

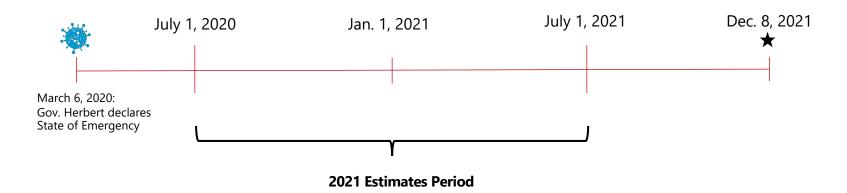
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December Newsmaker Breakfast: Utah's Latest Population Estimates

12/8/2021

2021 Population Estimates & Timeline

- State and county population estimates and components of population change for July 1, 2021
- Built upon the most recent Decennial Census (2020)
- Created by the Utah Population Committee



2021 Estimates: Key Findings

From July 1, 2020-July 1, 2021:

- The State of Utah-
 - Averaged 160 new residents per day
 - Experienced the lowest natural increase since 1975
 - Had the 2nd highest net migration in recorded history
- Utah's Counties-
 - All experienced positive net migration
 - Only one county saw population decline
 - Iron County was the fastest growing county in the state
 - Utah County had the state's highest natural increase, net migration, and absolute population growth
 - Accounted for 33% of the state's growth this year

State Results

2020-2021

• Total population: 3,343,552

Absolute Growth: 58,729

• Percent Growth: 1.79%

• Births: 45,639

• (lowest since 1998)

• Deaths: 21,768

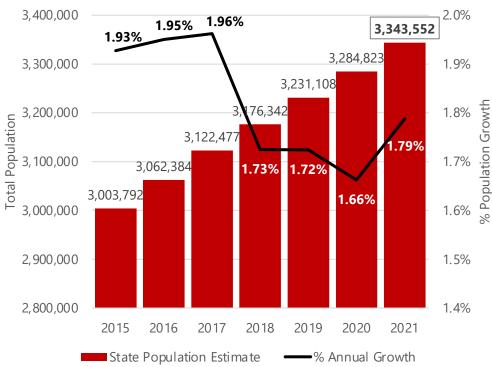
Natural Increase: 23,871

• (lowest since 1975)

• Net Migration: 34,858

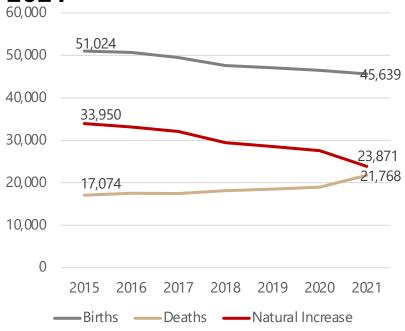
• (59% of annual population growth)

Utah's Population and Annual Growth Rates, 2015-2021

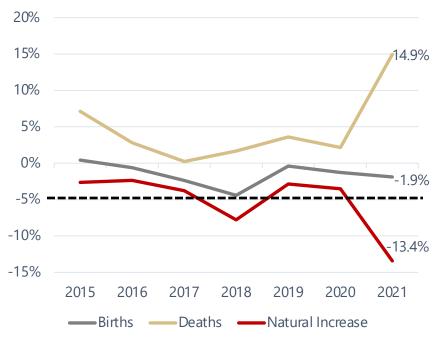


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State Vital Records, 2015-2021

