

Garfield County



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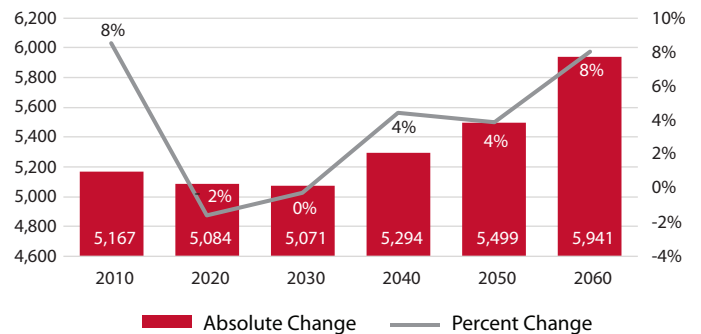
Garfield County's population is projected to grow from 5,084 on July 1, 2020 to 5,941 in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 40.6 in 2020 to 42.7 in 2060. Additional details on age groups are included below. Garfield County's economy will continue to grow, driven by tourism attractions, and a growing workforce.

Key Findings

- **Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Garfield County's population declined by 89 residents. Driven by out migration, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 5,083, the fifth smallest in Utah.
- **Regional context** – Garfield County shares an economic link with Washington, Iron, Kane, and Beaver counties. This five-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- **Population growth** – Garfield County's population is projected to grow from 5,084 on July 1, 2020 to 5,941 in 2060. Garfield County's overall population ranking is projected to remain as the fifth smallest county from 2020 to 2060.
- **Components of change** – Net migration drives population growth in Garfield County throughout the projection period. Natural decrease (more deaths than births) will occur throughout the projection period.
- **Age composition** – Garfield County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 22.1% in 2020 to 23.2% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline, from 23.6% in 2020 to 21.6% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 40.6 in 2020 to 42.7 in 2060.

- **Employment growth** – Garfield County's employment is projected to increase from 3,296 in 2020 to 3,855 in 2060. The leading growth sectors include construction, accommodation and food services, and arts, entertainment and recreation, contributing 76% of the projected employment growth.

