Utah Long-Term Planning Projection Summary

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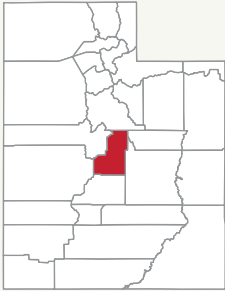
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Sanpete County

Sanpete is the 13th largest county in Utah, with a 2020 Census population of 28,437.[1] Between 2010 and 2020, Sanpete County grew by 615 residents, driven by natural increase.
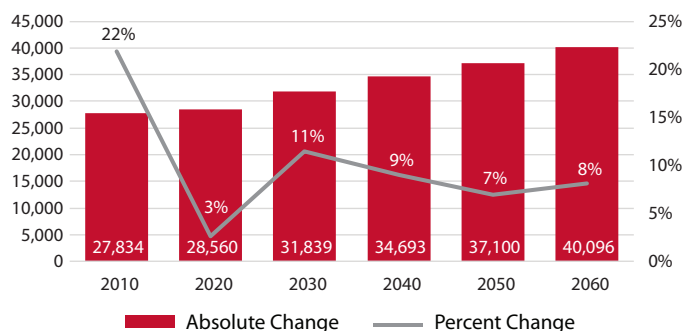
Sanpete County's population is projected to grow from 28,560 on July 1, 2020 to 40,096 in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 27.2 in 2020 to 29.3 in 2060, the second youngest in the state. Additional details on age groups are included below.

