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Each year, the Census Bureau produces population estimates at varying levels of geography. The Census Bureau's most recent release on March 26, 2020, provides population estimates with components of population change for counties, metropolitan areas, and micropolitan areas in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The National Picture

Texas was home to six of the ten counties with the largest population gains this decade. The remaining four counties in the top ten were in the South and West, the country's dominant growth regions since 2010.

Another trend seen throughout the decade was that smaller counties lost population, while larger-population counties continued to grow.

How Does Utah Compare Nationally?

This release highlighted three Utah areas – one county and two metropolitan statistical areas – for ranking in the top 10 nationally:

- **Wasatch County** had the third-fastest cumulative growth since 2010, with a 44.9% increase.
- **St. George** and **Provo-Orem** metropolitan areas round out the decade ranked fifth (28.6%) and ninth (23.0%) highest percentage growth metropolitan areas, respectively.

Utah's County Highlights

The first release of the 2019 Vintage estimates highlighted Utah as the fastest-growing state since 2010. Between 2018 and 2019, Utah's statewide growth moderated slightly from previous years with an increase of 52,408 people or 1.7%. The trend of stable net migration continued between

Table 1: 2019 Census Bureau Estimates, State of Utah and Counties

| Area | 2019 Estimate | 2018 to 2019 | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| | | Absolute | Percent | Natural Increase | Net Migration | Share of Change | |
| | | | | | | Natural Increase | Net Migration |
| State of Utah | 3,205,958 | 52,408 | 1.7% | 31,199 | 21,167 | 60% | 40% |
| Beaver County | 6,710 | 85 | 1.3% | 54 | 33 | 64% | 39% |
| Box Elder County | 56,046 | 1,140 | 2.1% | 431 | 706 | 38% | 62% |
| Cache County | 128,289 | 1,889 | 1.5% | 1,633 | 254 | 86% | 13% |
| Carbon County | 20,463 | 230 | 1.1% | 47 | 182 | 20% | 79% |
| Daggett County | 950 | -24 | -2.5% | 5 | -30 | n/a | n/a |
| Davis County | 355,481 | 4,380 | 1.2% | 3,682 | 710 | 84% | 16% |
| Duchesne County | 19,938 | -5 | -0.0% | 224 | -230 | n/a | n/a |
| Emery County | 10,012 | 9 | 0.1% | 18 | -8 | 100% | 0% |
| Garfield County | 5,051 | 49 | 1.0% | 13 | 37 | 27% | 76% |
| Grand County | 9,754 | 68 | 0.7% | 27 | 41 | 40% | 60% |
| Iron County | 54,839 | 2,161 | 4.1% | 507 | 1,645 | 23% | 76% |
| Juab County | 12,017 | 388 | 3.3% | 129 | 259 | 33% | 67% |
| Kane County | 7,886 | 209 | 2.7% | 13 | 197 | 6% | 94% |
| Millard County | 13,188 | 201 | 1.5% | 100 | 103 | 50% | 51% |
| Morgan County | 12,124 | 168 | 1.4% | 99 | 71 | 59% | 42% |
| Piute County | 1,479 | 41 | 2.9% | 1 | 41 | 0% | 100% |
| Rich County | 2,483 | 27 | 1.1% | 20 | 7 | 74% | 26% |
| Salt Lake County | 1,160,437 | 11,745 | 1.0% | 9,789 | 1,988 | 83% | 17% |
| San Juan County | 15,308 | -50 | -0.3% | 58 | -108 | n/a | n/a |
| Sanpete County | 30,939 | 436 | 1.4% | 185 | 251 | 42% | 58% |
| Sevier County | 21,620 | 123 | 0.6% | 122 | 3 | 99% | 2% |
| Summit County | 42,145 | 255 | 0.6% | 257 | -2 | 100% | 0% |
| Tooele County | 72,259 | 2,270 | 3.2% | 672 | 1,598 | 30% | 70% |
| Uintah County | 35,734 | 329 | 0.9% | 305 | 25 | 93% | 8% |
| Utah County | 636,235 | 14,715 | 2.4% | 9,465 | 5,214 | 64% | 35% |
| Wasatch County | 34,091 | 1,024 | 3.1% | 307 | 713 | 30% | 70% |
| Washington County | 177,556 | 5,989 | 3.5% | 876 | 5,085 | 15% | 85% |
| Wayne County | 2,711 | 40 | 1.5% | 7 | 34 | 18% | 85% |
| Weber County | 260,213 | 4,516 | 1.8% | 2,153 | 2,348 | 48% | 52% |

n/a - not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2019 Population Estimates

