

U.S. Census Bureau Estimates by County, Metropolitan, and Micropolitan Areas, 2017

Each year, the Census Bureau releases population estimates at varying levels of geography. The most recent release, on March 22, 2018, included population estimates at the county, metropolitan, and micropolitan area geography with components of change.

Metropolitan and micropolitan areas are statistical boundaries delineated by the Census Bureau. 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. Both types of statistical areas are based on boundaries, with some of the larger metropolitan areas including multiple counties. Metropolitan and micropolitan areas are named after the largest city (or cities) in the region.

National Picture

Counties in Arizona, Nevada, California, Texas and Washington experienced the largest gains (absolute increase) in population. The counties that saw the fastest growth (percentage increase) were in the south and west, including Virginia, Texas, Utah, Florida, and Georgia.

This growth is consistent with trends in the past several years, with the Intermountain West being a hub of population growth. Migration, rather than natural increase, was the major driver to growth for 52.9 percent of the counties in the nation.

Utah in the National Context

The 2017 estimates indicate that growth in several areas around the state was among the top in the nation.

- **St. George** (metropolitan) and **Heber** (micropolitan) were both number one for fastest growth in their respective geographic categories.
- **Provo-Orem** was also in the top 10 for metropolitan area growth, coming in eighth with a growth rate of 2.7 percent.

Three Utah counties were in the top ten list in the nation for fastest growth, making jumps from their rankings in 2016.

- **Wasatch** was the third fastest growing in the nation, up from fifth in 2016.
- **Tooele** and **Morgan** counties also made the list at number 7 and 8 respectively. Both of these counties were ranked in the 40s last year.

One Utah county was included in the ten counties in the nation with the largest percentage decrease in population.

- **Uintah** had the eighth largest decrease in population, at 2.9 percent. Last year, Uintah was number 4 on the same list.

Utah in National Rankings

Area	Ranking	
	2017	2016
Fastest Growing Counties		
Wasatch	3	5
Tooele	7	41
Morgan	8	44
Fastest Growing Metropolitan Areas		
St. George, UT	1	9
Provo-Orem, UT	8	7
Fastest Growing Micropolitan Areas		
Heber, UT	1	1
Counties by Percentage Decrease		
Uintah	8	4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 2017

Counties in Utah

Utah's statewide growth between 2016 and 2017 was the third fastest in the nation, with a 1.9 percent increase (57,512 individuals). Unlike the fastest growing counties, statewide growth was primarily driven by natural increase.

The majority of the growth came from the counties along the Wasatch Front (Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber) and Washington . The “ring counties”, or those adjacent to the Wasatch Front (Wasatch, Tooele, Morgan), experienced the fastest growth between 2016 and 2017 due to significant net migration.

Although there was growth across the state, seven counties in rural or energy regions experienced population decline. These include Daggett, Piute, Uintah, Duchesne, Emery, Beaver, and Carbon counties.

Utah Counties, 2017 Estimates

County	2017 Estimate	2016-2017 Percent Change	2016-2017 Absolute Change	2017 Natural Increase	2017 Net Migration	Share of Growth, Natural Increase	Share of Growth, Net Migration
Beaver	6,386	-1.1%	-68	65	-134	-96%	197%
Box Elder	54,079	2.1%	1,105	568	538	51%	49%
Cache	124,438	1.7%	2,096	1,906	194	91%	9%
Carbon	20,295	-0.4%	-76	113	-190	-149%	250%
Daggett	1,029	-4.8%	-52	2	-54	-4%	104%
Davis	347,637	1.8%	6,308	4,258	2,065	68%	33%
Duchesne	20,026	-1.4%	-289	281	-573	-97%	198%
Emery	10,077	-1.4%	-145	55	-202	-38%	139%
Garfield	5,078	1.6%	78	26	52	33%	67%
Grand	9,674	0.2%	18	68	-49	378%	-272%
Iron	51,001	2.4%	1,205	626	578	52%	48%
Juab	11,250	2.2%	247	124	124	50%	50%
Kane	7,567	3.3%	241	25	215	10%	89%
Millard	12,863	1.4%	181	112	70	62%	39%
Morgan	11,873	4.4%	500	126	375	25%	75%
Piute	1,420	-2.9%	-43	3	-45	-7%	105%
Rich	2,391	3.7%	85	20	66	24%	78%
Salt Lake	1,135,649	1.3%	14,270	10,974	3,318	77%	23%
San Juan	15,356	0.2%	27	156	-130	578%	-481%
Sanpete	30,035	2.5%	732	222	508	30%	69%
Sevier	21,316	0.8%	169	128	40	76%	24%
Summit	41,106	1.8%	716	275	439	38%	61%
Tooele	67,456	4.4%	2,857	659	2,193	23%	77%
Uintah	35,150	-2.9%	-1,044	336	-1,384	-32%	133%
Utah	606,425	2.7%	15,950	10,148	5,778	64%	36%
Wasatch	32,106	5.0%	1,535	305	1,227	20%	80%
Washington	165,662	4.0%	6,425	901	5,496	14%	86%
Wayne	2,719	1.3%	34	14	22	41%	65%
Weber	251,769	1.8%	4,450	2,390	2,050	54%	46%
Utah (State)	3,101,833	1.9%	57,512	34,886	22,587	61%	39%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, 2017