Sanpete County's economy ranks among Utah's more economically diverse economies. Analysts expect the economy to continue to grow driven by a hardworking labor force, Snow College, favorable broadband access, and proximity to the Greater Salt Lake economic region.

Key Findings

- **Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Sanpete County grew by 615 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 28,437, the 13th largest in Utah.

- **Regional context** – Sanpete County shares an economic link with Piute, Millard, Sevier and Wayne counties. This five-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.

Historic and Projected Growth in Sanpete County

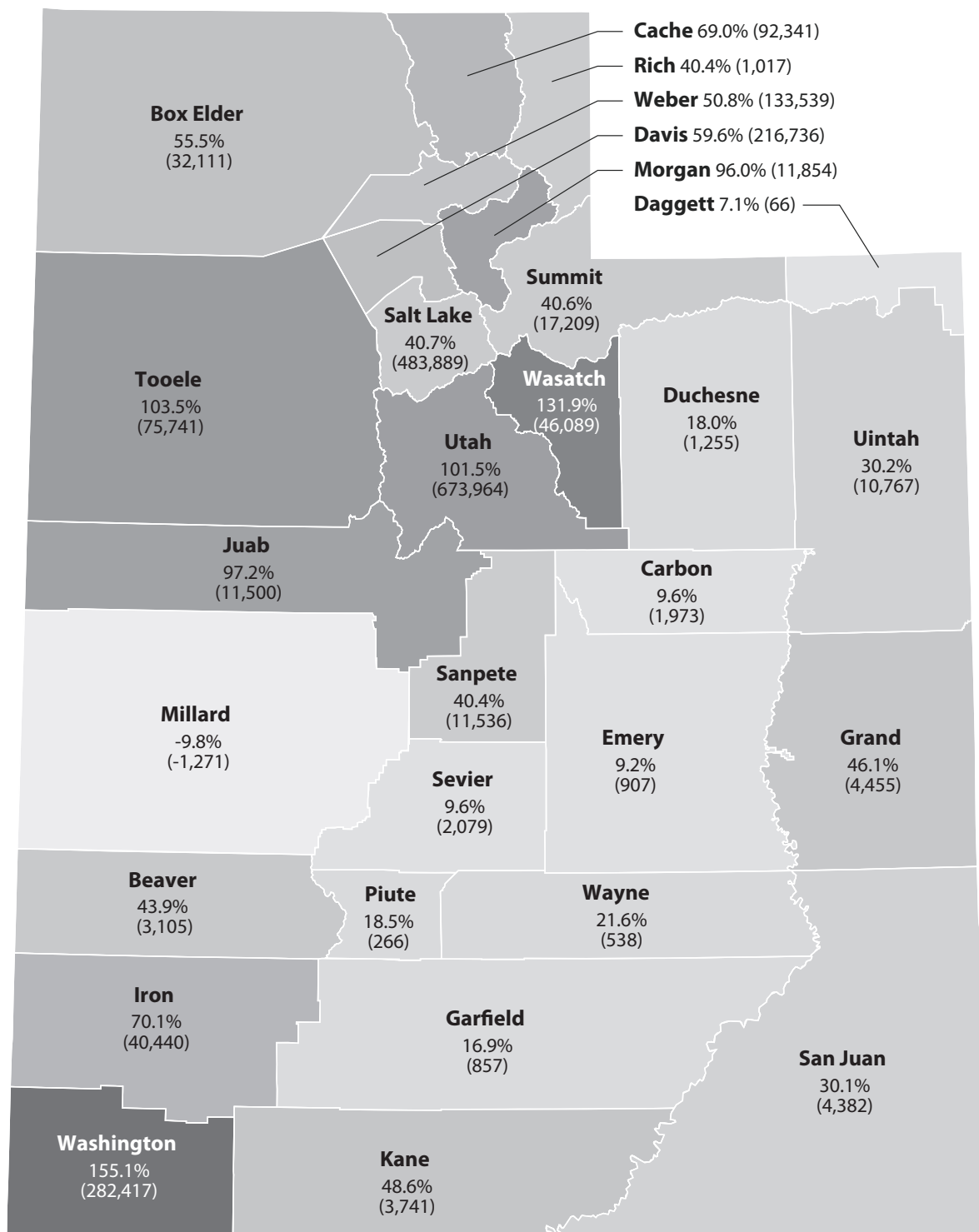Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, 2020-2060 Projections

