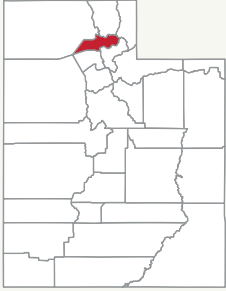


# Utah Long-Term Planning Projection Summary

February 2022

## Weber County



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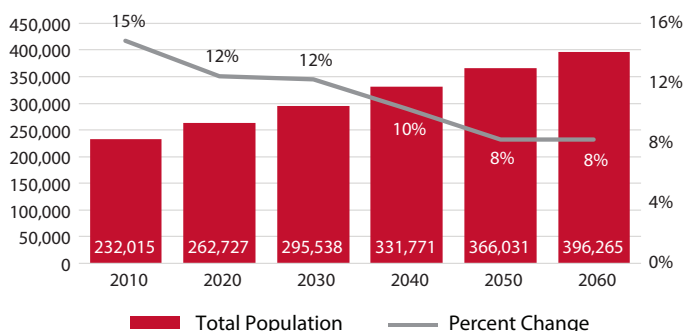
Weber County's population is projected to grow from 262,727 on July 1, 2020 to 396,265 in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 34.0 in 2020 to 43.7 in 2060. Additional details on age groups are included below.

Weber County's economy ranks among Utah's most economically diverse. Analysts expect the economy to continue to diversify as the county ushers in a broad mix of industrial growth driven by a large and well-trained workforce, Weber State University, and proximity to Hill Air Force Base and Salt Lake City International Airport.

## Key Findings

- **Historical population context** – Between 2010 and 2020, Weber County grew by 30,987 residents. Driven by natural increase, this resulted in a 2020 Census population of 262,223, the fourth largest in Utah.
- **Regional context** – Weber 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** – Weber County's population is projected to grow from 262,727 on July 1, 2020 to 396,265 in 2060. Weber County is projected to remain the fourth largest county in the state.
- **Components of change** – Net migration is projected to be the primary driver of growth throughout the projection period. Natural decrease (more deaths than births) is projected for Weber County in the final two years of the projection period.
- **Age composition** – Weber County's population ages over the projection horizon. The share of the total population age 65 and older is projected to increase from 12.8% in 2020 to 23.9% in 2060. The share of the population under 18 is projected to decline from 27.6% in 2020 to 19.1% in 2060. The median age is projected to rise from 34.0 in 2020 to 43.7 in 2060.
- **Economic growth** – Weber County's employment is projected to increase from 148,295 in 2020 to 205,921 in 2060. Growth sectors include construction, manufacturing, professional, scientific, and technical services, and health care and social assistance, contributing 51% of growth over the projection period.

### Historic and Projected Growth in Weber County



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

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## Major Events/Projects

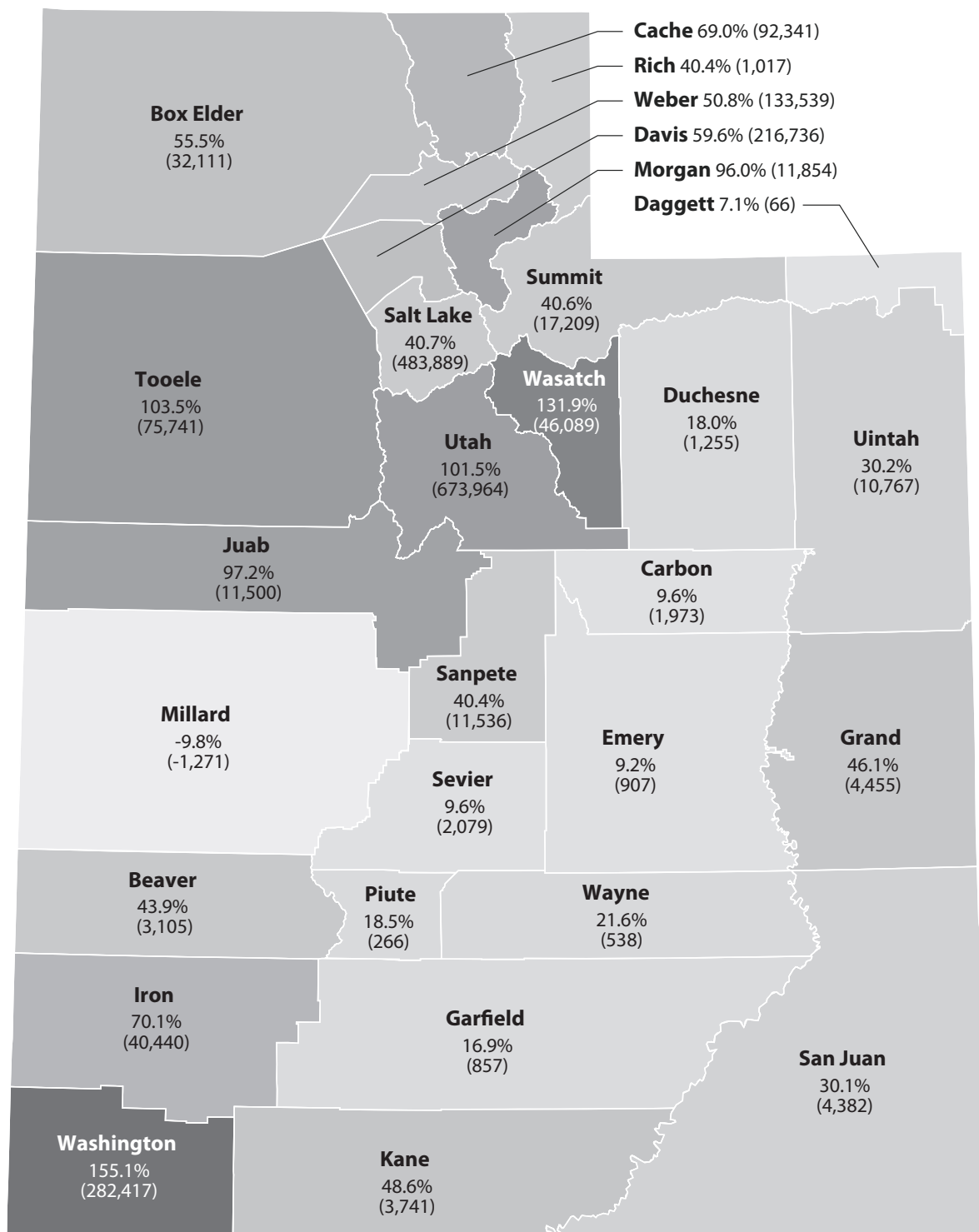
- **Northern Utah Economic Alliance (NUEA)** – NUEA is an economic development partnership between Weber and Davis counties designed to increase high-paying jobs in targeted industries. These industries include aerospace and defense, advanced manufacturing, and outdoor products.
- **Northrup Grumman expansion** – Aerospace company, Northrup Grumman, is expected to expand its current operation in northern Utah, adding 3,000 new jobs with a \$380 million investment over the next 20 years.
- **Williams International expansion** – An engine manufacturer, Williams International will expand its current operations in Ogden, including 300 new jobs and a \$60 million capital investment.

