

## Rich County



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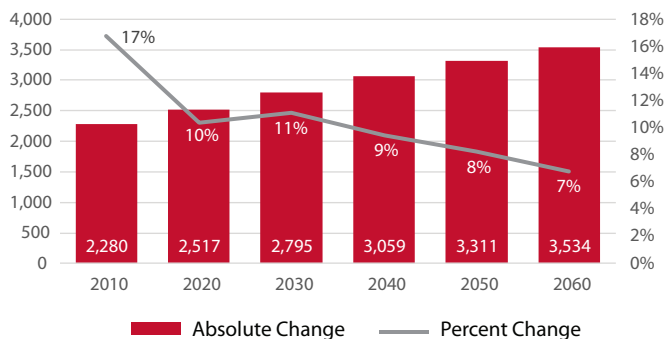
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Rich County's economy ranks as one of Utah more economically specialized economies. Analysts expect the economy to grow driven by a growing workforce and tourism attractions.

## Key Findings

- Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Rich County grew by 246 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 2,510, the fourth smallest in Utah.
- Regional context** – Rich 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** – Rich County's population is projected to grow from 2,517 on July 1, 2020 to 3,534 in 2060. Rich County is projected to remain the fourth smallest county in the state.
- Components of change** – Rich County's growth is projected to be small, with net migration playing a larger role than natural increase.
- Age composition** – Rich County's population ages over the projection horizon. The population 65 and older is projected to increase from 19.9% of total population in 2020 to 23.9% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline as a share, from 30.5% in 2020 to 21.2% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 37.1 in 2020 to 44.9 in 2060.
- Economic growth** – Rich County's employment is projected to increase from 1,630 in 2020 to 2,079 in 2060. Leading growth industries include construction, accommodation and food services, administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, and arts, entertainment and recreation services contributing 94.9% of employment growth in the county.

