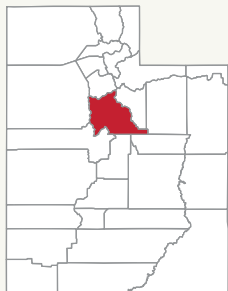


Utah County



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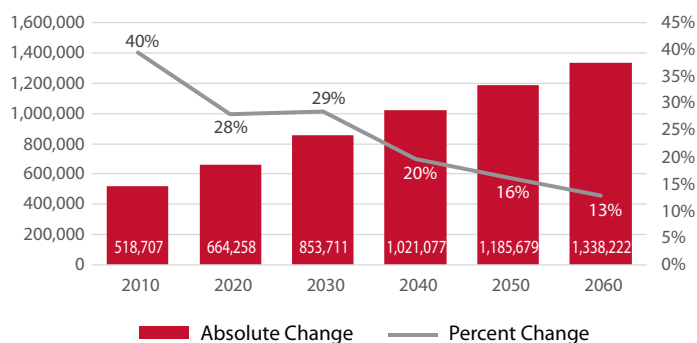
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Utah County's economy ranks as one of the most diverse economies in the state. It will be a key growth center, driven by large projects like the Point, an Olympic bid, Brigham Young University, Utah Valley University, and the growth of the information sector.

Key Findings

- Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Utah County grew by 142,835 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 659,399, the second largest in Utah.
- Regional context** – Utah County is part of the Greater Salt Lake Economic Region. This 12-county economic region functions largely as a single consumer market and labor market.
- Population growth** – Utah County's population is projected to grow from 664,258 on July 1, 2020 to 1,338,222 in 2060. Utah County is projected to remain the second largest county in the state.
- Components of change** – Natural increase is projected to drive growth, with the influence of net migration decreasing, in Utah County throughout the projection period.
- Age composition** – Utah County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 7.8% in 2020 to 16.7% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline from 32.7% in 2020 to 24.3% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 26.1 in 2020 to 34.1 in 2060.
- Economic growth** – Utah County's employment is projected to increase from 383,452 in 2020 to 721,028 in 2060. Leading growth sectors include construction, health care and social assistance, and professional, scientific and technical services, contributing 44% of employment growth over the projection period.

