*Utah Long-Term Planning Projection Summary*

**February 2022**

Kem C. Gardner
**POLICY INSTITUTE**
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
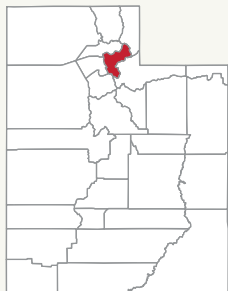
DAVID ECCLES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

# Morgan County

Morgan County is the 11th smallest county in Utah, with a 2020 Census population of 12,295.[1] Between 2010 and 2020, Morgan County grew by 2,826 residents, driven by net migration.

Morgan County's population is projected to grow from 12,353 on July 1, 2020 to 24,207 in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 30.6 in 2020 to 45.1 in 2060. Additional details on age groups are included below.
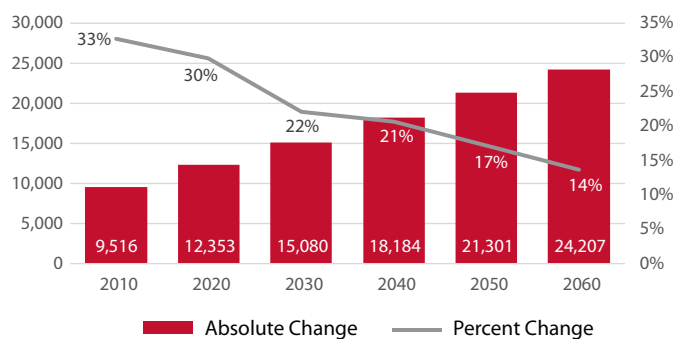
Morgan County's economy has average economic diversity for Utah. Analysts expect the economy to grow as high-wage industries like professional, scientific and technical services and finance and insurance create jobs in the county.

## Key Findings

- **Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Morgan County grew by 2,826 residents. Driven by net migration, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 12,295, the 11th smallest in Utah.

- **Regional context** – Morgan County is part of the Greater Salt Lake Region. This 12-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.

- **Population growth** – Morgan County's population is projected to grow from 12,353 on July 1, 2020 to 24,207 in 2060. Morgan County's overall population ranking is projected to increase from the 11th smallest in 2020 to 14th largest by 2060.

- **Components of change** – Net migration is projected to be the primary driver of growth throughout the projection period.

- **Age composition** – Morgan County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 12.2% in 2020 to 20.1% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline from 35.0% in 2020 to 20.0% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 30.6 in 2020 to 45.1 in 2060.

- **Economic growth** – Morgan County's employment is projected to increase from 5,267 in 2020 to 7,881 in 2060. Leading growth sectors include professional, scientific and technical services and construction, which account for 51.2% of employment growth.

