

U.S. Census Bureau Estimates by County, Metropolitan, and Micropolitan Areas, 2018

The Census Bureau's most recent release on April 18, 2019 provides population estimates with components of population change for counties, metropolitan areas, and micropolitan areas in the United States and Puerto Rico.

What are Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas?

Metropolitan and micropolitan areas are statistical boundaries delineated by the United States Office of Management and Budget, and named after the largest city (or cities) in the region. Both types of statistical areas are based on one or more counties.

- Metropolitan areas include at least one urbanized area with 50,000 or more inhabitants.
- Micropolitan areas are smaller, with populations falling between 10,000 and 50,000 inhabitants.

The National Picture

Counties in the south and southwest portions of the country experienced high and fast growth, particularly in Texas, Arizona, and Florida. An exception to this regional pattern is Williams County, North Dakota, the fastest growing county in the nation this year with 5.9 percent growth.

The percent of counties experiencing natural increase (annual births exceed deaths) continues to decline, 56 percent of counties this year compared to 59 percent last year, and net in-migration (annual in migration minus out migration) continues as a stable source of population growth for 52 percent of all counties.

How Does Utah Compare Nationally?

The 2018 estimates indicate that Utah's growth is steady, but moderating compared to the previous two years. One Utah county, two metropolitan areas, and two micropolitan areas were nationally ranked in the top 10 (See Table 1):

- **Wasatch County** had the third fastest cumulative growth since 2010.
- The **St. George** and **Provo-Orem** metropolitan areas ranked third (3.5 percent) and tenth (2.6 percent) respectively in annual percent growth.
- **Heber** and **Cedar City** micropolitan areas ranked third (4 percent) and fourth (3.8 percent) respectively in annual percent growth.

Table 1. Utah In National Rankings, 2018 and 2017

Area	Ranking	
	2018	2017
Fastest Growing Counties (2010-2018)		
Wasatch County	3	3
Fastest Growing Metropolitan Areas (2017-2018)		
St. George, UT	3	1
Provo-Orem, UT	10	8
Fastest Growing Metropolitan Areas (2010-2018)		
St. George, UT	5	N/A
Highest Growth Micropolitan Areas (2017-2018)		
Cedar City, UT	6	N/A
Fastest Growing Micropolitan Areas (2017-2018)		
Heber, UT	3	1
Cedar City, UT	4	N/A
Fastest Growing Micropolitan Areas (2010-2018)		
Heber, UT	2	N/A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

Utah's County Highlights

Utah's statewide growth between 2017 and 2018 was the third fastest in the nation, with a 1.87 percent increase (57,987 individuals) and almost identical to last year's growth. Natural increase is still the largest contributor of population growth for the state as a whole, but net in-migration is the main growth contributor to most of the fast growing counties. Table 2 displays the county level estimates.

The fastest growing counties in Utah are split between the "ring counties" (Wasatch and Tooele) that surround the Wasatch Front, and Iron County and Washington County in the southwestern corner of the state. However, the most numeric growth still comes from the main Wasatch Front counties (Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber), along with Washington County. Only three counties showed population declines: Emery, Wayne, and Daggett counties.

Table 2. Utah State and Counties Estimates, 2018

County	2018 Estimate	2017-2018 Percent Change	2017-2018 Absolute Change	2018 Natural Increase	2018 Net Migration	Share of Growth, Natural Increase	Share of Growth, Net Migration
Beaver County	6,580	2.88%	184	49	135	27%	73%
Box Elder County	54,950	1.82%	983	458	527	47%	54%
Cache County	127,068	2.01%	2,504	1,722	784	69%	31%
Carbon County	20,269	0.50%	101	27	76	27%	75%
Daggett County	980	-4.11%	-42	-3	-39	7%	93%
Davis County	351,713	1.39%	4,832	3,900	944	81%	20%
Duchesne County	19,964	0.25%	49	196	-147	400%	-300%
Emery County	10,014	-0.06%	-6	18	-24	-300%	400%
Garfield County	5,080	0.38%	19	23	-4	121%	-21%
Grand County	9,764	1.29%	124	27	98	22%	79%
Iron County	52,775	3.84%	1,953	512	1440	26%	74%
Juab County	11,555	2.73%	307	112	197	36%	64%
Kane County	7,709	2.28%	172	24	148	14%	86%
Millard County	13,006	1.38%	177	107	72	60%	41%
Morgan County	12,045	1.43%	170	124	46	73%	27%
Piute County	1,445	2.26%	32	0	31	0%	97%
Rich County	2,464	2.58%	62	21	41	34%	66%
Salt Lake County	1,152,633	1.30%	14,813	10,670	4,188	72%	28%
San Juan County	15,449	0.84%	129	89	40	69%	31%
Sanpete County	30,623	2.11%	632	201	432	32%	68%
Sevier County	21,539	1.04%	222	116	108	52%	49%
Summit County	41,933	1.41%	584	290	295	50%	51%
Tooele County	69,907	3.69%	2,489	677	1,806	27%	73%
Uintah County	35,438	0.62%	219	314	-96	143%	-44%
Utah County	622,213	2.59%	15,710	9,765	5,918	62%	38%
Wasatch County	33,240	3.96%	1,265	341	920	27%	73%
Washington County	171,700	3.52%	5,841	944	4,867	16%	83%
Wayne County	2,690	-1.14%	-31	4	-35	-13%	113%
Weber County	256,359	1.78%	4,493	2,240	2,251	50%	50%
Utah (State)	3,161,105	1.87%	57,987	32,968	25,019	57%	43%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

Utah’s Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Highlights

St. George metropolitan area experienced a 3.5 percent increase in population between 2017 and 2018. Of the five metropolitan areas in the state, Salt Lake City, Provo-Orem, and Ogden-Clearfield had the largest populations and the largest annual numeric population gains.