Historic and Projected Growth in Utah County



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

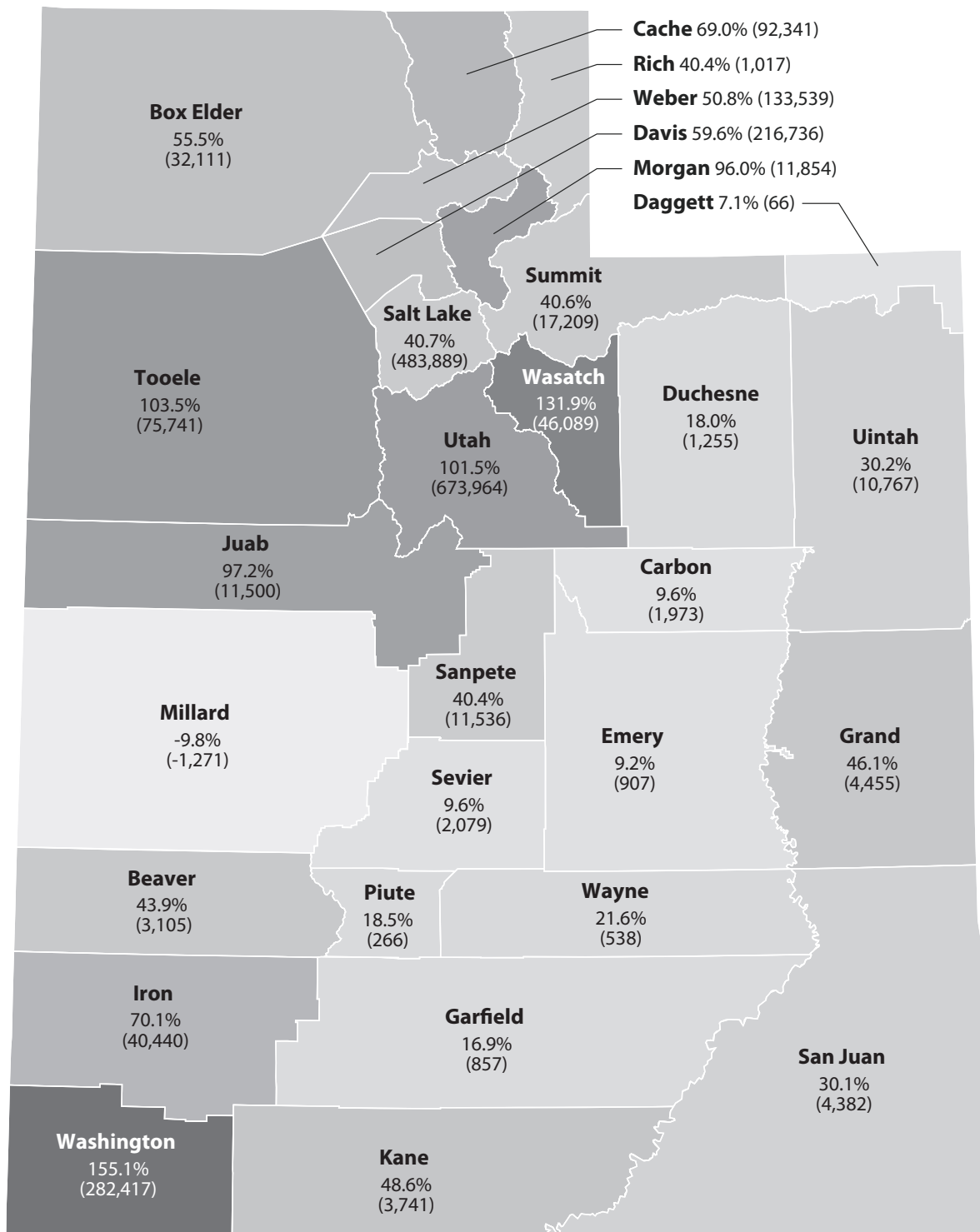
Major Events/Projects

- **The Point** – 600 acres of state-owned land will be master planned to support innovation and economic growth. As a live, work, and play community it is one of the biggest economic opportunities for the state.
- **Winter Olympics, 2030** – Salt Lake City is currently bidding to host its second winter Olympic games. The 2002 Winter Olympic Games brought international attention to Salt Lake City and provided an economic boost that has strengthened growth over the past 20 years.
- **Facebook Data Center Expansions** – In 2017 Facebook announced a new data center, located in Eagle Mountain. The project included a 900,000 square foot facility and more than \$1 billion in capital investment. In 2021 Facebook announced an expansion of equal size, more than 900,000 square feet and another \$1 billion in investments. Part of the community outreach efforts included \$200,000 in funding for 43 local businesses.

Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Utah County is 2.35. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 2.11 in Utah 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 Utah County males is 79.3 and 82.5 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 85.3 for males and 87.9 for females by 2060.
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- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Utah 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



