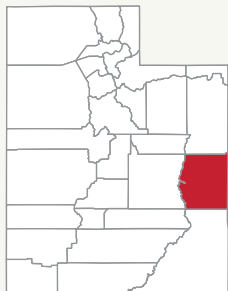


Grand County



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Grand County's economy ranks as one of Utah's more economically specialized economies. Analysts expect the economy to continue to grow, driven by attractive economic assets, including a hardworking labor force, Utah State University Moab, red rock tourism attractions, and favorable broadband access.

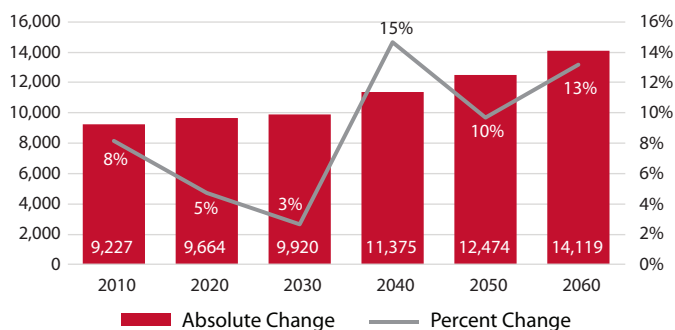
Key Findings

- **Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Grand County grew by 444 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 9,669, the eighth smallest county in Utah.
- **Regional context** – Grand County shares an economic link with San Juan County. This two-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- **Population growth** – Grand County's population is projected to grow from 9,664 on July 1, 2020 to 14,119 in 2060. Grand County's overall population ranking is projected to increase from eighth smallest county in 2020 to tenth smallest in 2060.
- **Components of change** – Net migration is projected to be the driver of growth in Grand County throughout the projection period.
- **Age composition** – Grand County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 18.5% in 2020 to 29.7% in 2060. The share of the population under

18 is projected to decline, from 21.1% in 2020 to 17.3% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 42.8 in 2020 to 49.9 in 2060.

- **Economic growth** – Grand County's employment is projected to increase from 7,404 in 2020 to 10,634 in 2060. The leading growth sectors include accommodation and food services, arts, entertainment and recreation, and construction, contributing 55.6% of employment growth.

Historic and Projected Growth in Grand County



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

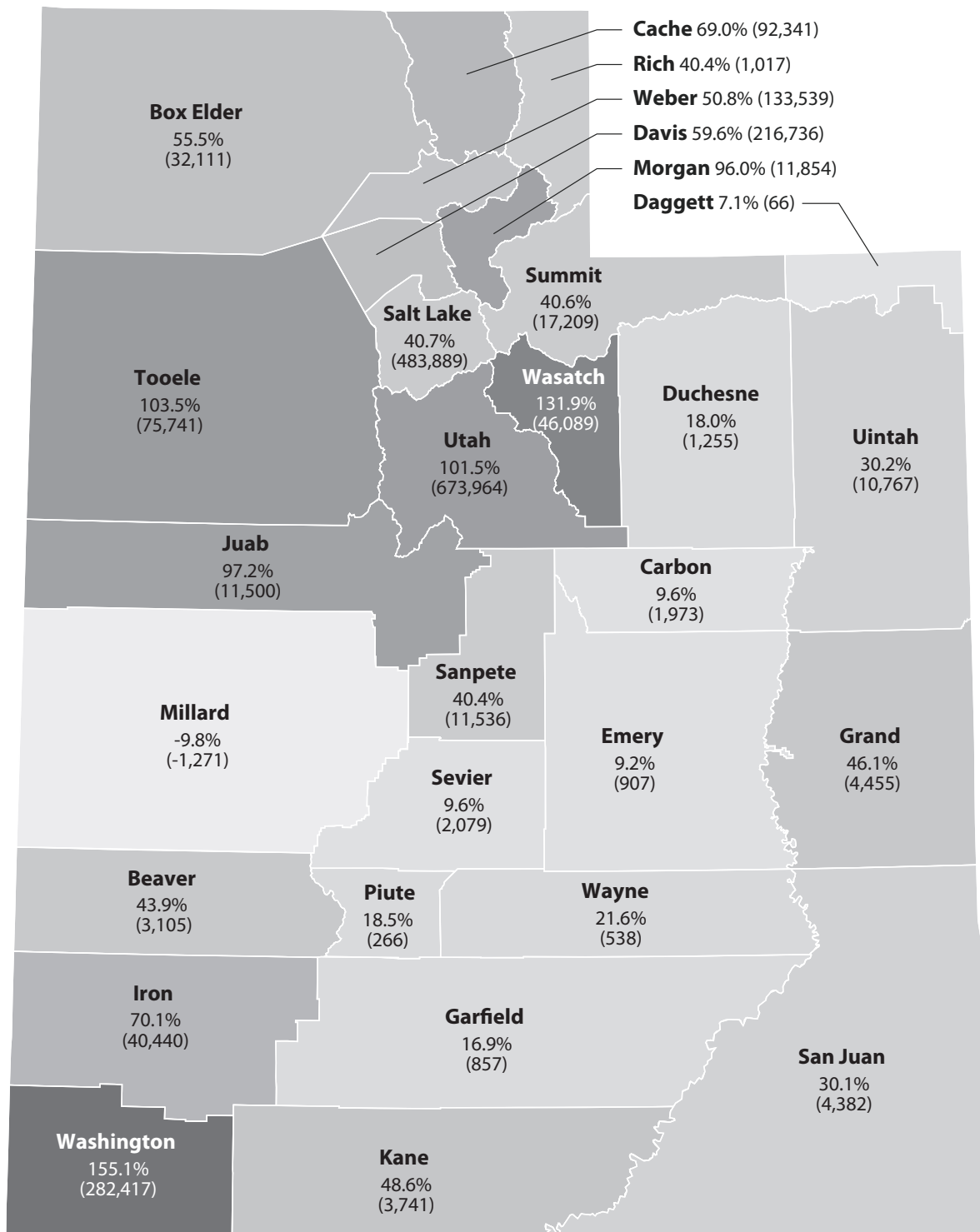
Major Events/Projects

- **Economic development plans/CEDS** – The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy sponsored by the U.S. Economic Development Administration calls for the prioritization of economic diversity, workforce development, infrastructure investments (including tourism), and support for entrepreneurship. These plans are expected to guide Grand County’s economic diversification.
- **Utah State University Moab** – Utah State University Moab will open in April 2022. The campus will serve residents in southeastern Utah.

Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Grand County is 1.75. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.57 in Grand County in 2060. Statewide, this the TFR is projected to decline from 1.99 in 2020 to 1.78 in 2060.
- **Life expectancy** – The estimated 2020 life expectancy for Grand 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 Grand 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 Grand 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	9,664	n/a	n/a	42.8	7,534	n/a	n/a	4,006	n/a	n/a	2.4
2021	9,705	41	0.4%	43.4	7,856	322	4.3%	4,046	40	1.0%	2.4
2022	9,664	-41	-0.4%	43.9	8,127	271	3.4%	4,066	20	0.5%	2.3
2023	9,613	-51	-0.5%	44.5	8,481	354	4.4%	4,075	9	0.2%	2.3
2024	9,568	-45	-0.5%	45.0	8,824	343	4.0%	4,096	21	0.5%	2.3
2025	9,543	-25	-0.3%	45.6	8,942	118	1.3%	4,125	29	0.7%	2.3
2026	9,549	6	0.1%	46.1	9,012	70	0.8%	4,154	29	0.7%	2.3
2027	9,589	40	0.4%	46.5	9,078	66	0.7%	4,179	25	0.6%	2.3
2028	9,667	78	0.8%	46.9	9,173	95	1.0%	4,235	56	1.3%	2.3
2029	9,780	113	1.2%	47.2	9,254	81	0.9%	4,316	81	1.9%	2.2
2030	9,920	140	1.4%	47.6	9,348	94	1.0%	4,392	76	1.8%	2.2
2031	10,079	159	1.6%	47.9	9,397	49	0.5%	4,482	90	2.0%	2.2
2032	10,240	161	1.6%	48.2	9,434	37	0.4%	4,564	82	1.8%	2.2
2033	10,402	162	1.6%	48.5	9,459	25	0.3%	4,638	74	1.6%	2.2
2034	10,561	159	1.5%	48.8	9,493	34	0.4%	4,726	88	1.9%	2.2
2035	10,714	153	1.4%	49.0	9,523	30	0.3%	4,815	89	1.9%	2.2
2036	10,862	148	1.4%	49.3	9,552	29	0.3%	4,887	72	1.5%	2.2
2037	11,002	140	1.3%	49.5	9,592	40	0.4%	4,957	70	1.4%	2.2
2038	11,134	132	1.2%	49.7	9,615	23	0.2%	5,029	72	1.5%	2.2
2039	11,258	124	1.1%	49.9	9,631	16	0.2%	5,089	60	1.2%	2.2
2040	11,375	117	1.0%	50.1	9,657	26	0.3%	5,152	63	1.2%	2.2
2041	11,486	111	1.0%	50.2	9,686	29	0.3%	5,227	75	1.5%	2.2
2042	11,591	105	0.9%	50.4	9,716	30	0.3%	5,324	97	1.9%	2.2
2043	11,693	102	0.9%	50.5	9,757	41	0.4%	5,404	80	1.5%	2.1
2044	11,795	102	0.9%	50.6	9,802	45	0.5%	5,469	65	1.2%	2.1
2045	11,897	102	0.9%	50.6	9,856	54	0.6%	5,534	65	1.2%	2.1
2046	12,002	105	0.9%	50.6	9,910	54	0.5%	5,615	81	1.5%	2.1
2047	12,111	109	0.9%	50.5	9,981	71	0.7%	5,711	96	1.7%	2.1
2048	12,225	114	0.9%	50.4	10,056	75	0.8%	5,793	82	1.4%	2.1
2049	12,346	121	1.0%	50.2	10,121	65	0.6%	5,888	95	1.6%	2.1
2050	12,474	128	1.0%	50.0	10,176	55	0.5%	5,951	63	1.1%	2.1
2051	12,611	137	1.1%	49.7	10,223	47	0.5%	6,030	79	1.3%	2.1
2052	12,755	144	1.1%	49.6	10,273	50	0.5%	6,133	103	1.7%	2.1
2053	12,908	153	1.2%	49.5	10,319	46	0.4%	6,221	88	1.4%	2.1
2054	13,068	160	1.2%	49.5	10,367	48	0.5%	6,315	94	1.5%	2.0
2055	13,233	165	1.3%	49.5	10,412	45	0.4%	6,436	121	1.9%	2.0
2056	13,403	170	1.3%	49.6	10,465	53	0.5%	6,538	102	1.6%	2.0
2057	13,578	175	1.3%	49.6	10,517	52	0.5%	6,646	108	1.7%	2.0
2058	13,757	179	1.3%	49.6	10,559	42	0.4%	6,768	122	1.8%	2.0
2059	13,938	181	1.3%	49.8	10,596	37	0.4%	6,888	120	1.8%	2.0
2060	14,119	181	1.3%	49.9	10,634	38	0.4%	7,000	112	1.6%	2.0

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.