### Historic and Projected Growth in Rich County



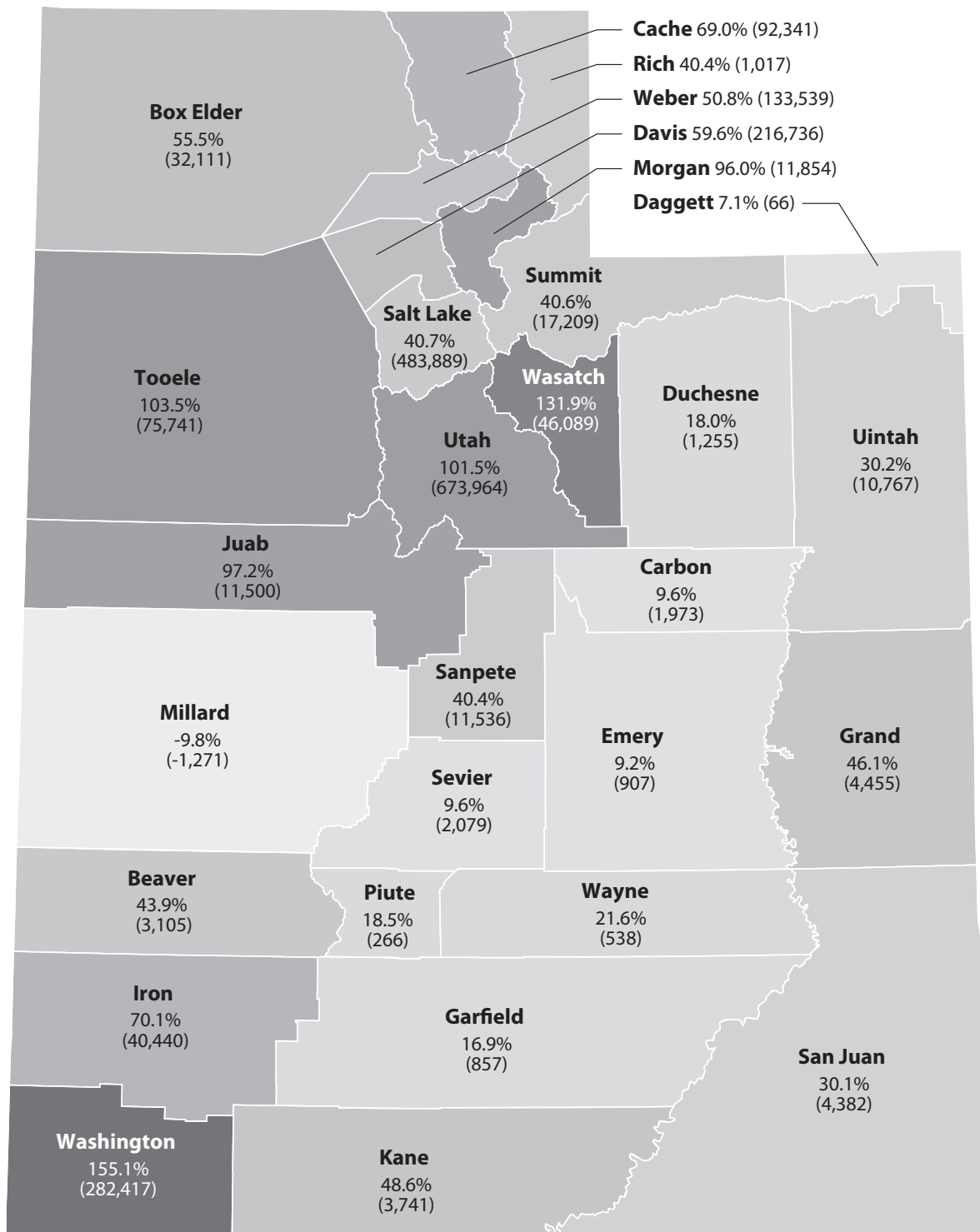
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# Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Rich County is 2.20. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.97 in Rich 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 Rich 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 Rich 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 Rich 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	2,517	n/a	n/a	37.1	1,629	n/a	n/a	886	n/a	n/a	2.8
2021	2,559	42	1.7%	37.4	1,673	44	2.7%	911	25	2.8%	2.8
2022	2,584	25	1.0%	37.8	1,683	10	0.6%	923	12	1.3%	2.8
2023	2,610	26	1.0%	38.1	1,720	37	2.2%	941	18	2.0%	2.8
2024	2,637	27	1.0%	38.4	1,757	37	2.2%	954	13	1.4%	2.8
2025	2,663	26	1.0%	38.6	1,781	24	1.4%	971	17	1.8%	2.7
2026	2,690	27	1.0%	38.8	1,786	5	0.3%	983	12	1.2%	2.7
2027	2,717	27	1.0%	39.0	1,791	5	0.3%	1,002	19	1.9%	2.7
2028	2,743	26	1.0%	39.3	1,804	13	0.7%	1,017	15	1.5%	2.7
2029	2,769	26	0.9%	39.4	1,819	15	0.8%	1,025	8	0.8%	2.7
2030	2,795	26	0.9%	39.5	1,833	14	0.8%	1,041	16	1.6%	2.7
2031	2,821	26	0.9%	39.6	1,837	4	0.2%	1,047	6	0.6%	2.7
2032	2,847	26	0.9%	39.7	1,843	6	0.3%	1,063	16	1.5%	2.7
2033	2,873	26	0.9%	39.8	1,848	5	0.3%	1,081	18	1.7%	2.7
2034	2,899	26	0.9%	39.8	1,854	6	0.3%	1,089	8	0.7%	2.7
2035	2,925	26	0.9%	39.8	1,862	8	0.4%	1,101	12	1.1%	2.7
2036	2,952	27	0.9%	39.7	1,869	7	0.4%	1,107	6	0.5%	2.7
2037	2,979	27	0.9%	39.7	1,878	9	0.5%	1,122	15	1.4%	2.7
2038	3,005	26	0.9%	39.5	1,885	7	0.4%	1,131	9	0.8%	2.7
2039	3,032	27	0.9%	39.3	1,892	7	0.4%	1,142	11	1.0%	2.7
2040	3,059	27	0.9%	39.0	1,899	7	0.4%	1,149	7	0.6%	2.7
2041	3,086	27	0.9%	38.8	1,907	8	0.4%	1,165	16	1.4%	2.7
2042	3,112	26	0.8%	39.0	1,916	9	0.5%	1,185	20	1.7%	2.6
2043	3,138	26	0.8%	39.4	1,926	10	0.5%	1,213	28	2.4%	2.6
2044	3,164	26	0.8%	39.7	1,937	11	0.6%	1,235	22	1.8%	2.6
2045	3,189	25	0.8%	40.0	1,950	13	0.7%	1,255	20	1.6%	2.5
2046	3,214	25	0.8%	40.4	1,963	13	0.7%	1,272	17	1.4%	2.5
2047	3,239	25	0.8%	40.7	1,976	13	0.7%	1,286	14	1.1%	2.5
2048	3,263	24	0.7%	41.1	1,990	14	0.7%	1,306	20	1.6%	2.5
2049	3,287	24	0.7%	41.4	2,005	15	0.8%	1,322	16	1.2%	2.5
2050	3,311	24	0.7%	41.7	2,017	12	0.6%	1,338	16	1.2%	2.5
2051	3,334	23	0.7%	42.1	2,028	11	0.5%	1,362	24	1.8%	2.5
2052	3,357	23	0.7%	42.4	2,035	7	0.3%	1,379	17	1.2%	2.4
2053	3,380	23	0.7%	42.8	2,041	6	0.3%	1,397	18	1.3%	2.4
2054	3,403	23	0.7%	43.2	2,049	8	0.4%	1,421	24	1.7%	2.4
2055	3,425	22	0.6%	43.6	2,055	6	0.3%	1,442	21	1.5%	2.4
2056	3,447	22	0.6%	44.0	2,060	5	0.2%	1,461	19	1.3%	2.4
2057	3,469	22	0.6%	44.2	2,065	5	0.2%	1,472	11	0.8%	2.4
2058	3,491	22	0.6%	44.4	2,070	5	0.2%	1,491	19	1.3%	2.3
2059	3,513	22	0.6%	44.7	2,074	4	0.2%	1,508	17	1.1%	2.3
2060	3,534	21	0.6%	44.9	2,079	5	0.2%	1,523	15	1.0%	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.