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Small State

Population rank 34th (1990, 2000, 2010)



Mid-Sized State

Population rank 30th (2020)

Internal growth (births)

34% of growth from migration (2000-2020)



External growth (migration)

61% of growth from migration (2021 and 2022)

Less Multicultural

10% minority (1990)



More Multicultural

23% minority (2021) (30+% in 2040)

Young

11.5% are 65+ (2020)



Older

20.0% are 65+ (2050)

Strong Economy

Utah job growth strong, but ebbs and flows



Elite Economy

Utah job growth consistently best in nation and COVID outcomes

Affordable Housing

Utah housing costs to wages highly competitive



Unaffordable Housing

Utah housing costs represent major economic risk

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute



Mid-Sized State

Utah leap-frogged four states – Iowa, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Nebraska – over the last decade to become a mid-sized state for the first time in history. Utah now ranks 30th in population size.

Utah is Now a Mid-Sized State

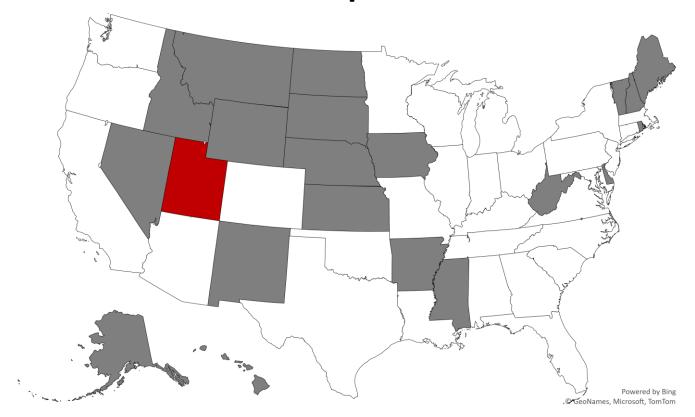
State rank by population size

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Top Third Large States					
Middle Third Mid-Sized States					→ #30 UTAH
Bottom Third Small States	#36 UTAH —	→ #35 UTAH —	→ #34 UTAH —	→ #34 UTAH <i>~</i>	

^{*}Includes District of Columbia

Source: Census Bureau, Decennial Census

20 States had Smaller Populations than Utah in 2020



Note: States shaded gray had populations less than 3,271,616 in 2020. D.C. also has a smaller population than Utah.

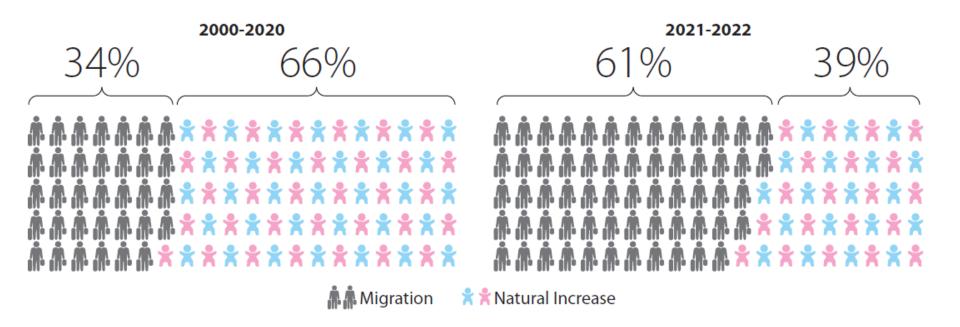
Source: U.S. Census Bureau



External Growth

Net in-migration contributed approximately two-thirds of Utah's population growth in each of the past two years. In the past, two-thirds of Utah's growth has come from internal growth.

