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

March 6, 2020: Gov. Herbert declares State of Emergency

2021 Estimates Period

Dec. 8, 2021
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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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

Source: Utah Population Committee, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
State Vital Records, 2015-2021

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Births</th>
<th>Deaths</th>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>20,310</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>19,051</td>
<td>21,768</td>
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Annual Percent Change

- **Births:**
  - 2015: -1.9%
  - 2016: -4.2%
  - 2017: -6.9%
  - 2018: -8.5%
  - 2019: -10%
  - 2020: -13.4%
  - 2021: -9.39%

- **Deaths:**
  - 2015: 14.9%
  - 2016: 13.4%
  - 2017: 11.4%
  - 2018: 9.4%
  - 2019: 7.4%
  - 2020: 5.4%
  - 2021: 1.9%

- **Natural Increase:**
  - 2015: 13.4%
  - 2016: 9.7%
  - 2017: 5.5%
  - 2018: 1.5%
  - 2019: -15%
  - 2020: -10%
  - 2021: -5%

Source: Utah Department of Health

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Utah Components of Population Change 1990-2021

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee (1990-2009); Utah Population Committee (2010-2021), Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
Utah Net Migration: 1950-2021

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee (1990-2009); Utah Population Committee (2010-2021), Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
Utah Absolute Growth and Percent Growth: 1950-2021

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee (1990-2009); Utah Population Committee (2010-2021), Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
Absolute Change in County Population, 2020-2021

Percent Change in County Population, 2020-2021

Source: Utah Population Committee, Ken C. Gardner Policy Institute
County Share of State Growth, 2021

Source: Utah Population Committee, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
More Net Migration

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More Natural Increase

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<td>Salt Lake</td>
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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.
Thank You

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