

## Daggett County



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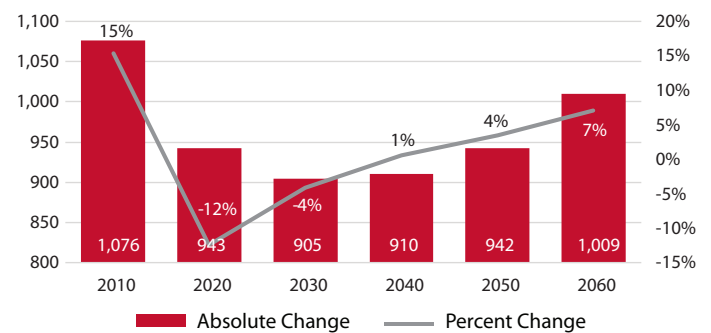
Daggett County's population is projected to grow from 943 on July 1, 2020 to 1,009 in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 46.1 in 2020 to 48.5 in 2060. Additional details on age groups are included below.

Daggett County's economy ranks among Utah's most economically specialized economies in the state. Analysts expect limited employment growth, primarily based on tourism assets and the growth of the arts, entertainment and recreation sector.

## Key Findings

- Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Daggett County declined by 124 residents. Driven by out migration, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 935, the smallest in Utah.
- Regional context** – Daggett County is part of the Uintah Basin economic region. This three-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- Population growth** – Daggett County's population is projected to grow from 943 on July 1, 2020 to 1,009 in 2060. Daggett County is projected to remain the smallest county in the state.
- Components of change** – Population growth is projected to be small throughout the period, with net migration as the driver for the majority of the projection period.
- Age composition** – Daggett County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to decrease slightly from 27.9% in 2020 to 26.3% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline, from 23.4% in 2020 to 18.1% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 46.1 in 2020 to 48.5 in 2060.
- Economic growth** – Daggett County's employment is projected to increase from 522 in 2020 to 736 in 2060. Arts, entertainment, and recreation is the largest growth sector for employment over the projection period.