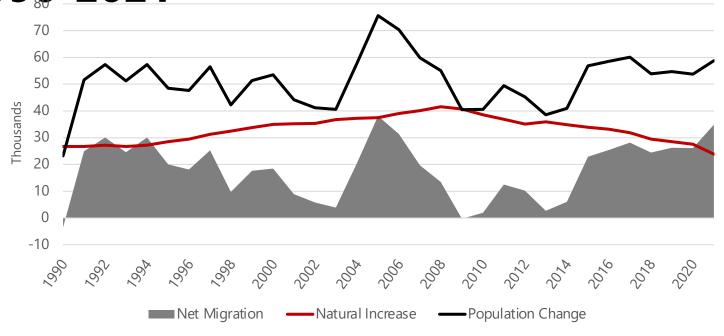


State Vital Records, 2015-2021 Annual Percent Change



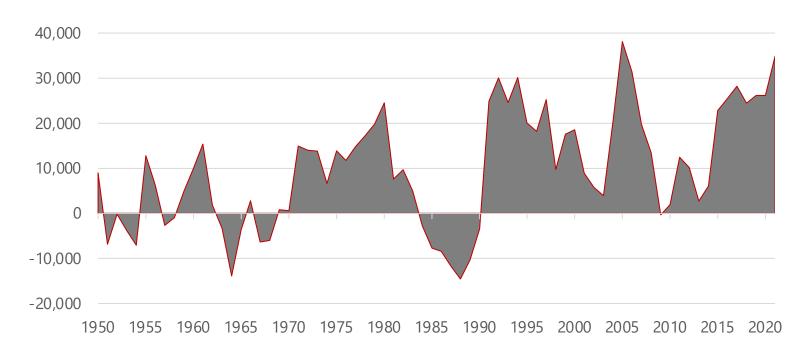
Source: Utah Department of Health

Utah Components of Population Change 1990-2021



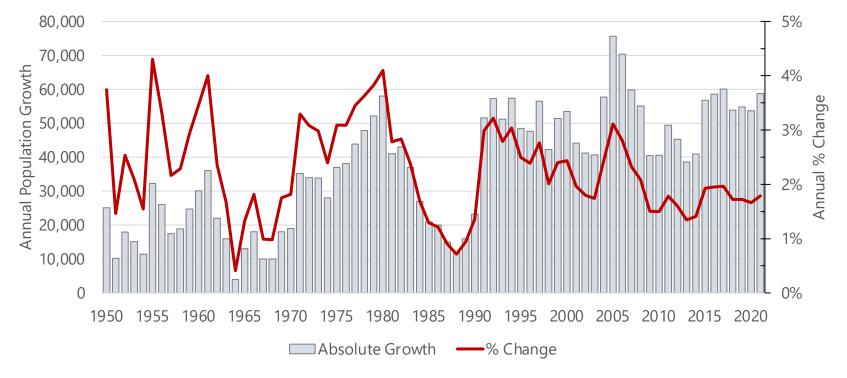
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Utah Net Migration: 1950-2021



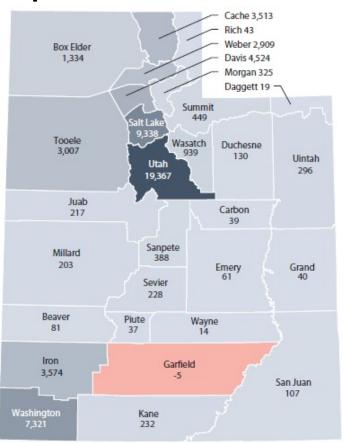
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Utah Absolute Growth and Percent Growth: 1950-2021

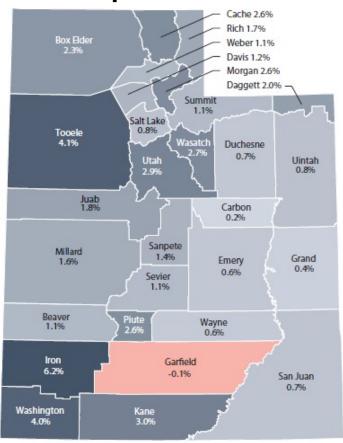


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Absolute Change in County Population, 2020-2021

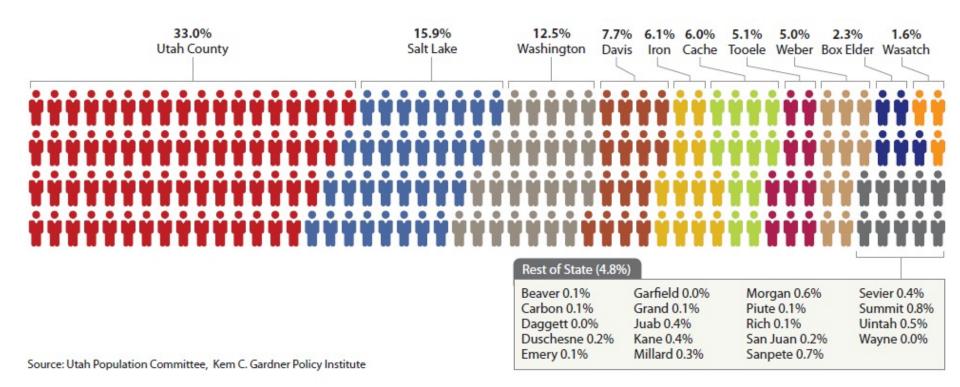


Percent Change in County Population, 2020-2021



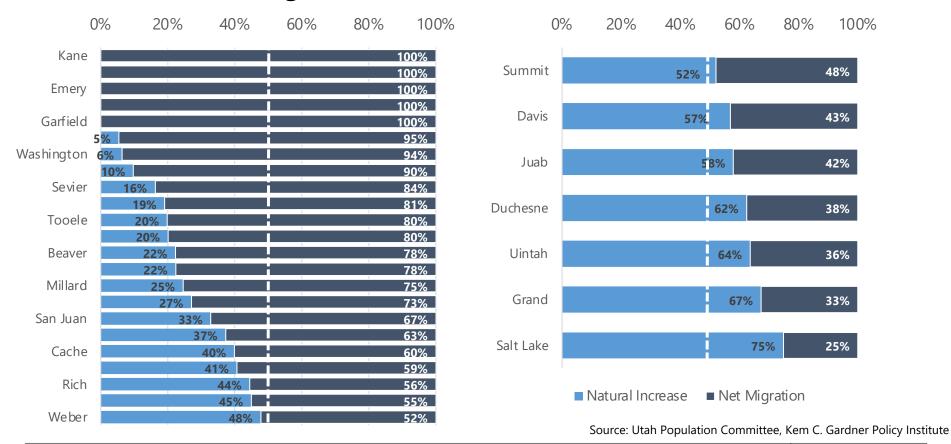
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County Share of State Growth, 2021



More Net Migration

More Natural Increase



2021 Estimates Summary

- The 2021 estimates indicate a resurgence in high growth as the economy and society return to a new normal during the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Natural increase declined at a much more rapid pace than usual due to COVID-19.
- The Greater Salt Lake and Southwestern economic regions continue to expand
 - Fast growth counties are experiencing high net in-migration
- Iron County had the fastest population growth in Utah (6.2%)
- Utah County had highest natural increase, net migration, and raw population growth in the state.

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