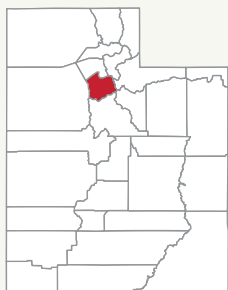


# Utah Long-Term Planning Projection Summary

February 2022

## Salt Lake County



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Salt Lake County is the most diverse economy in Utah, and will continue to grow, driven by large projects like the Point, an Olympic bid, the Utah Inland Port, the University of Utah, and renovations to Salt Lake City International Airport.

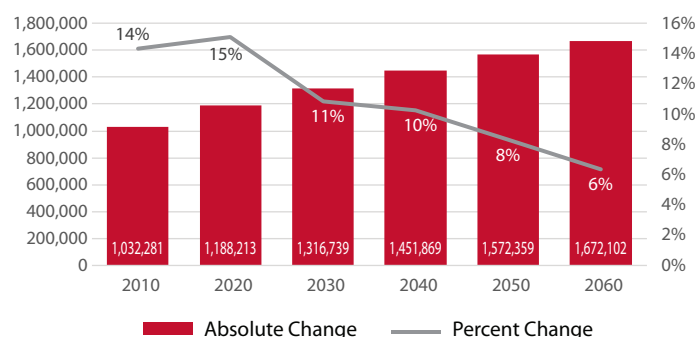
## Key Findings

- **Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Salt County grew by 155,583 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 1,185,238, the largest in Utah.
- **Regional context** – Salt Lake County is the anchor of the Greater Salt Lake Economic Region. This 12-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- **Population growth** – Salt Lake County's population is projected to grow from 1,188,213 on July 1, 2020 to 1,672,102 in 2060. Salt Lake County is projected to remain the largest county in Utah throughout the projection period.
- **Components of change** – While natural increase and net migration play somewhat equal roles in growth in the first half of the projection period, net migration becomes a more significant contributor to growth in the last decade of the projection period.
- **Age composition** – Salt Lake County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from

11.2% in 2020 to 24.1% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline, from 26.1% in 2020 to 18.2% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 34.4 in 2020 to 44.3 in 2060.

- **Economic growth** – Salt Lake County's employment is projected to increase from 934,901 in 2020 to 1,491,496 in 2060. Leading growth sectors include construction, professional, scientific and technical services, and health care and social services, which account for 45% of employment growth over the projection period.

