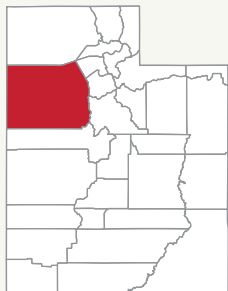


## Tooele County



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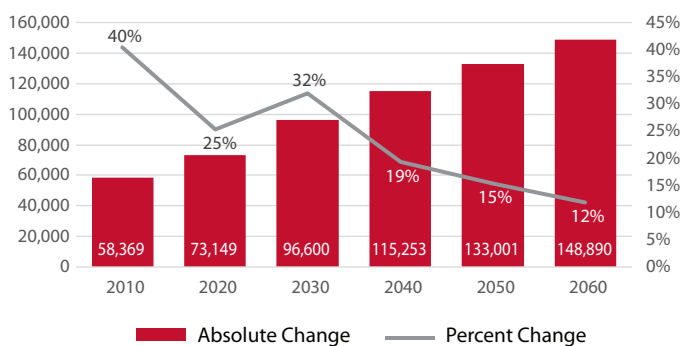
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Tooele ranks among Utah's more diverse counties. Analysts expect the economy to continue to diversify as the county ushers in a broad mix of industrial growth driven by a growing workforce, Tooele Technical College and proximity to Salt Lake International City Airport.

## Key Findings

- Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Tooele County grew by 14,480 residents. Driven by net migration, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 72,698, the seventh largest in Utah.
- Regional context** – Tooele 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** – Tooele County's population is projected to grow from 73,149 on July 1, 2020 to 148,890 in 2060. Tooele County is projected to remain the seventh largest county throughout the projection period.
- Components of change** – Net migration is projected to be the driver of growth throughout the projection period, providing an increasing share of growth in the later decades.
- Age composition** – Tooele County's population ages over the projection horizon. The population 65 and older is projected to increase from 9.6% of total population in 2020 to 25.3% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline from 32.9% in 2020 to 18.1% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 33.0 in 2020 to 47.4 in 2060.
- Economic growth** – Tooele County's employment is projected to increase from 23,903 in 2020 to 41,676 in 2060. Leading growth sectors include administrative, support, waste management, and remediation services, construction, health care and social assistance, and local government, which account for 52% of employment growth.

