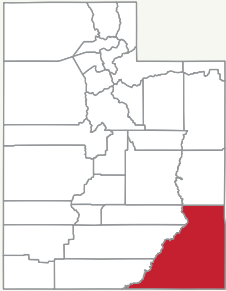


San Juan County



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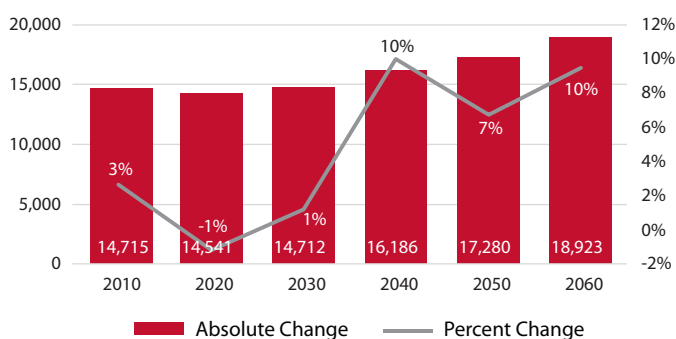
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San Juan County's economy ranks among Utah's less economically diverse economies. Analysts expect the economy to continue to grow as county leaders usher in a broader mix of industries driven by attractive economic assets, including a hardworking labor force, Utah State University Blanding, and tourism attractions.

Key Findings

- Historical context** – Between 2010 and 2020, San County declined by 228 residents. Driven by out migration, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 14,518, the 13th smallest in Utah.
- Regional context** – San Juan County shares an economic link with Grand County. This two-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- Population growth** – San Juan County's population is projected to grow from 14,541 on July 1, 2020 to 18,923 in 2060. San Juan County's overall population ranking is projected to decrease from 13th smallest in 2020 to 11th smallest in 2060.
- Components of change** – Net migration is projected to be a significant driver of growth in San Juan County throughout the projection period.
- Age composition** – San Juan County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 12.7% in 2020 to 26.9% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline, from 28.6% in 2020 to 19.9% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 33.3 in 2020 to 48.0 in 2060.
- Economic growth** – San Juan County's employment is projected to increase from 6,393 in 2020 to 8,476 in 2060. Leading growth sectors include health care and social services and construction, contributing 53.1% of employment growth.