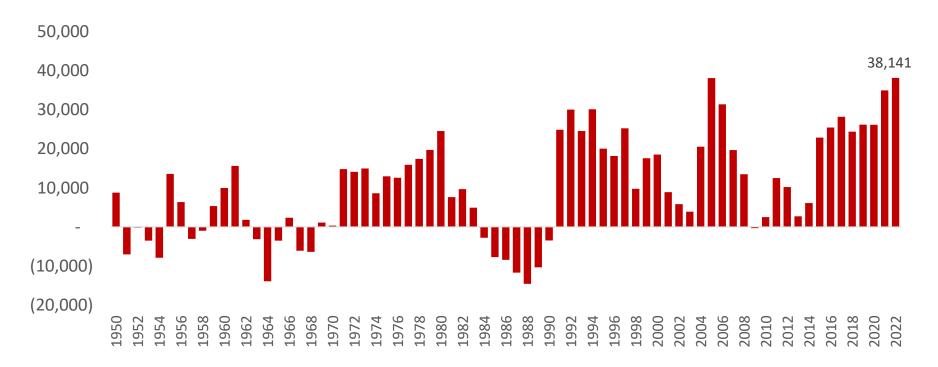
Utah Components of Population Change



Source: Utah Population Committee, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute

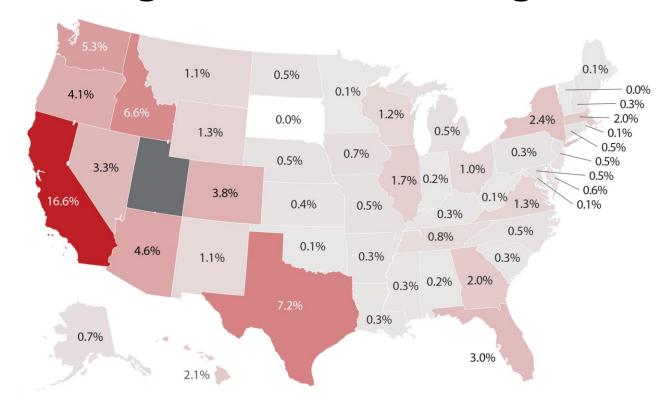
Utah Net Migration

Utah experienced net migration in 31 of the past 32 years



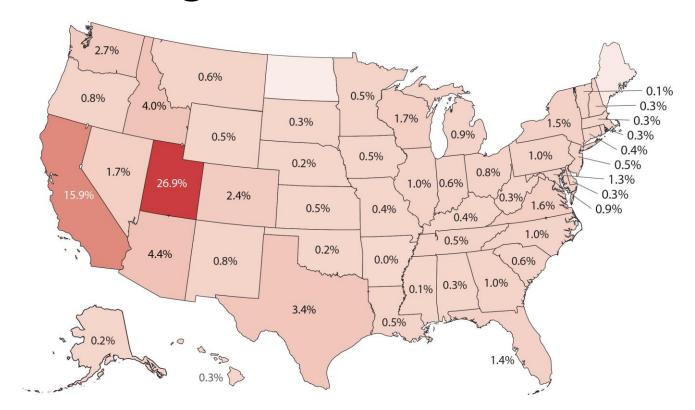
Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, and Utah Population Committee

Utah In-Migrant Domestic Origins, 2021



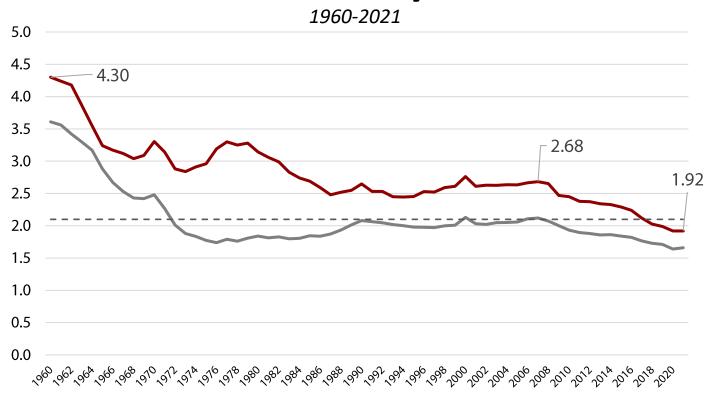
Note: International out-migrants are not included in the data or analysis Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Utah in-Migrant Place of Birth, 2021