### Historic and Projected Growth in Tooele County



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

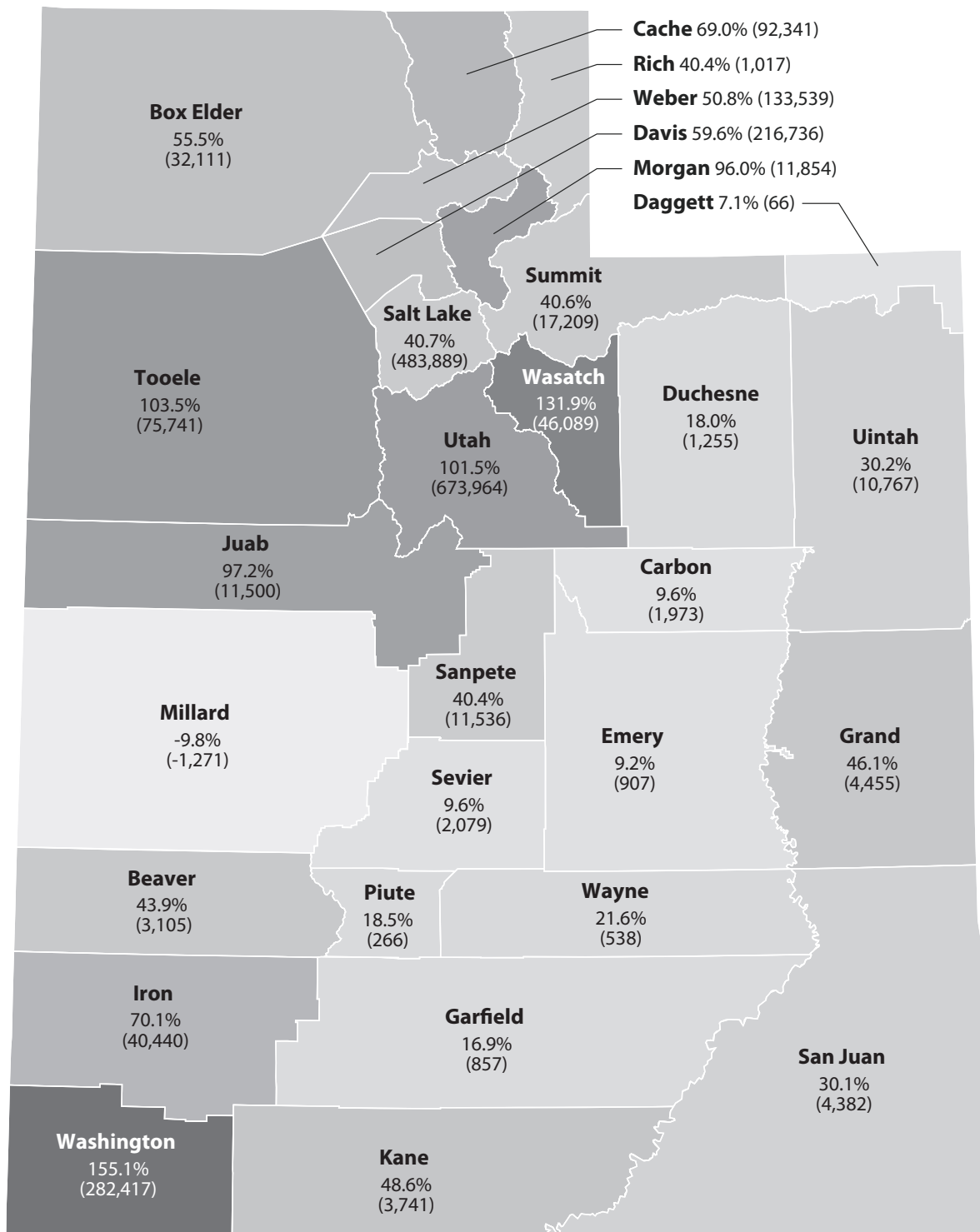
## Major Events/Projects

- **Carvana** – Auto retailer, Carvana, announced in 2021 that it will locate 173 new jobs with a \$43.5 million capital investment in Tooele County. The operation will include an inspection and reconditioning center.
- **Plastic Ingenuity** – A packaging manufacturer, Plastic Ingenuity, also announced in 2021 that it will open a new operation in Tooele City that includes 96 new jobs and a \$90 million capital investment.

## Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Tooele County is 2.18. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.95 in Tooele 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 Tooele 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 Tooele 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 Tooele 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	73,149	n/a	n/a	33.0	23,890	n/a	n/a	22,087	n/a	n/a	3.3
2021	76,156	3,007	4.1%	33.3	25,538	1,648	6.9%	23,181	1,094	5.0%	3.3
2022	78,504	2,348	3.1%	33.7	26,416	878	3.4%	24,140	959	4.1%	3.2
2023	80,976	2,472	3.1%	34.0	26,998	582	2.2%	25,148	1,008	4.2%	3.2
2024	83,485	2,509	3.1%	34.4	27,401	403	1.5%	26,197	1,049	4.2%	3.2
2025	85,957	2,472	3.0%	34.8	27,916	515	1.9%	27,264	1,067	4.1%	3.1
2026	88,340	2,383	2.8%	35.2	28,364	448	1.6%	28,333	1,069	3.9%	3.1
2027	90,600	2,260	2.6%	35.6	28,804	440	1.6%	29,379	1,046	3.7%	3.1
2028	92,723	2,123	2.3%	36.0	29,293	489	1.7%	30,391	1,012	3.4%	3.0
2029	94,714	1,991	2.1%	36.4	29,825	532	1.8%	31,371	980	3.2%	3.0
2030	96,600	1,886	2.0%	36.8	30,286	461	1.5%	32,316	945	3.0%	3.0
2031	98,423	1,823	1.9%	37.1	30,614	328	1.1%	33,255	939	2.9%	2.9
2032	100,248	1,825	1.9%	37.4	31,053	439	1.4%	34,187	932	2.8%	2.9
2033	102,096	1,848	1.8%	37.7	31,464	411	1.3%	35,136	949	2.8%	2.9
2034	103,954	1,858	1.8%	38.0	31,948	484	1.5%	36,102	966	2.7%	2.9
2035	105,826	1,872	1.8%	38.2	32,371	423	1.3%	37,068	966	2.7%	2.8
2036	107,711	1,885	1.8%	38.5	32,829	458	1.4%	38,037	969	2.6%	2.8
2037	109,599	1,888	1.8%	38.7	33,300	471	1.4%	38,999	962	2.5%	2.8
2038	111,487	1,888	1.7%	38.9	33,720	420	1.3%	39,941	942	2.4%	2.8
2039	113,367	1,880	1.7%	39.1	34,137	417	1.2%	40,871	930	2.3%	2.8
2040	115,253	1,886	1.7%	39.3	34,572	435	1.3%	41,787	916	2.2%	2.7
2041	117,127	1,874	1.6%	39.5	34,956	384	1.1%	42,886	1,099	2.6%	2.7
2042	118,981	1,854	1.6%	39.8	35,363	407	1.2%	43,982	1,096	2.6%	2.7
2043	120,814	1,833	1.5%	40.2	35,774	411	1.2%	45,087	1,105	2.5%	2.7
2044	122,613	1,799	1.5%	40.6	36,208	434	1.2%	46,187	1,100	2.4%	2.6
2045	124,393	1,780	1.5%	41.0	36,647	439	1.2%	47,278	1,091	2.4%	2.6
2046	126,167	1,774	1.4%	41.5	37,079	432	1.2%	48,400	1,122	2.4%	2.6
2047	127,917	1,750	1.4%	41.9	37,510	431	1.2%	49,539	1,139	2.4%	2.6
2048	129,645	1,728	1.4%	42.4	37,927	417	1.1%	50,674	1,135	2.3%	2.5
2049	131,340	1,695	1.3%	42.8	38,330	403	1.1%	51,809	1,135	2.2%	2.5
2050	133,001	1,661	1.3%	43.3	38,715	385	1.0%	52,933	1,124	2.2%	2.5
2051	134,663	1,662	1.2%	43.8	39,064	349	0.9%	54,074	1,141	2.2%	2.5
2052	136,316	1,653	1.2%	44.2	39,399	335	0.9%	55,213	1,139	2.1%	2.4
2053	137,956	1,640	1.2%	44.7	39,728	329	0.8%	56,346	1,133	2.1%	2.4
2054	139,567	1,611	1.2%	45.1	40,037	309	0.8%	57,504	1,158	2.1%	2.4
2055	141,146	1,579	1.1%	45.5	40,343	306	0.8%	58,664	1,160	2.0%	2.4
2056	142,713	1,567	1.1%	46.0	40,643	300	0.7%	59,797	1,133	1.9%	2.4
2057	144,271	1,558	1.1%	46.3	40,921	278	0.7%	60,924	1,127	1.9%	2.3
2058	145,825	1,554	1.1%	46.7	41,185	264	0.6%	62,044	1,120	1.8%	2.3
2059	147,374	1,549	1.1%	47.0	41,433	248	0.6%	63,161	1,117	1.8%	2.3
2060	148,890	1,516	1.0%	47.4	41,676	243	0.6%	64,291	1,130	1.8%	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.