2018 and 2019, contributing 40% of annual statewide growth. Net in-migration is the primary growth contributor to most of the fast-growing counties, except Utah County. Table 1 displays the county-level estimates.

As seen nationally, Utah’s most populated counties experienced the most significant population gains, while some of the smaller counties lost population between 2018 and 2019. Utah and Salt Lake counties had the most growth, with 14,715 and 11,745, respectively. Washington (5,989), Weber (4,516), and Davis (4,380) followed. On the opposite end of the spectrum, Daggett, San Juan, and Duchesne lost population, declining by 50 people or fewer.

In the 2019 estimates, the fastest-growing counties were Iron, Washington, Juab, Tooele, and Wasatch. All had growth rates of over 3%, with Iron having the highest at 4.1%. While the growth in Juab was significant in relation to its size, it was the smallest absolute growth of the five counties at 388 people.

Utah’s Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Highlights

St. George metropolitan area maintained a high growth rate between 2018 and 2019, with a 3.5% (5,989 people) increase. Salt Lake had the lowest percent change, increasing by 1.2%. Provo-Orem had the largest increase in population between 2018 and 2019, followed by Salt Lake and Ogden-Clearfield.

For Logan, St. George, Provo-Orem, and Salt Lake, growth was driven by a single county of the metropolitan area. Ogden-Clearfield, with four contributing counties, had two counties (Weber and Davis) that dominated the region’s growth.

Cedar City had the largest absolute and percentage growth of the four micropolitan statistical areas, with a 4.1% increase (2,161 people). Heber had an increase of 1,279 people (1.7%), with Price and Vernal both experiencing increases of several hundred people. The Heber area now includes both Summit and Wasatch counties.

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. County boundaries provide the basis for both types of statistical areas, with some of the larger metropolitan areas including multiple counties.

- Metropolitan areas include at least one urbanized area with 50,000 or more inhabitants.
- Micropolitan areas are smaller, and include at least one urban cluster of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants.

Table 2: 2019 Census Bureau Estimates, Utah Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas

| Metropolitan Statistical Areas | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------|
| Area | Associated County(s) | 2019 Estimate | 2018 to 2019 Change | |
| | | | Absolute | Percent |
| Logan, UT-ID | Cache, Franklin (ID) | 142,165 | 2,061 | 1.5% |
| Ogden-Clearfield, UT | Weber, Davis, Morgan, Box Elder | 683,864 | 10,204 | 1.5% |
| Provo-Orem, UT | Utah, Juab | 648,252 | 15,103 | 2.4% |
| St. George, UT | Washington | 177,556 | 5,989 | 3.5% |
| Salt Lake City, UT | Salt Lake, Tooele | 1,232,696 | 14,015 | 1.2% |
| Micropolitan Statistical Area | | | | |
| Area | Associated County | 2019 Estimate | 2018 to 2019 Change | |
| | | | Absolute | Percent |
| Cedar City, UT | Iron | 54,839 | 2,161 | 4.1% |
| Heber, UT | Wasatch | 76,236 | 1,279 | 1.7% |
| Price, UT | Carbon | 20,463 | 230 | 1.1% |
| Vernal, UT | Uintah | 35,734 | 329 | 0.9% |