**Historic and Projected Growth in Morgan County**
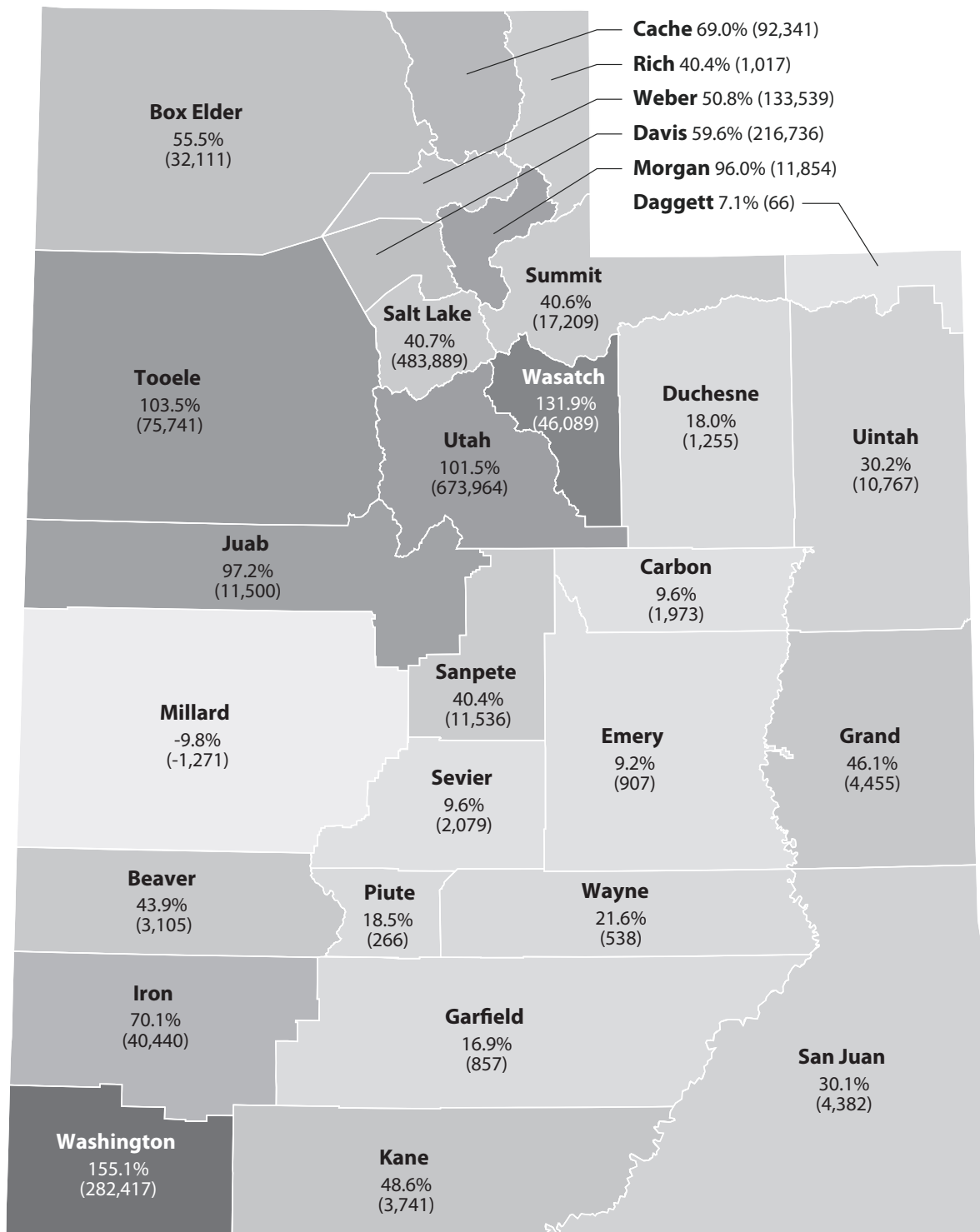


Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2020-2060 Projections

I N F O R M E D   D E C I S I O N S ™

Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute | 411 East South Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 | 801-585-5618 | gardner.utah.edu

# Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Morgan County is 2.18. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.96 in Morgan 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 Morgan County males is 78.3 and 81.9 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 84.2 for males and 87.3 for females by 2060.

- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Morgan 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