Historic and Projected Growth in San Juan County



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

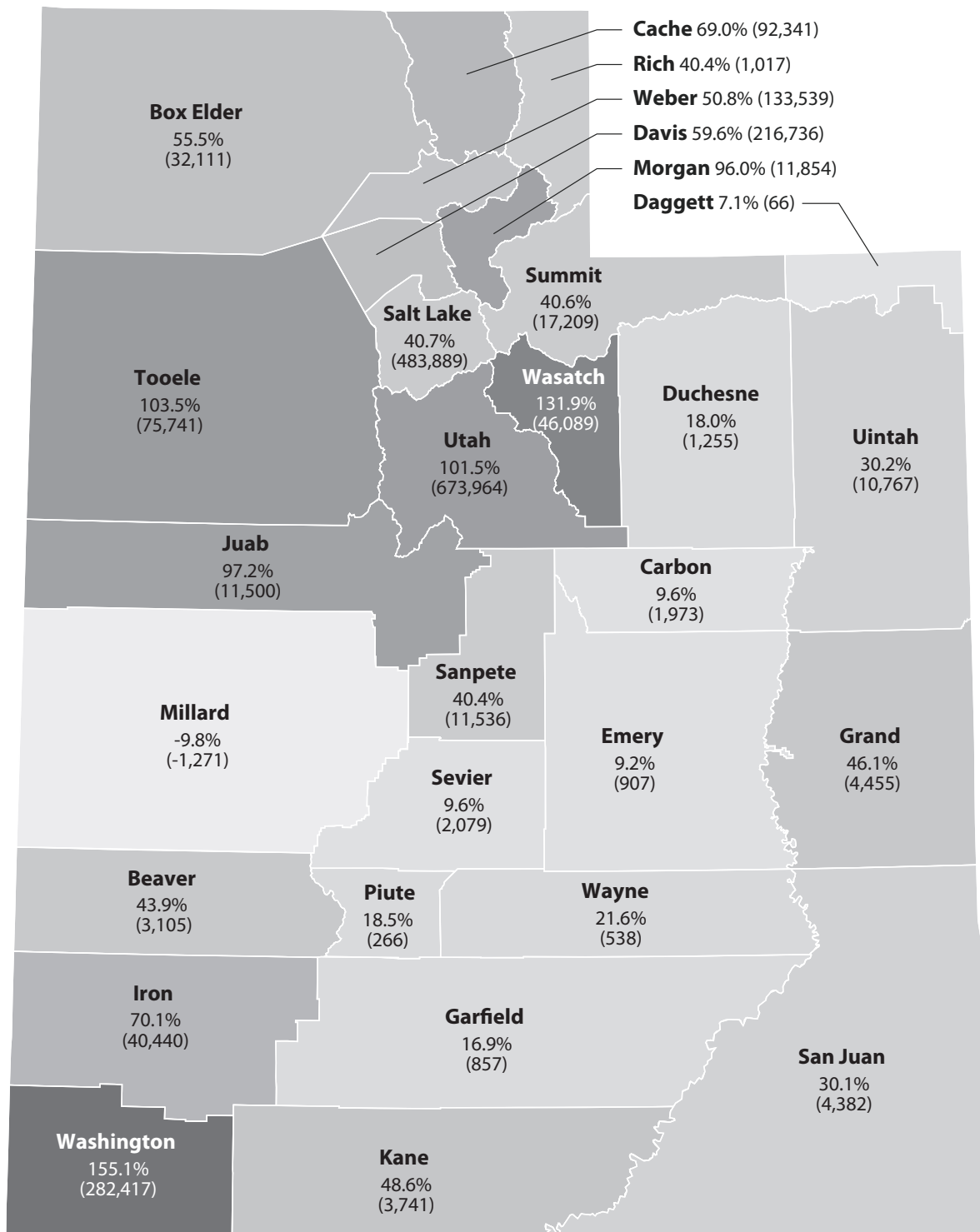
Major Events/Projects

- **Economic development plans/CEDS** – The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy sponsored by the U.S. Economic Development Administration calls for the prioritization of economic diversity, workforce development, infrastructure investments (including tourism), and support for entrepreneurship. These plans are expected to guide San Juan County’s economic diversification.
- **Utah State University Blanding** – Utah State University Blanding was founded in 1977. the campus serves residents in southeastern Utah, including Native Americans in the Four-Corners region.

Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for San Juan County is 1.75. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.57 in San Juan 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 San Juan County males is 75.8 and 80.5 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 81.5 for males and 85.8 for females by 2060.
- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for San Juan 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 San Juan 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	14,541	n/a	n/a	33.3	6,508	n/a	n/a	4,649	n/a	n/a	3.1
2021	14,647	106	0.7%	33.8	6,674	166	2.6%	4,725	76	1.6%	3.0
2022	14,565	-82	-0.6%	34.5	6,669	-5	-0.1%	4,763	38	0.8%	3.0
2023	14,480	-85	-0.6%	35.1	6,836	167	2.5%	4,805	42	0.9%	3.0
2024	14,409	-71	-0.5%	35.8	6,977	141	2.1%	4,850	45	0.9%	2.9
2025	14,365	-44	-0.3%	36.5	7,015	38	0.5%	4,892	42	0.9%	2.9
2026	14,356	-9	-0.1%	37.2	7,037	22	0.3%	4,943	51	1.0%	2.8
2027	14,388	32	0.2%	37.8	7,058	21	0.3%	5,007	64	1.3%	2.8
2028	14,460	72	0.5%	38.4	7,105	47	0.7%	5,081	74	1.5%	2.8
2029	14,571	111	0.8%	39.0	7,157	52	0.7%	5,165	84	1.7%	2.8
2030	14,712	141	1.0%	39.5	7,223	66	0.9%	5,266	101	2.0%	2.7
2031	14,872	160	1.1%	40.1	7,275	52	0.7%	5,375	109	2.1%	2.7
2032	15,036	164	1.1%	40.6	7,324	49	0.7%	5,474	99	1.8%	2.7
2033	15,202	166	1.1%	41.1	7,366	42	0.6%	5,577	103	1.9%	2.7
2034	15,365	163	1.1%	41.6	7,414	48	0.7%	5,675	98	1.8%	2.7
2035	15,522	157	1.0%	42.0	7,456	42	0.6%	5,757	82	1.4%	2.6
2036	15,671	149	1.0%	42.4	7,497	41	0.5%	5,843	86	1.5%	2.6
2037	15,813	142	0.9%	42.7	7,543	46	0.6%	5,923	80	1.4%	2.6
2038	15,945	132	0.8%	43.0	7,575	32	0.4%	5,996	73	1.2%	2.6
2039	16,069	124	0.8%	43.2	7,609	34	0.4%	6,067	71	1.2%	2.6
2040	16,186	117	0.7%	43.5	7,647	38	0.5%	6,138	71	1.2%	2.6
2041	16,297	111	0.7%	43.7	7,681	34	0.4%	6,221	83	1.4%	2.6
2042	16,402	105	0.6%	43.8	7,712	31	0.4%	6,296	75	1.2%	2.6
2043	16,504	102	0.6%	43.9	7,747	35	0.5%	6,381	85	1.4%	2.5
2044	16,606	102	0.6%	44.0	7,781	34	0.4%	6,458	77	1.2%	2.5
2045	16,707	101	0.6%	44.0	7,817	36	0.5%	6,531	73	1.1%	2.5
2046	16,812	105	0.6%	44.1	7,856	39	0.5%	6,632	101	1.5%	2.5
2047	16,920	108	0.6%	44.3	7,897	41	0.5%	6,720	88	1.3%	2.5
2048	17,034	114	0.7%	44.5	7,942	45	0.6%	6,796	76	1.1%	2.5
2049	17,154	120	0.7%	44.8	7,987	45	0.6%	6,882	86	1.3%	2.4
2050	17,280	126	0.7%	45.1	8,028	41	0.5%	6,980	98	1.4%	2.4
2051	17,416	136	0.8%	45.4	8,068	40	0.5%	7,059	79	1.1%	2.4
2052	17,559	143	0.8%	45.7	8,103	35	0.4%	7,157	98	1.4%	2.4
2053	17,711	152	0.9%	46.0	8,146	43	0.5%	7,247	90	1.3%	2.4
2054	17,871	160	0.9%	46.3	8,188	42	0.5%	7,355	108	1.5%	2.4
2055	18,035	164	0.9%	46.7	8,232	44	0.5%	7,473	118	1.6%	2.4
2056	18,206	171	0.9%	47.0	8,279	47	0.6%	7,593	120	1.6%	2.3
2057	18,381	175	1.0%	47.3	8,326	47	0.6%	7,700	107	1.4%	2.3
2058	18,560	179	1.0%	47.6	8,376	50	0.6%	7,819	119	1.5%	2.3
2059	18,741	181	1.0%	47.8	8,423	47	0.6%	7,944	125	1.6%	2.3
2060	18,923	182	1.0%	48.0	8,476	53	0.6%	8,062	118	1.5%	2.3

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Endnote

1 The decennial census count is as of April 1, 2020. Projections are as of July 1 of each year.