Utah Long-Term Planning Projection Summary

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# Summit County



Summit County is the tenth largest county in Utah, in a 2020 Census population of 42,357.<sup>1</sup> Between 2010 and 2020, Summit County grew by 6,033 residents, driven by net migration.

Summit County's population is projected to grow from 42,394 on July 1, 2020 to 59,603 in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 41.2 in 2020 to 51.5 in 2060, the third highest in the state. Additional details on age groups are included below.

Summit County's economy ranks among Utah's more economically specialized. Analysts expect the economy to grow, driven by tourism assets, a growing technical workforce, and proximity to Salt Lake City International Airport.

### Key Findings

- Historical population context Between 2010 and 2020, Summit County grew by 6,033 residents. Driven by net migration, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 42,357, the tenth largest in Utah.
- Regional context Summit County shares an economic link with the Greater Salt Lake Region. This 12-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- Population growth Summit County's population is projected to grow from 42,394 on July 1, 2020 to 59,603 in 2060. Summit County's overall population ranking is projected to decrease from tenth largest in 2020 to eleventh largest in 2060.
- Components of change Net migration is projected to be the primary driver of growth from the mid-2020s throughout the projection period. Natural decrease (more deaths than births) is projected for Summit County beginning in the 2030s.
- Age composition Summit County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to more than double from

14.2% in 2020 to 29.8% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline, from 24.4% in 2020 to 14.8% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 41.2 in 2020 to 51.5 in 2060.

Employment growth – Summit County's employment is projected to increase from 38,871 in 2020 to 60,046 in 2060. Leading growth industries include accommodation and food services, arts, entertainment and recreation, construction, and professional, scientific and technical services, contributing 54% of growth over the projection period.



#### Historic and Projected Growth in Summit County

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

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### Assumptions

- Fertility The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Summit County is 1.75. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.57 in Summit 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 Summit 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 Summit 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 Summit County Growth by Category, 2020–2060

	Population				Employment			Households			
		Absoulte	Annual	Median		Absolute	Annual		Absolute	Annual	Persons Per
Year	Population	Change	Growth Rate	Age	Employment	Change	Growth Rate	Households	Change	Growth Rate	Household
2020	42,394	n/a	n/a	41.2	38,852	n/a	n/a	15,688	n/a	n/a	2.7
2021	42,843	449	1.1%	41.8	40,608	1,756	4.5%	16,033	345	2.2%	2.7
2022	43,291	448	1.0%	42.4	43,781	3,173	7.8%	16,409	376	2.3%	2.6
2023	43,712	421	1.0%	43.0	45,923	2,142	4.9%	16,778	369	2.2%	2.6
2024	44,128	416	1.0%	43.5	47,559	1,636	3.6%	17,135	357	2.1%	2.6
2025	44,556	428	1.0%	44.0	48,405	846	1.8%	17,492	357	2.1%	2.5
2026	45,006	450	1.0%	44.5	49,162	757	1.6%	17,863	371	2.1%	2.5
2027	45,485	479	1.1%	44.9	49,951	789	1.6%	18,245	382	2.1%	2.5
2028	45,993	508	1.1%	45.3	50,736	785	1.6%	18,628	383	2.1%	2.5
2029	46,527	534	1.2%	45.6	51,893	1,157	2.3%	19,000	372	2.0%	2.4
2030	47,079	552	1.2%	46.0	52,424	531	1.0%	19,363	363	1.9%	2.4
2031	47,635	556	1.2%	46.4	52,822	398	0.8%	19,735	372	1.9%	2.4
2032	48,177	542	1.1%	46.7	53,239	417	0.8%	20,085	350	1.8%	2.4
2033	48,713	536	1.1%	47.1	53,647	408	0.8%	20,429	344	1.7%	2.4
2034	49,239	526	1.1%	47.4	54,211	564	1.1%	20,791	362	1.8%	2.4
2035	49,765	526	1.1%	47.7	54,683	472	0.9%	21,142	351	1.7%	2.4
2036	50,289	524	1.1%	47.9	55,200	517	0.9%	21,484	342	1.6%	2.3
2037	50,807	518	1.0%	48.0	55,725	525	1.0%	21,782	298	1.4%	2.3
2038	51,315	508	1.0%	48.1	56,103	378	0.7%	22,060	278	1.3%	2.3
2039	51,812	497	1.0%	48.1	56,459	356	0.6%	22,358	298	1.4%	2.3
2040	52,303	491	0.9%	48.2	56,784	325	0.6%	22,639	281	1.3%	2.3
2041	52,783	480	0.9%	48.4	57,125	341	0.6%	22,958	319	1.4%	2.3
2042	53,248	465	0.9%	48.5	57,448	323	0.6%	23,261	303	1.3%	2.3
2043	53,700	452	0.8%	48.7	57,778	330	0.6%	23,539	278	1.2%	2.3
2044	54,135	435	0.8%	48.7	58,117	339	0.6%	23,809	270	1.1%	2.3
2045	54,557	422	0.8%	48.8	58,419	302	0.5%	24,076	267	1.1%	2.3
2046	54,972	415	0.8%	48.8	58,692	273	0.5%	24,352	276	1.1%	2.3
2047	55,373	401	0.7%	48.9	58,909	217	0.4%	24,624	272	1.1%	2.2
2048	55,762	389	0.7%	48.9	59,153	244	0.4%	24,883	259	1.1%	2.2
2049	56,135	373	0.7%	48.9	59,383	230	0.4%	25,123	240	1.0%	2.2
2050	56,493	358	0.6%	48.8	59,582	199	0.3%	25,379	256	1.0%	2.2
2051	56,844	351	0.6%	48.9	59,772	190	0.3%	25,652	273	1.1%	2.2
2052	57,185	341	0.6%	49.1	59,890	118	0.2%	25,901	249	1.0%	2.2
2053	57,520	335	0.6%	49.4	59,940	50	0.1%	26,153	252	1.0%	2.2
2054	57,843	323	0.6%	49.7	59,998	58	0.1%	26,411	258	1.0%	2.2
2055	58,153	310	0.5%	50.0	60,063	65	0.1%	26,675	264	1.0%	2.2
2056	58,454	301	0.5%	50.3	60,054	(9)	0.0%	26,986	311	1.2%	2.2
2057	58,748	294	0.5%	50.6	60,068	14	0.0%	27,287	301	1.1%	2.2
2058	59,039	291	0.5%	50.9	60,086	18	0.0%	27,566	279	1.0%	2.1
2059	59,326	287	0.5%	51.2	60,067	(19)	0.0%	27,826	260	0.9%	2.1
2060	59,603	277	0.5%	51.5	60,046	(21)	0.0%	28,078	252	0.9%	2.1

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.