**Cache** 69.0% (92,341)

**Rich** 40.4% (1,017)

**Weber** 50.8% (133,539)

**Davis** 59.6% (216,736)

**Morgan** 96.0% (11,854)

**Daggett** 7.1% (66)

**Box Elder**
55.5%
(32,111)

**Summit**
40.6%
(17,209)

**Salt Lake**
40.7%
(483,889)

**Tooele**
103.5%
(75,741)

**Wasatch**
131.9%
(46,089)

**Duchesne**
18.0%
(1,255)

**Uintah**
30.2%
(10,767)

**Utah**
101.5%
(673,964)

**Juab**
97.2%
(11,500)

**Carbon**
9.6%
(1,973)

**Sanpete**
40.4%
(11,536)

**Millard**
-9.8%
(-1,271)

**Emery**
9.2%
(907)

**Grand**
46.1%
(4,455)

**Sevier**
9.6%
(2,079)

**Beaver**
43.9%
(3,105)

**Piute**
18.5%
(266)

**Wayne**
21.6%
(538)

**Iron**
70.1%
(40,440)

**Garfield**
16.9%
(857)

**San Juan**
30.1%
(4,382)

**Washington**
155.1%
(282,417)

**Kane**
48.6%
(3,741)

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

# Projected Morgan County Growth by Category, 2020–2060

| Year | Population | | | | Employment | | | Households | | | |
| | Population | Absoulte Change | Annual Growth Rate | Median Age | Employment | Absolute Change | Annual Growth Rate | Households | Absolute Change | Annual Growth Rate | Persons Per Household |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2020 | 12,353 | n/a | n/a | 30.6 | 5,262 | n/a | n/a | 3,574 | n/a | n/a | 3.5 |
| 2021 | 12,679 | 326 | 2.6% | 31.0 | 5,489 | 227 | 4.3% | 3,690 | 116 | 3.2% | 3.4 |
| 2022 | 12,931 | 252 | 2.0% | 31.6 | 5,681 | 192 | 3.5% | 3,798 | 108 | 2.9% | 3.4 |
| 2023 | 13,183 | 252 | 1.9% | 32.1 | 5,839 | 158 | 2.8% | 3,917 | 119 | 3.1% | 3.4 |
| 2024 | 13,438 | 255 | 1.9% | 32.6 | 5,939 | 100 | 1.7% | 4,037 | 120 | 3.1% | 3.3 |
| 2025 | 13,697 | 259 | 1.9% | 33.1 | 6,019 | 80 | 1.3% | 4,162 | 125 | 3.1% | 3.3 |
| 2026 | 13,961 | 264 | 1.9% | 33.6 | 6,084 | 65 | 1.1% | 4,288 | 126 | 3.0% | 3.3 |
| 2027 | 14,231 | 270 | 1.9% | 34.1 | 6,141 | 57 | 0.9% | 4,419 | 131 | 3.1% | 3.2 |
| 2028 | 14,508 | 277 | 1.9% | 34.5 | 6,200 | 59 | 1.0% | 4,547 | 128 | 2.9% | 3.2 |
| 2029 | 14,791 | 283 | 2.0% | 34.8 | 6,281 | 81 | 1.3% | 4,687 | 140 | 3.1% | 3.2 |
| 2030 | 15,080 | 289 | 2.0% | 35.1 | 6,314 | 33 | 0.5% | 4,832 | 145 | 3.1% | 3.1 |
| 2031 | 15,374 | 294 | 1.9% | 35.4 | 6,348 | 34 | 0.5% | 4,968 | 136 | 2.8% | 3.1 |
| 2032 | 15,670 | 296 | 1.9% | 35.7 | 6,404 | 56 | 0.9% | 5,115 | 147 | 3.0% | 3.1 |
| 2033 | 15,972 | 302 | 1.9% | 35.9 | 6,460 | 56 | 0.9% | 5,281 | 166 | 3.2% | 3.0 |