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Areas in Utah

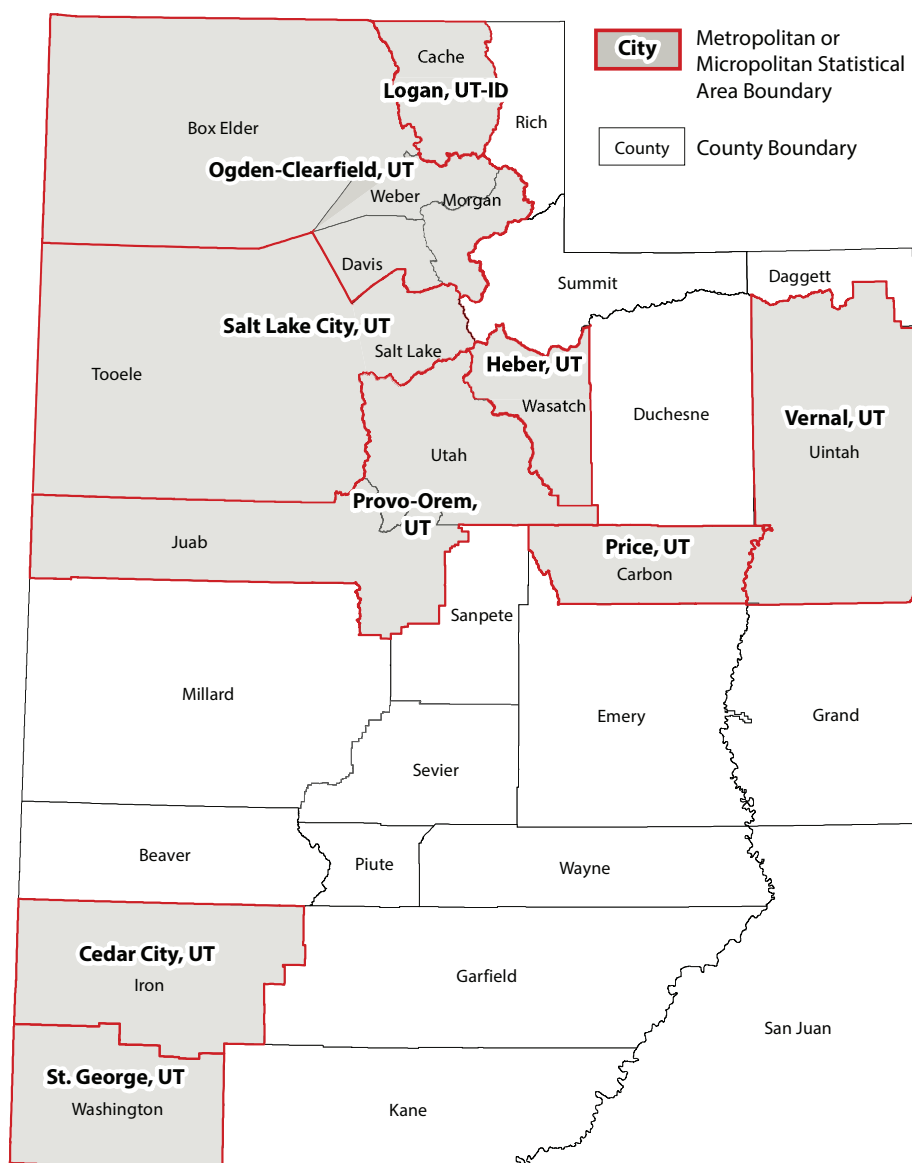
St. George metropolitan area (Washington) experienced a 4.0 percent increase in population between 2016 and 2017. Of the five metropolitan areas in the state, Salt Lake City, Provo-Orem, and Ogden-Clearfield had the largest populations and the largest numeric gains to population between 2016 and 2017. Although the Logan metropolitan region includes areas in both Utah and Idaho, Utah (Cache) accounted for 90.6 percent of the growth.

Utah Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas, 2017 Estimates

Area	Associated County(s)	2017 Estimate	2016-2017 Percent Change	2016-2017 Absolute Change
Metropolitan Statistical Areas				
Salt Lake City, UT	Salt Lake, Tooele	1,203,105	1.4%	17,127
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	Weber, Davis, Morgan, Box Elder	665,358	1.9%	12,363
Provo-Orem, UT	Utah, Juab	617,675	2.7%	16,197
St. George, UT	Washington	165,662	4.0%	6,425
Logan, UT-ID	Cache, Franklin (ID)	138,002	1.7%	2,313
Micropolitan Statistical Area				
Cedar City, UT	Iron	51,001	2.4%	1,205
Summit Park, UT	Summit	41,106	1.8%	716
Vernal, UT	Uintah	35,150	-2.9%	-1,044
Heber, UT	Wasatch	32,106	5.0%	1,535
Price, UT	Carbon	20,295	-0.4%	-76

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Utah Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas



Note: The Logan, UT-ID MSA includes Franklin County, Idaho, which is not shown above.