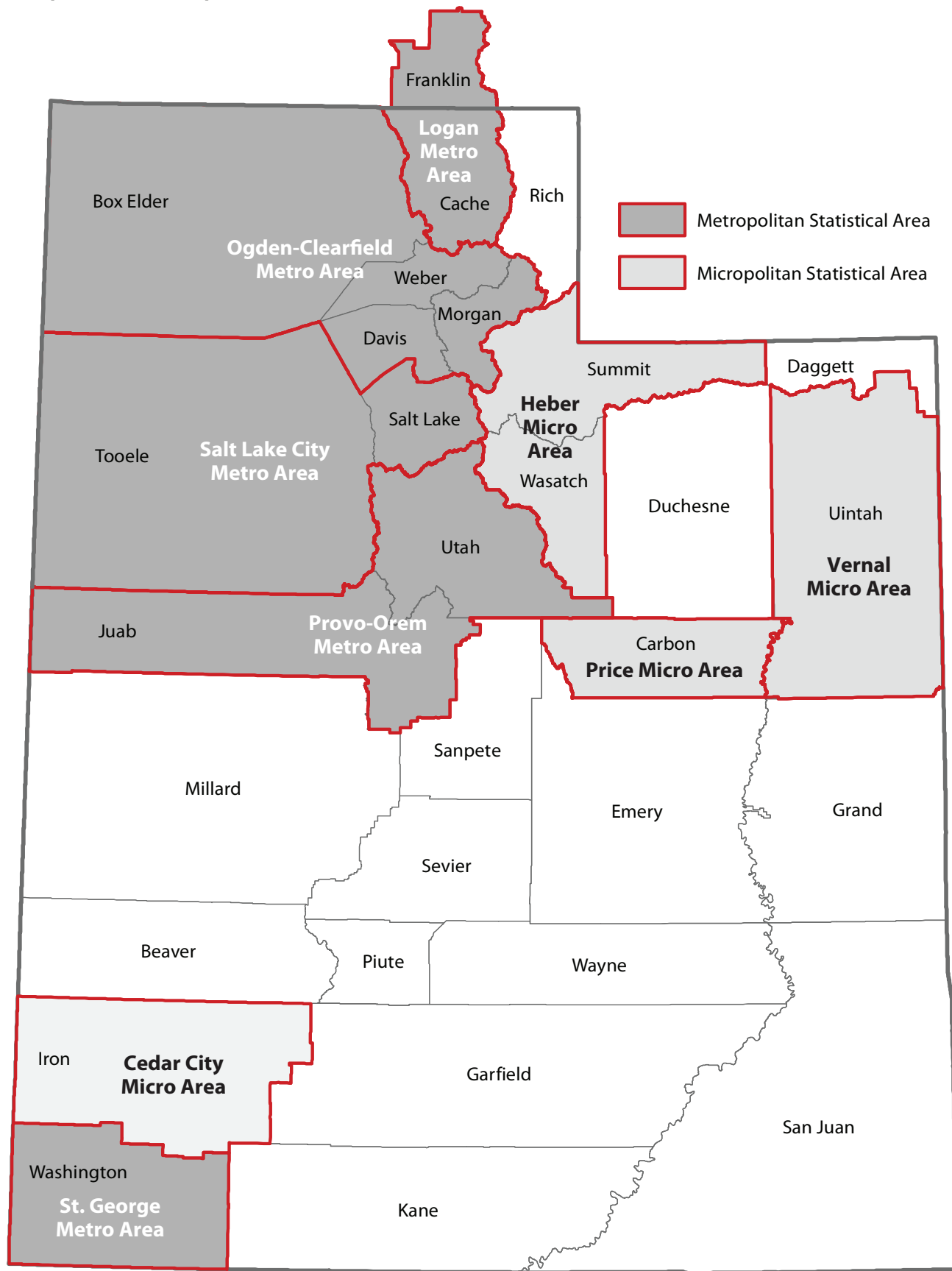
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2019 Population Estimates

Table 3: County Share of Metropolitan Statistical Area Growth, Utah

| Ogden-Clearfield | |
|------------------|-------|
| Weber | 44.3% |
| Davis | 42.9% |
| Morgan | 1.6% |
| Box Elder | 11.2% |
| Provo-Orem | |
| Utah | 97.4% |
| Juab | 2.6% |
| Salt Lake City | |
| Salt Lake | 83.8% |
| Tooele | 16.2% |

Note: Logan and St. George are not included.
Source: Analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2019 Population Estimates by Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute

Utah Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas



Source: U.S. Census Bureau TIGER Database