Historic and Projected Growth in Garfield County

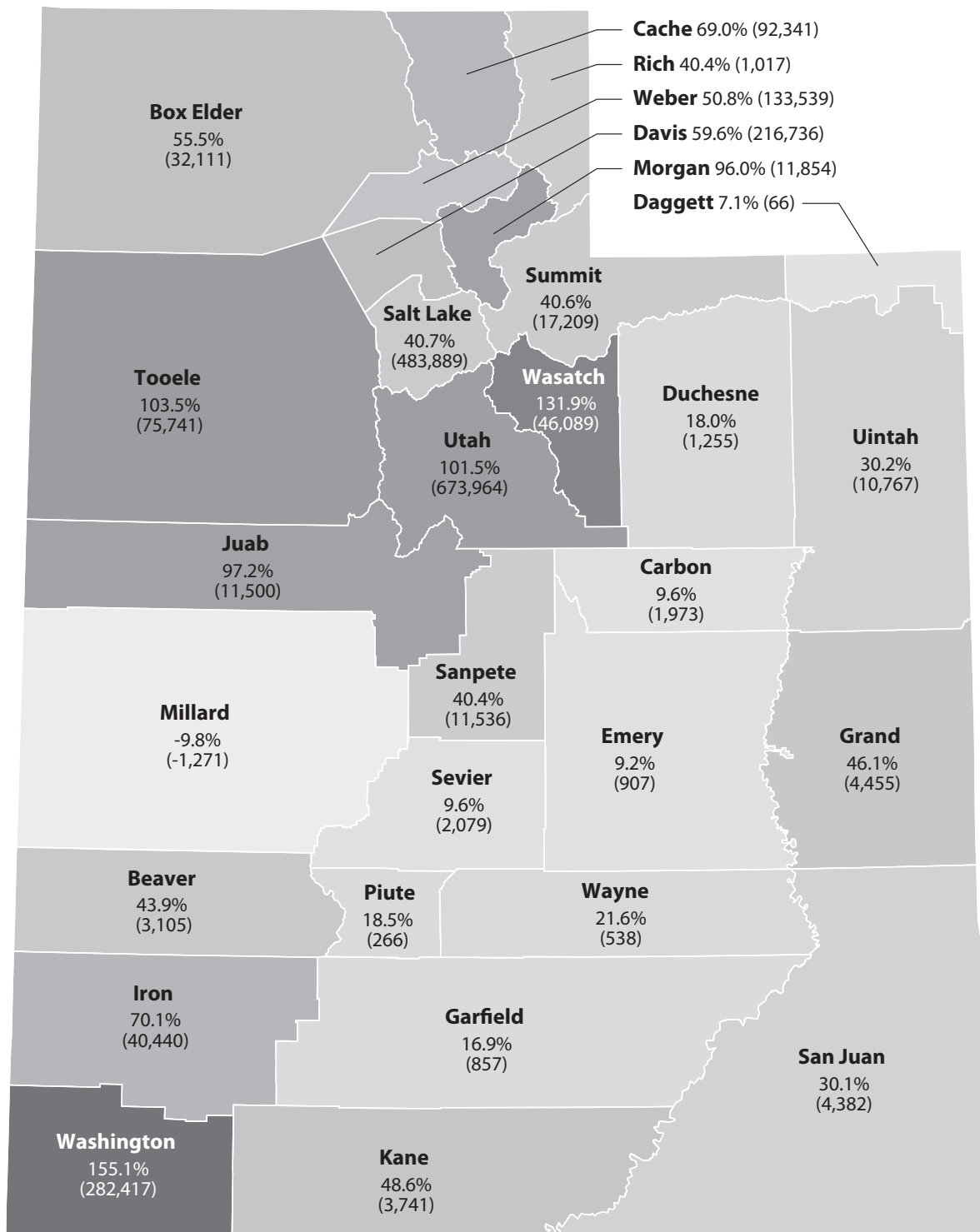


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Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Garfield County is 2.05. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.83 in Garfield 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 Garfield County males is 79.2 and 83.0 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 85.2 for males and 88.5 for females by 2060.
- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Garfield 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 Garfield 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	5,084	n/a	n/a	40.6	3,352	n/a	n/a	1,881	n/a	n/a	2.6
2021	5,079	-5	-0.1%	40.7	3,451	99	3.0%	1,881	0	0.0%	2.6
2022	5,068	-11	-0.2%	41.0	3,457	6	0.2%	1,884	3	0.2%	2.6
2023	5,053	-15	-0.3%	41.3	3,611	154	4.5%	1,891	7	0.4%	2.6
2024	5,039	-14	-0.3%	41.6	3,774	163	4.5%	1,891	0	0.0%	2.6
2025	5,028	-11	-0.2%	41.7	3,801	27	0.7%	1,896	5	0.3%	2.6
2026	5,022	-6	-0.1%	41.7	3,807	6	0.2%	1,896	0	0.0%	2.6
2027	5,024	2	0.0%	41.7	3,814	7	0.2%	1,902	6	0.3%	2.6
2028	5,033	9	0.2%	41.8	3,831	17	0.4%	1,918	16	0.8%	2.5
2029	5,049	16	0.3%	42.0	3,849	18	0.5%	1,928	10	0.5%	2.5
2030	5,071	22	0.4%	42.0	3,869	20	0.5%	1,926	-2	-0.1%	2.5
2031	5,095	24	0.5%	42.2	3,874	5	0.1%	1,935	9	0.5%	2.5
2032	5,120	25	0.5%	42.4	3,870	-4	-0.1%	1,956	21	1.1%	2.5
2033	5,144	24	0.5%	42.5	3,867	-3	-0.1%	1,961	5	0.3%	2.5
2034	5,168	24	0.5%	42.6	3,871	4	0.1%	1,965	4	0.2%	2.5
2035	5,191	23	0.4%	42.8	3,869	-2	-0.1%	1,972	7	0.4%	2.5
2036	5,213	22	0.4%	42.9	3,866	-3	-0.1%	1,991	19	1.0%	2.5
2037	5,234	21	0.4%	42.9	3,867	1	0.0%	2,007	16	0.8%	2.5
2038	5,255	21	0.4%	42.9	3,860	-7	-0.2%	2,003	-4	-0.2%	2.5
2039	5,275	20	0.4%	42.9	3,854	-6	-0.2%	2,002	-1	-0.0%	2.5
2040	5,294	19	0.4%	42.9	3,849	-5	-0.1%	2,013	11	0.5%	2.5
2041	5,314	20	0.4%	42.8	3,846	-3	-0.1%	2,033	20	1.0%	2.5
2042	5,334	20	0.4%	42.5	3,847	1	0.0%	2,057	24	1.2%	2.5
2043	5,353	19	0.4%	42.1	3,849	2	0.1%	2,063	6	0.3%	2.5
2044	5,372	19	0.4%	41.9	3,854	5	0.1%	2,086	23	1.1%	2.5
2045	5,391	19	0.4%	41.9	3,862	8	0.2%	2,109	23	1.1%	2.5
2046	5,411	20	0.4%	41.9	3,869	7	0.2%	2,127	18	0.9%	2.5
2047	5,432	21	0.4%	42.0	3,881	12	0.3%	2,148	21	1.0%	2.4
2048	5,453	21	0.4%	42.2	3,893	12	0.3%	2,169	21	1.0%	2.4
2049	5,475	22	0.4%	42.4	3,903	10	0.3%	2,192	23	1.1%	2.4
2050	5,499	24	0.4%	42.6	3,907	4	0.1%	2,219	27	1.2%	2.4
2051	5,525	26	0.5%	42.6	3,906	-1	-0.0%	2,235	16	0.7%	2.4
2052	5,553	28	0.5%	42.7	3,900	-6	-0.2%	2,260	25	1.1%	2.4
2053	5,584	31	0.6%	42.8	3,896	-4	-0.1%	2,283	23	1.0%	2.4
2054	5,619	35	0.6%	42.8	3,892	-4	-0.1%	2,310	27	1.2%	2.3
2055	5,657	38	0.7%	42.8	3,888	-4	-0.1%	2,333	23	1.0%	2.3
2056	5,700	43	0.8%	42.8	3,883	-5	-0.1%	2,369	36	1.5%	2.3
2057	5,748	48	0.8%	42.9	3,879	-4	-0.1%	2,405	36	1.5%	2.3
2058	5,804	56	1.0%	42.8	3,873	-6	-0.2%	2,440	35	1.5%	2.3
2059	5,867	63	1.1%	42.7	3,864	-9	-0.2%	2,488	48	2.0%	2.3
2060	5,941	74	1.3%	42.7	3,855	-9	-0.2%	2,525	37	1.5%	2.3

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.