- **Population growth** – Sanpete County's population is projected to grow from 28,560 on July 1, 2020 to 40,096 in 2060. Sanpete County's overall population is projected to remain at 13th largest from 2020 to 2060.

- **Components of change** – Natural increase is projected to be the primary driver of population growth in Sanpete County throughout the projections period.

- **Age composition** – Sanpete County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 14.5% in 2020 to 16.0% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline, from 28.1% in 2020 to 25.1% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 27.2 in 2020 to 29.3 in 2060.

- **Economic growth** – Sanpete County's employment is projected to increase from 13,280 in 2020 to 17,392 in 2060. Leading growth sectors include professional, technical and scientific services, local government, and construction, contributing 41% of employment growth.

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Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Sanpete County is 2.11. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.89 in Sanpete 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 Sanpete County males is 75.9 and 80.3 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 81.7 for males and 85.5 for females by 2060.

- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Sanpete 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)

Wasatch
131.9%
(46,089)

Duchesne
18.0%
(1,255)

Uintah
30.2%
(10,767)

Tooele
103.5%
(75,741)

Utah
101.5%
(673,964)

Juab
97.2%
(11,500)

Carbon
9.6%
(1,973)

Millard
-9.8%
(-1,271)

Sanpete
40.4%
(11,536)

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 Sanpete 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	28,560	n/a	n/a	27.2	13,369	n/a	n/a	8,394	n/a	n/a	3.1
2021	28,948	388	1.4%	27.5	13,769	400	3.0%	8,562	168	2.0%	3.1
2022	29,322	374	1.3%	27.8	13,924	155	1.1%	8,728	166	1.9%	3.1
2023	29,742	420	1.4%	28.0	14,256	332	2.4%	8,898	170	1.9%	3.1
2024	30,181	439	1.5%	28.1	14,478	222	1.6%	9,071	173	1.9%	3.0
2025	30,502	321	1.1%	28.3	14,606	128	0.9%	9,225	154	1.7%	3.0
2026	30,789	287	0.9%	28.4	14,731	125	0.9%	9,386	161	1.7%	3.0
2027	31,068	279	0.9%	28.4	14,855	124	0.8%	9,516	130	1.4%	3.0
2028	31,336	268	0.9%	28.3	14,976	121	0.8%	9,644	128	1.3%	3.0
2029	31,593	257	0.8%	27.9	15,124	148	1.0%	9,774	130	1.3%	3.0
2030	31,839	246	0.8%	27.8	15,259	135	0.9%	9,877	103	1.1%	3.0
2031	32,081	242	0.8%	28.0	15,378	119	0.8%	9,980	103	1.0%	2.9
2032	32,334	253	0.8%	28.2	15,493	115	0.7%	10,099	119	1.2%	2.9
2033	32,598	264	0.8%	28.5	15,618	125	0.8%	10,189	90	0.9%	2.9
2034	32,874	276	0.8%	28.7	15,763	145	0.9%	10,269	80	0.8%	2.9
2035	33,169	295	0.9%	28.9	15,885	122	0.8%	10,341	72	0.7%	2.9
2036	33,471	302	0.9%	29.1	15,996	111	0.7%	10,404	63	0.6%	3.0
2037	33,780	309	0.9%	29.2	16,115	119	0.7%	10,471	67	0.6%	3.0
2038	34,089	309	0.9%	29.3	16,216	101	0.6%	10,540	69	0.7%	3.0
2039	34,392	303	0.9%	29.4	16,309	93	0.6%	10,613	73	0.7%	3.0
2040	34,693	301	0.9%	29.4	16,396	87	0.5%	10,675	62	0.6%	3.0
2041	34,989	296	0.9%	29.5	16,476	80	0.5%	10,722	47	0.4%	3.0
2042	35,279	290	0.8%	29.5	16,548	72	0.4%	10,784	62	0.6%	3.0
2043	35,565	286	0.8%	29.4	16,620	72	0.4%	10,851	67	0.6%	3.0
2044	35,841	276	0.8%	29.4	16,692	72	0.4%	10,928	77	0.7%	3.0
2045	36,093	252	0.7%	29.4	16,761	69	0.4%	11,009	81	0.7%	3.0
2046	36,326	233	0.6%	29.4	16,825	64	0.4%	11,101	92	0.8%	3.0
2047	36,540	214	0.6%	29.4	16,883	58	0.3%	11,191	90	0.8%	3.0
2048	36,739	199	0.5%	29.3	16,936	53	0.3%	11,267	76	0.7%	3.0
2049	36,924	185	0.5%	29.3	16,983	47	0.3%	11,334	67	0.6%	3.0
2050	37,100	176	0.5%	29.2	17,021	38	0.2%	11,414	80	0.7%	3.0
2051	37,273	173	0.5%	29.1	17,056	35	0.2%	11,481	67	0.6%	3.0
2052	37,448	175	0.5%	29.0	17,080	24	0.1%	11,537	56	0.5%	3.0
2053	37,638	190	0.5%	28.9	17,109	29	0.2%	11,617	80	0.7%	3.0
2054	37,854	216	0.6%	28.9	17,129	20	0.1%	11,722	105	0.9%	3.0
2055	38,104	250	0.7%	28.8	17,160	31	0.2%	11,865	143	1.2%	3.0
2056	38,404	300	0.8%	28.9	17,194	34	0.2%	12,031	166	1.4%	2.9
2057	38,752	348	0.9%	28.9	17,245	51	0.3%	12,189	158	1.3%	2.9
2058	39,153	401	1.0%	29.0	17,287	42	0.2%	12,360	171	1.4%	2.9
2059	39,602	449	1.1%	29.1	17,333	46	0.3%	12,529	169	1.4%	2.9
2060	40,096	494	1.2%	29.3	17,392	59	0.3%	12,703	174	1.4%	2.9

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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.