### Historic and Projected Growth in Salt Lake County



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

## Major Events/Projects

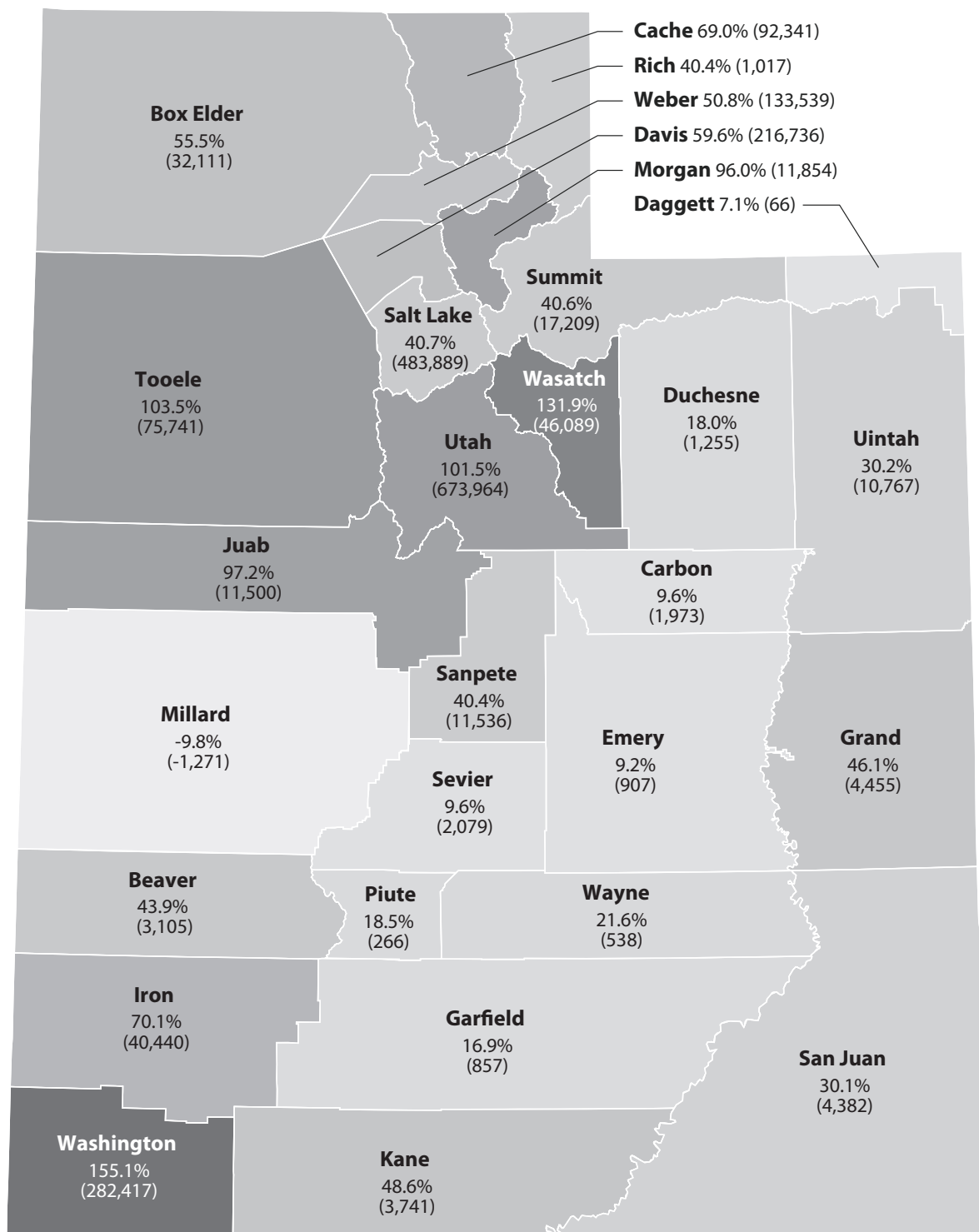
- **Salt Lake City International Airport** – A newly renovated Salt Lake City International Airport opened in 2020 – a \$4 billion investment – will connect Utah to the world, spur economic growth, and support Utah’s growing population.
- **Utah Inland Port Authority** – The Utah Inland Port will connect Utah to global markets by meeting operating and logistics needs for Utah’s internal trade. Logistics and distribution are significant employment sectors in Utah. The Port will help to attract new employers, support business with more efficient importing and exporting, and maximize federal programs like Foreign Trade Zones.
- **The Point** – 600 acres of state-owned land will be master planned to support innovation and economic growth. As a live, work, and play community it is one of the biggest economic opportunities for the state.
- **Winter Olympics, 2030** – Salt Lake City is currently bidding to host its second winter Olympic games. The 2002 Winter Olympic Games brought international attention to Salt Lake City and provided an economic boost that has strengthened growth over the past 20 years.

## Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Salt Lake County is 1.79. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.61 in Salt Lake 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 Salt Lake County males is 77.6 and 81.7 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 83.5 for males and 87.0 for females by 2060.
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- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Salt Lake 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 Salt Lake 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	1,188,213	n/a	n/a	34.4	945,896	n/a	n/a	405,229	n/a	n/a	2.9
2021	1,197,551	9,338	0.8%	34.8	987,895	41,999	4.4%	411,013	5,784	1.4%	2.9
2022	1,210,701	13,150	1.1%	35.3	1,015,369	27,474	2.8%	418,018	7,005	1.7%	2.9
2023	1,223,609	12,908	1.1%	35.7	1,040,371	25,002	2.5%	424,915	6,897	1.6%	2.8
2024	1,236,469	12,860	1.1%	36.2	1,059,570	19,199	1.8%	431,737	6,822	1.6%	2.8
2025	1,249,403	12,934	1.0%	36.6	1,074,069	14,499	1.4%	438,488	6,751	1.6%	2.8
2026	1,262,495	13,092	1.0%	37.0	1,087,332	13,263	1.2%	445,294	6,806	1.6%	2.8
2027	1,275,786	13,291	1.1%	37.5	1,101,204	13,872	1.3%	452,189	6,895	1.5%	2.8
2028	1,289,287	13,501	1.1%	37.9	1,114,281	13,077	1.2%	459,288	7,099	1.6%	2.8
2029	1,302,960	13,673	1.1%	38.3	1,131,081	16,800	1.5%	466,582	7,294	1.6%	2.8
2030	1,316,739	13,779	1.1%	38.7	1,140,373	9,292	0.8%	474,073	7,491	1.6%	2.7
2031	1,330,515	13,776	1.0%	39.0	1,148,279	7,906	0.7%	481,888	7,815	1.6%	2.7
2032	1,344,145	13,630	1.0%	39.3	1,159,710	11,431	1.0%	489,850	7,962	1.7%	2.7
2033	1,357,773	13,628	1.0%	39.5	1,169,789	10,079	0.9%	498,058	8,208	1.7%	2.7
2034	1,371,308	13,535	1.0%	39.6	1,185,095	15,306	1.3%	506,353	8,295	1.7%	2.7
2035	1,384,865	13,557	1.0%	39.7	1,196,218	11,123	0.9%	514,426	8,073	1.6%	2.7
2036	1,398,439	13,574	1.0%	39.7	1,209,761	13,543	1.1%	522,362	7,936	1.5%	2.6
2037	1,411,954	13,515	1.0%	39.8	1,224,312	14,551	1.2%	530,176	7,814	1.5%	2.6
2038	1,425,361	13,407	0.9%	39.9	1,237,782	13,470	1.1%	537,953	7,777	1.5%	2.6
2039	1,438,622	13,261	0.9%	39.9	1,251,294	13,512	1.1%	545,608	7,655	1.4%	2.6
2040	1,451,869	13,247	0.9%	39.9	1,264,859	13,565	1.1%	553,023	7,415	1.4%	2.6
2041	1,464,970	13,101	0.9%	39.9	1,278,161	13,302	1.1%	561,834	8,811	1.6%	2.6
2042	1,477,835	12,865	0.9%	40.0	1,291,597	13,436	1.1%	570,222	8,388	1.5%	2.6
2043	1,490,487	12,652	0.9%	40.2	1,305,268	13,671	1.1%	578,302	8,080	1.4%	2.5
2044	1,502,811	12,324	0.8%	40.4	1,319,486	14,218	1.1%	586,162	7,860	1.4%	2.5
2045	1,514,917	12,106	0.8%	40.6	1,333,694	14,208	1.1%	593,754	7,592	1.3%	2.5
2046	1,526,940	12,023	0.8%	40.8	1,347,794	14,100	1.1%	601,225	7,471	1.3%	2.5
2047	1,538,703	11,763	0.8%	41.0	1,361,474	13,680	1.0%	608,468	7,243	1.2%	2.5
2048	1,550,245	11,542	0.8%	41.3	1,374,797	13,323	1.0%	615,598	7,130	1.2%	2.5
2049	1,561,468	11,223	0.7%	41.5	1,387,246	12,449	0.9%	622,625	7,027	1.1%	2.5
2050	1,572,359	10,891	0.7%	41.8	1,398,926	11,680	0.8%	629,565	6,940	1.1%	2.5
2051	1,583,177	10,818	0.7%	42.0	1,409,984	11,058	0.8%	636,533	6,968	1.1%	2.5
2052	1,593,839	10,662	0.7%	42.3	1,419,947	9,963	0.7%	643,447	6,914	1.1%	2.4
2053	1,604,355	10,516	0.7%	42.5	1,429,755	9,808	0.7%	650,562	7,115	1.1%	2.4
2054	1,614,612	10,257	0.6%	42.8	1,439,320	9,565	0.7%	657,898	7,336	1.1%	2.4
2055	1,624,566	9,954	0.6%	43.0	1,449,071	9,751	0.7%	665,386	7,488	1.1%	2.4
2056	1,634,355	9,789	0.6%	43.3	1,458,489	9,418	0.6%	672,928	7,542	1.1%	2.4
2057	1,643,996	9,641	0.6%	43.5	1,467,307	8,818	0.6%	680,362	7,434	1.1%	2.4
2058	1,653,550	9,554	0.6%	43.8	1,475,705	8,398	0.6%	687,874	7,512	1.1%	2.4
2059	1,662,976	9,426	0.6%	44.0	1,483,705	8,000	0.5%	695,555	7,681	1.1%	2.4
2060	1,672,102	9,126	0.5%	44.3	1,491,496	7,791	0.5%	703,504	7,949	1.1%	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.