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Projected Utah 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	664,258	n/a	n/a	26.1	374,457	n/a	n/a	184,558	n/a	n/a	3.5
2021	683,625	19,367	2.9%	26.2	396,276	21,819	5.8%	191,305	6,747	3.7%	3.5
2022	702,943	19,318	2.8%	26.4	414,111	17,835	4.5%	198,372	7,067	3.7%	3.5
2023	723,107	20,164	2.9%	26.6	426,835	12,724	3.1%	205,824	7,452	3.8%	3.4
2024	743,547	20,440	2.8%	26.8	436,804	9,969	2.3%	213,414	7,590	3.7%	3.4
2025	763,760	20,213	2.7%	27.0	444,945	8,141	1.9%	221,040	7,626	3.6%	3.4
2026	783,392	19,632	2.6%	27.2	451,556	6,611	1.5%	228,654	7,614	3.4%	3.3
2027	802,214	18,822	2.4%	27.4	457,896	6,340	1.4%	236,109	7,455	3.3%	3.3
2028	820,156	17,942	2.2%	27.6	464,624	6,728	1.5%	243,387	7,278	3.1%	3.3
2029	837,257	17,101	2.1%	27.7	473,624	9,000	1.9%	250,526	7,139	2.9%	3.3
2030	853,711	16,454	2.0%	27.9	479,028	5,404	1.1%	257,513	6,987	2.8%	3.2
2031	869,828	16,117	1.9%	28.2	483,310	4,282	0.9%	264,522	7,009	2.7%	3.2
2032	886,041	16,213	1.9%	28.5	489,179	5,869	1.2%	271,608	7,086	2.7%	3.2
2033	902,522	16,481	1.9%	28.8	495,010	5,831	1.2%	278,707	7,099	2.6%	3.2
2034	919,147	16,625	1.8%	29.1	502,461	7,451	1.5%	285,814	7,107	2.5%	3.2
2035	935,919	16,772	1.8%	29.3	509,144	6,683	1.3%	292,901	7,087	2.5%	3.1
2036	952,843	16,924	1.8%	29.6	516,700	7,556	1.5%	299,896	6,995	2.4%	3.1
2037	969,840	16,997	1.8%	29.9	524,830	8,130	1.6%	306,771	6,875	2.3%	3.1
2038	986,891	17,051	1.8%	30.1	532,672	7,842	1.5%	313,575	6,804	2.2%	3.1
2039	1,003,919	17,028	1.7%	30.4	540,610	7,938	1.5%	320,413	6,838	2.2%	3.1
2040	1,021,077	17,158	1.7%	30.7	549,051	8,441	1.6%	327,172	6,759	2.1%	3.1
2041	1,038,188	17,111	1.7%	30.9	557,061	8,010	1.5%	334,530	7,358	2.2%	3.0
2042	1,055,180	16,992	1.6%	31.2	565,621	8,560	1.5%	341,622	7,092	2.1%	3.0
2043	1,072,037	16,857	1.6%	31.4	574,524	8,903	1.6%	348,620	6,998	2.0%	3.0
2044	1,088,645	16,608	1.5%	31.6	583,973	9,449	1.6%	355,570	6,950	2.0%	3.0
2045	1,105,156	16,511	1.5%	31.9	593,503	9,530	1.6%	362,453	6,883	1.9%	3.0
2046	1,121,645	16,489	1.5%	32.1	603,105	9,602	1.6%	369,326	6,873	1.9%	3.0
2047	1,137,972	16,327	1.5%	32.4	612,515	9,410	1.6%	376,205	6,879	1.9%	3.0
2048	1,154,131	16,159	1.4%	32.6	621,796	9,281	1.5%	383,079	6,874	1.8%	3.0
2049	1,170,039	15,908	1.4%	32.8	631,394	9,598	1.5%	389,998	6,919	1.8%	2.9
2050	1,185,679	15,640	1.3%	33.0	640,493	9,099	1.4%	396,956	6,958	1.8%	2.9
2051	1,201,370	15,691	1.3%	33.2	649,242	8,749	1.4%	404,015	7,059	1.8%	2.9
2052	1,217,037	15,667	1.3%	33.3	657,519	8,277	1.3%	411,245	7,230	1.8%	2.9
2053	1,232,618	15,581	1.3%	33.4	665,809	8,290	1.3%	418,603	7,358	1.8%	2.9
2054	1,247,954	15,336	1.2%	33.6	674,041	8,232	1.2%	426,205	7,602	1.8%	2.9
2055	1,263,035	15,081	1.2%	33.7	682,516	8,475	1.3%	434,057	7,852	1.8%	2.9
2056	1,278,078	15,043	1.2%	33.8	690,840	8,324	1.2%	441,978	7,921	1.8%	2.8
2057	1,293,124	15,046	1.2%	33.9	698,751	7,911	1.1%	449,943	7,965	1.8%	2.8
2058	1,308,204	15,080	1.2%	33.9	706,407	7,656	1.1%	458,056	8,113	1.8%	2.8
2059	1,323,320	15,116	1.2%	34.0	713,763	7,356	1.0%	466,433	8,377	1.8%	2.8
2060	1,338,222	14,902	1.1%	34.1	721,028	7,265	1.0%	474,814	8,381	1.8%	2.8

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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.