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Total Fertility Rate



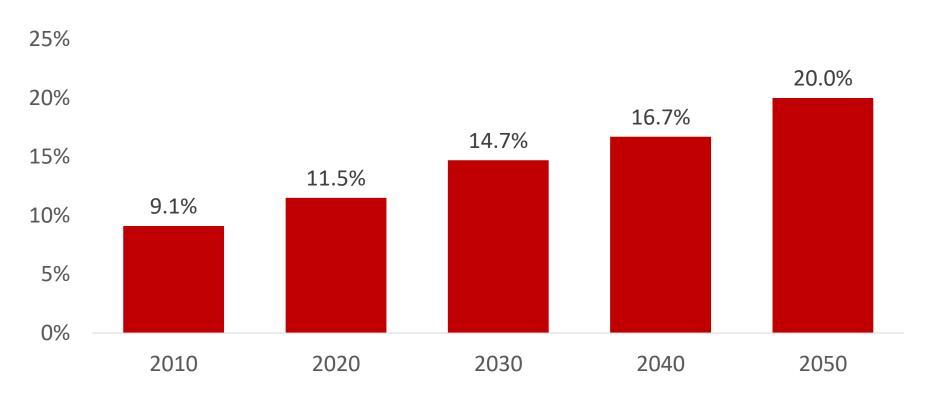
—Utah —U.S. --- Replacement

Source: National Center for Health Statistics



Utah's population 65 and older is projected to increase from approximately one in ten today to one in five by 2050. This occurs because of an aging population and relatively low fertility rates.

Utah Population 65+



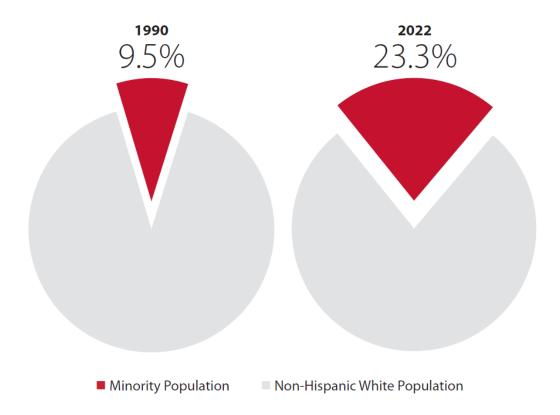
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Multicultural

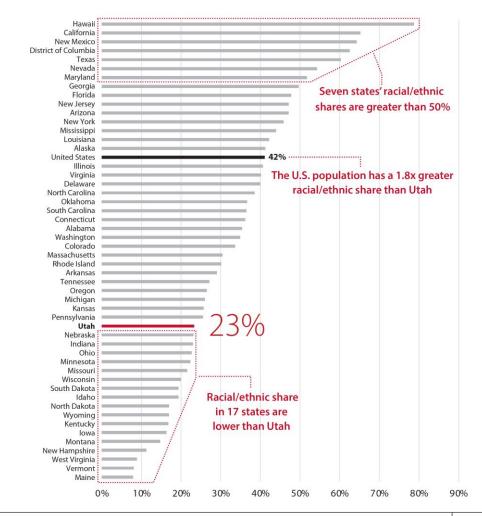
Nearly one in four Utahns are now a racial/ethnic minority, making Utah more diverse than states like Indiana, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, Minnesota, and Wisconsin and about the same as Pennsylvania. Within the next two decades this ratio is projected to increase to one in three.