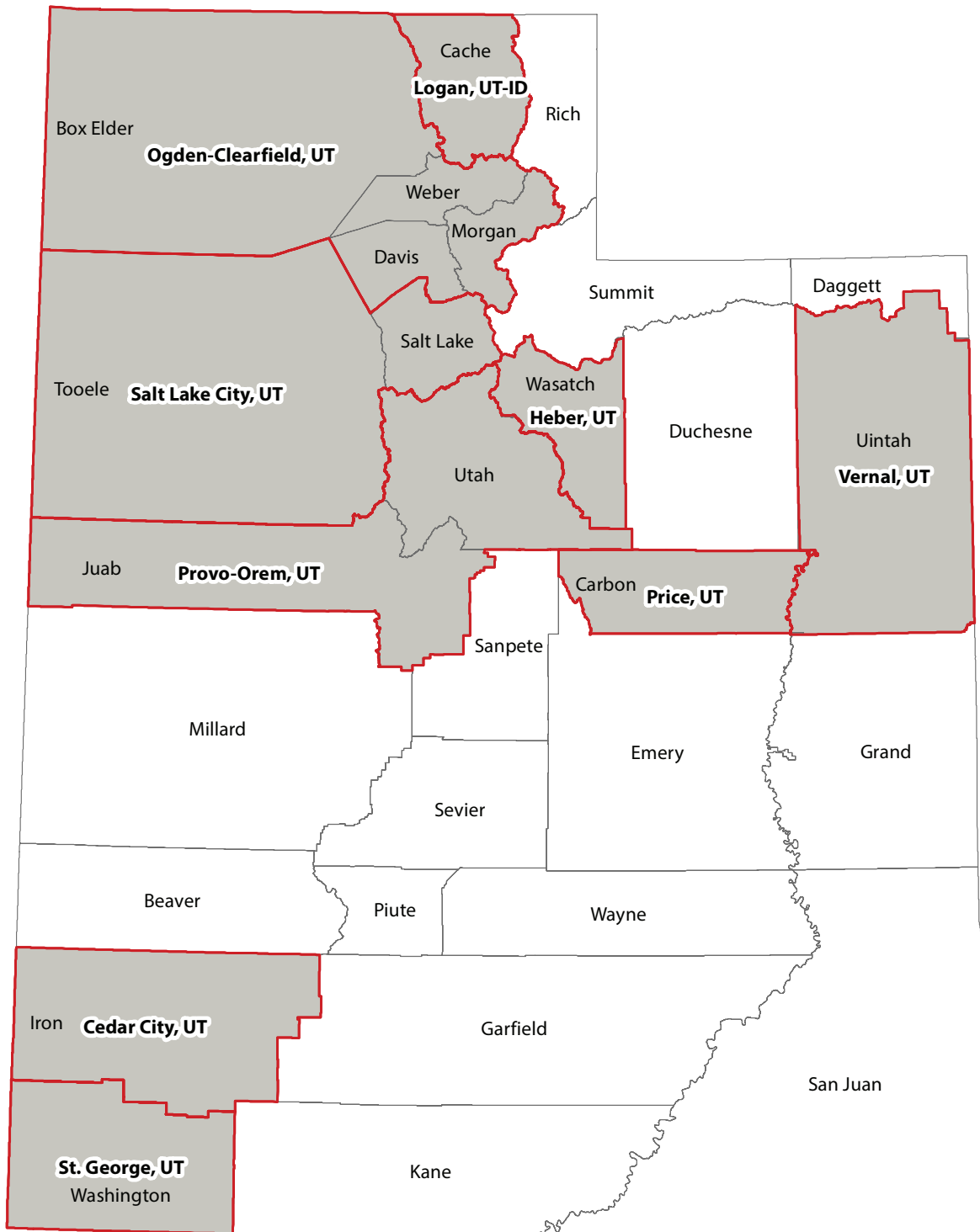
Heber and Cedar City micropolitan areas both experienced over 3.5 percent growth since 2017, with Summit Park showing 1.4 percent growth, and Vernal and Price experiencing less than one percent. Table 3 displays the metropolitan and micropolitan area estimates.

Table 3. Utah Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Area Estimates, 2018

Area	Associated County(s)	2018 Estimate	2017-2018 Percent Change	2017-2018 Absolute Change
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Salt Lake City, UT	Salt Lake, Tooele	1,222,540	1.40%	17,302
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Weber, Davis, Morgan, Box Elder	675,067	1.60%	10,478
Provo-Orem, UT	Utah, Juab	633,768	2.60%	16,017
St. George, UT	Washington	171,700	3.50%	5,841
Logan, UT-ID	Cache, Franklin (ID)	140,794	2.00%	2,742
Micropolitan Statistical Area				
Cedar City, UT	Iron	52,775	3.84%	1,953
Summit Park, UT	Summit	41,933	1.41%	584
Vernal, UT	Uintah	35,438	0.62%	219
Heber, UT	Wasatch	33,240	3.96%	1,265
Price, UT	Carbon	20,269	0.50%	101

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2018 Population Estimates

Utah Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas



Note: The Logan, UT-ID MSA includes Franklin County, Idaho, which is not shown above.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau TIGER Database