	1,158	1.1%	65,178	981	1.5%	2.8
2041	188,191	2,243	1.2%	29.6	110,779	1,095	1.0%	66,205	1,027	1.6%	2.8
2042	190,408	2,217	1.2%	29.8	111,974	1,195	1.1%	67,183	978	1.5%	2.8
2043	192,598	2,190	1.2%	29.9	113,149	1,175	1.0%	68,097	914	1.4%	2.8
2044	194,744	2,146	1.1%	30.1	114,349	1,200	1.1%	68,981	884	1.3%	2.8
2045	196,866	2,122	1.1%	30.3	115,540	1,191	1.0%	69,840	859	1.2%	2.8
2046	198,978	2,112	1.1%	30.5	116,674	1,134	1.0%	70,682	842	1.2%	2.7
2047	201,059	2,081	1.0%	30.6	117,726	1,052	0.9%	71,495	813	1.2%	2.7
2048	203,112	2,053	1.0%	30.8	118,715	989	0.8%	72,278	783	1.1%	2.7
2049	205,124	2,012	1.0%	30.9	119,699	984	0.8%	73,056	778	1.1%	2.7
2050	207,094	1,970	1.0%	30.9	120,531	832	0.7%	73,812	756	1.0%	2.7
2051	209,067	1,973	1.0%	30.9	121,293	762	0.6%	74,601	789	1.1%	2.7
2052	211,031	1,964	0.9%	30.9	122,011	718	0.6%	75,430	829	1.1%	2.7
2053	212,983	1,952	0.9%	30.9	122,708	697	0.6%	76,298	868	1.2%	2.7
2054	214,903	1,920	0.9%	30.9	123,363	655	0.5%	77,199	901	1.2%	2.7
2055	216,785	1,882	0.9%	30.8	123,997	634	0.5%	78,140	941	1.2%	2.7
2056	218,656	1,871	0.9%	30.8	124,566	569	0.5%	79,135	995	1.3%	2.7
2057	220,521	1,865	0.9%	30.8	125,101	535	0.4%	80,160	1,025	1.3%	2.7
2058	222,387	1,866	0.8%	30.8	125,635	534	0.4%	81,171	1,011	1.3%	2.7
2059	224,252	1,865	0.8%	30.8	126,159	524	0.4%	82,219	1,048	1.3%	2.7
2060	226,084	1,832	0.8%	30.9	126,714	555	0.4%	83,284	1,065	1.3%	2.6

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2020–2060 Projections

## Endnote

1 The decennial census count is as of April 1, 2020. Projections are as of July 1 of each year.