Utah Minority Population Shares



Source: 1990 Census and 2017-2021 ACS

Racial/Ethnic Minority SHARE of Population by state, 2022

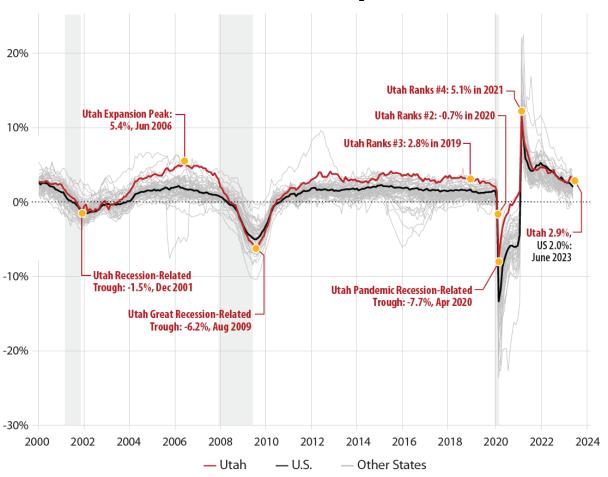


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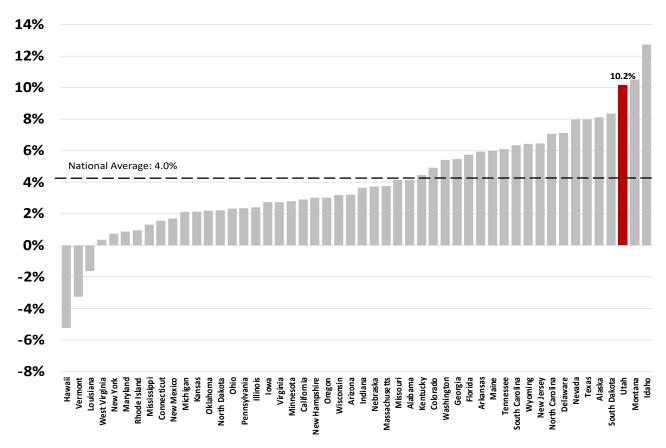


Utah's economy from 2000-2010 generally outperformed the nation, with some exceptions. Since 2011, Utah's economy consistently outperformed other states and demonstrated considerable strength relative to other states during the COVID-19 pandemic. Utah's economy has become elite.

Job Growth by State



Cumulative Job Growth by State, Feb 2020 to June 2023



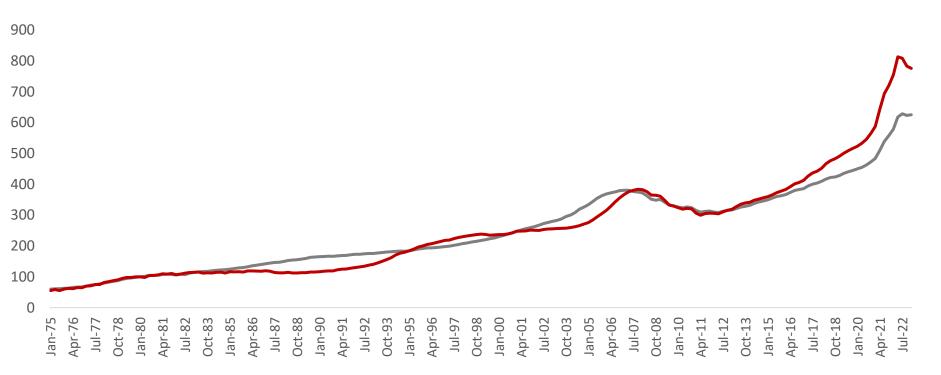


Unaffordable Housing

Historically Utah's home prices roughly tracked with national home prices. Today, Utah's home prices far exceed national home prices. Only six states (Hawaii, California, Massachusetts, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado) have higher median single family home prices than Utah.

Housing Price Index

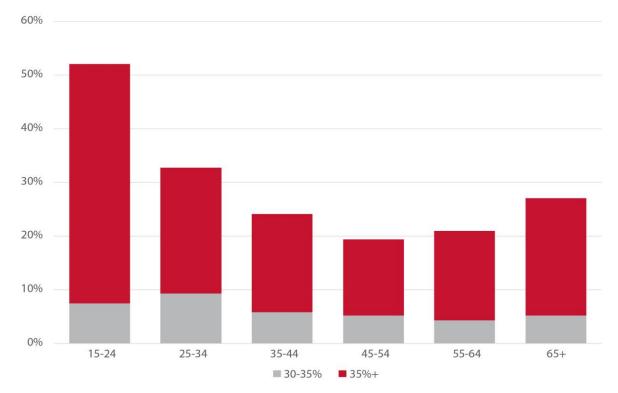
Utah and U.S., All Transactions



Source: U.S. Federal Housing Finance Agency

Housing Affordability by Age, 2021

Share of households with housing cost burden above 30% income by age



Source: American Community Survey, 1-Year, 2021