**Historic and Projected Growth in Daggett County**

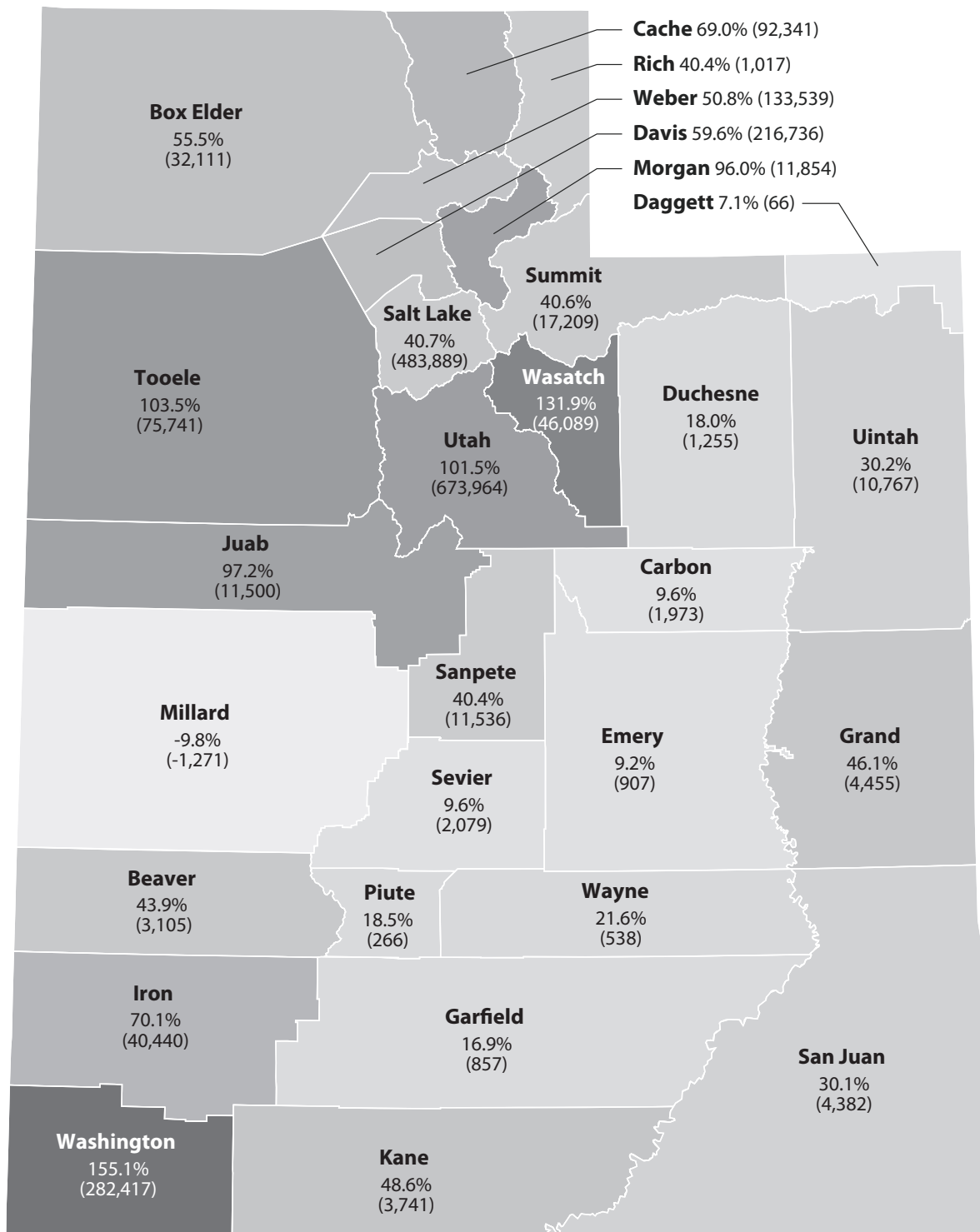


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# Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Daggett County is 1.75. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.57 in Daggett County in 2060. Statewide, the TFR is projected to decline from 1.99 in 2020 to 1.78 in 2060.
- **Life expectancy** – The estimated 2020 life expectancy for Daggett County males is 75.8 and 80.5 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 81.5 for males and 85.8 for females by 2060.
- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Daggett 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



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# Projected Daggett 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	943	n/a	n/a	46.1	525	n/a	n/a	392	n/a	n/a	2.3
2021	962	19	2.0%	46.1	540	15	2.9%	401	9	2.3%	2.3
2022	951	-11	-1.1%	46.9	568	28	5.2%	401	0	0.0%	2.3
2023	940	-11	-1.2%	47.7	588	20	3.5%	393	-8	-2.0%	2.3
2024	930	-10	-1.1%	48.5	603	15	2.6%	398	5	1.3%	2.2
2025	922	-8	-0.9%	49.2	613	10	1.7%	416	18	4.5%	2.1
2026	915	-7	-0.8%	49.8	619	6	1.0%	403	-13	-3.1%	2.1
2027	910	-5	-0.5%	50.3	626	7	1.1%	395	-8	-2.0%	2.2
2028	907	-3	-0.3%	50.8	635	9	1.4%	392	-3	-0.8%	2.2
2029	906	-1	-0.1%	51.4	640	5	0.8%	406	14	3.6%	2.1
2030	905	-1	-0.1%	51.9	647	7	1.1%	394	-12	-3.0%	2.2
2031	904	-1	-0.1%	52.1	651	4	0.6%	378	-16	-4.1%	2.3
2032	903	-1	-0.1%	52.2	653	2	0.3%	396	18	4.8%	2.2
2033	902	-1	-0.1%	52.3	657	4	0.6%	371	-25	-6.3%	2.3
2034	902	0	0.0%	52.2	660	3	0.5%	355	-16	-4.3%	2.4
2035	903	1	0.1%	52.3	664	4	0.6%	363	8	2.3%	2.3
2036	904	1	0.1%	52.4	668	4	0.6%	346	-17	-4.7%	2.5
2037	905	1	0.1%	52.2	673	5	0.7%	352	6	1.7%	2.4
2038	907	2	0.2%	52.0	676	3	0.4%	343	-9	-2.6%	2.5
2039	908	1	0.1%	51.6	678	2	0.3%	335	-8	-2.3%	2.6
2040	910	2	0.2%	48.9	680	2	0.3%	329	-6	-1.8%	2.6
2041	913	3	0.3%	48.1	681	1	0.1%	341	12	3.6%	2.5
2042	916	3	0.3%	48.1	682	1	0.1%	343	2	0.6%	2.5
2043	918	2	0.2%	47.8	685	3	0.4%	361	18	5.2%	2.4
2044	921	3	0.3%	47.2	686	1	0.1%	345	-16	-4.4%	2.5
2045	924	3	0.3%	46.6	689	3	0.4%	357	12	3.5%	2.5
2046	928	4	0.4%	46.1	692	3	0.4%	370	13	3.6%	2.4
2047	931	3	0.3%	45.7	694	2	0.3%	371	1	0.3%	2.4
2048	935	4	0.4%	45.7	697	3	0.4%	374	3	0.8%	2.4
2049	938	3	0.3%	45.9	700	3	0.4%	381	7	1.9%	2.3
2050	942	4	0.4%	46.1	704	4	0.6%	388	7	1.8%	2.3
2051	947	5	0.5%	46.1	707	3	0.4%	397	9	2.3%	2.3
2052	951	4	0.4%	46.2	710	3	0.4%	407	10	2.5%	2.2
2053	956	5	0.5%	46.5	714	4	0.6%	414	7	1.7%	2.2
2054	961	5	0.5%	46.8	718	4	0.6%	426	12	2.9%	2.1
2055	967	6	0.6%	47.1	721	3	0.4%	437	11	2.6%	2.1
2056	974	7	0.7%	47.3	724	3	0.4%	436	-1	-0.2%	2.1
2057	981	7	0.7%	47.7	727	3	0.4%	446	10	2.3%	2.1
2058	989	8	0.8%	48.1	730	3	0.4%	455	9	2.0%	2.1
2059	999	10	1.0%	48.4	733	3	0.4%	462	7	1.5%	2.0
2060	1009	10	1.0%	48.5	736	3	0.4%	469	7	1.5%	2.0

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## Endnote

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