| 2034 | 16,279 | 307 | 1.9% | 36.1 | 6,536 | 76 | 1.2% | 5,450 | 169 | 3.2% | 3.0 |
| 2035 | 16,590 | 311 | 1.9% | 36.3 | 6,605 | 69 | 1.1% | 5,606 | 156 | 2.9% | 3.0 |
| 2036 | 16,904 | 314 | 1.9% | 36.4 | 6,678 | 73 | 1.1% | 5,754 | 148 | 2.6% | 2.9 |
| 2037 | 17,221 | 317 | 1.9% | 36.4 | 6,757 | 79 | 1.2% | 5,907 | 153 | 2.7% | 2.9 |
| 2038 | 17,541 | 320 | 1.9% | 36.4 | 6,831 | 74 | 1.1% | 6,043 | 136 | 2.3% | 2.9 |
| 2039 | 17,861 | 320 | 1.8% | 36.6 | 6,901 | 70 | 1.0% | 6,182 | 139 | 2.3% | 2.9 |
| 2040 | 18,184 | 323 | 1.8% | 37.0 | 6,975 | 74 | 1.1% | 6,310 | 128 | 2.1% | 2.9 |
| 2041 | 18,508 | 324 | 1.8% | 37.3 | 7,047 | 72 | 1.0% | 6,468 | 158 | 2.5% | 2.9 |
| 2042 | 18,829 | 321 | 1.7% | 37.7 | 7,118 | 71 | 1.0% | 6,632 | 164 | 2.5% | 2.8 |
| 2043 | 19,148 | 319 | 1.7% | 38.1 | 7,185 | 67 | 0.9% | 6,777 | 145 | 2.2% | 2.8 |
| 2044 | 19,462 | 314 | 1.6% | 38.5 | 7,254 | 69 | 1.0% | 6,927 | 150 | 2.2% | 2.8 |
| 2045 | 19,775 | 313 | 1.6% | 38.9 | 7,320 | 66 | 0.9% | 7,084 | 157 | 2.3% | 2.8 |
| 2046 | 20,087 | 312 | 1.6% | 39.4 | 7,384 | 64 | 0.9% | 7,239 | 155 | 2.2% | 2.8 |
| 2047 | 20,396 | 309 | 1.5% | 39.8 | 7,450 | 66 | 0.9% | 7,410 | 171 | 2.4% | 2.8 |
| 2048 | 20,703 | 307 | 1.5% | 40.3 | 7,510 | 60 | 0.8% | 7,571 | 161 | 2.2% | 2.7 |
| 2049 | 21,005 | 302 | 1.5% | 40.7 | 7,565 | 55 | 0.7% | 7,736 | 165 | 2.2% | 2.7 |
| 2050 | 21,301 | 296 | 1.4% | 41.1 | 7,621 | 56 | 0.7% | 7,899 | 163 | 2.1% | 2.7 |
| 2051 | 21,599 | 298 | 1.4% | 41.6 | 7,669 | 48 | 0.6% | 8,057 | 158 | 2.0% | 2.7 |
| 2052 | 21,897 | 298 | 1.4% | 42.0 | 7,699 | 30 | 0.4% | 8,206 | 149 | 1.8% | 2.7 |
| 2053 | 22,193 | 296 | 1.4% | 42.4 | 7,725 | 26 | 0.3% | 8,358 | 152 | 1.9% | 2.7 |
| 2054 | 22,485 | 292 | 1.3% | 42.8 | 7,744 | 19 | 0.2% | 8,528 | 170 | 2.0% | 2.6 |
| 2055 | 22,772 | 287 | 1.3% | 43.2 | 7,769 | 25 | 0.3% | 8,715 | 187 | 2.2% | 2.6 |
| 2056 | 23,058 | 286 | 1.3% | 43.6 | 7,791 | 22 | 0.3% | 8,900 | 185 | 2.1% | 2.6 |
| 2057 | 23,344 | 286 | 1.2% | 44.0 | 7,809 | 18 | 0.2% | 9,078 | 178 | 2.0% | 2.6 |
| 2058 | 23,632 | 288 | 1.2% | 44.4 | 7,832 | 23 | 0.3% | 9,248 | 170 | 1.9% | 2.6 |
| 2059 | 23,921 | 289 | 1.2% | 44.8 | 7,859 | 27 | 0.3% | 9,410 | 162 | 1.8% | 2.5 |
| 2060 | 24,207 | 286 | 1.2% | 45.1 | 7,881 | 22 | 0.3% | 9,578 | 168 | 1.8% | 2.5 |

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.