## Assumptions

- **Fertility** – The estimated 2020 Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for Weber County is 1.91. The TFRs in all regions are predicted to decline, resulting in a TFR of 1.71 in Weber 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 Weber County males is 76.9 and 81.0 for females. Based on historical trends, we project it to rise to 82.8 for males and 86.3 for females by 2060.
- **Resource constraints and policy choices** – These projections for Weber 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 Weber 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 | 262,726    | n/a             | n/a                | 34.0       | 144,624    | n/a             | n/a                | 89,595     | n/a             | n/a                | 2.9                   |
| 2021 | 265,635    | 2,909           | 1.1%               | 34.4       | 149,689    | 5,065           | 3.5%               | 90,999     | 1,404           | 1.6%               | 2.9                   |
| 2022 | 268,752    | 3,117           | 1.2%               | 34.8       | 152,045    | 2,356           | 1.6%               | 92,524     | 1,525           | 1.7%               | 2.9                   |
| 2023 | 271,884    | 3,132           | 1.2%               | 35.2       | 155,157    | 3,112           | 2.0%               | 94,074     | 1,550           | 1.7%               | 2.9                   |
| 2024 | 275,063    | 3,179           | 1.2%               | 35.7       | 157,514    | 2,357           | 1.5%               | 95,660     | 1,586           | 1.7%               | 2.8                   |
| 2025 | 278,304    | 3,241           | 1.2%               | 36.1       | 159,176    | 1,662           | 1.1%               | 97,287     | 1,627           | 1.7%               | 2.8                   |
| 2026 | 281,617    | 3,313           | 1.2%               | 36.5       | 160,551    | 1,375           | 0.9%               | 98,958     | 1,671           | 1.7%               | 2.8                   |
| 2027 | 285,004    | 3,387           | 1.2%               | 36.9       | 161,922    | 1,371           | 0.9%               | 100,673    | 1,715           | 1.7%               | 2.8                   |
| 2028 | 288,462    | 3,458           | 1.2%               | 37.3       | 163,327    | 1,405           | 0.9%               | 102,446    | 1,773           | 1.8%               | 2.8                   |
| 2029 | 291,979    | 3,517           | 1.2%               | 37.6       | 165,184    | 1,857           | 1.1%               | 104,270    | 1,824           | 1.8%               | 2.8                   |
| 2030 | 295,538    | 3,559           | 1.2%               | 37.9       | 166,113    | 929             | 0.6%               | 106,137    | 1,867           | 1.8%               | 2.8                   |
| 2031 | 299,115    | 3,577           | 1.2%               | 38.2       | 166,719    | 606             | 0.4%               | 108,046    | 1,909           | 1.8%               | 2.7                   |
| 2032 | 302,678    | 3,563           | 1.2%               | 38.3       | 167,813    | 1,094           | 0.7%               | 109,983    | 1,937           | 1.8%               | 2.7                   |
| 2033 | 306,266    | 3,588           | 1.2%               | 38.4       | 168,887    | 1,074           | 0.6%               | 111,958    | 1,975           | 1.8%               | 2.7                   |
| 2034 | 309,856    | 3,590           | 1.2%               | 38.5       | 170,284    | 1,397           | 0.8%               | 113,952    | 1,994           | 1.8%               | 2.7                   |
| 2035 | 313,484    | 3,628           | 1.2%               | 38.5       | 171,504    | 1,220           | 0.7%               | 115,916    | 1,964           | 1.7%               | 2.7                   |
| 2036 | 317,145    | 3,661           | 1.2%               | 38.6       | 172,890    | 1,386           | 0.8%               | 117,852    | 1,936           | 1.7%               | 2.7                   |
| 2037 | 320,813    | 3,668           | 1.2%               | 38.6       | 174,363    | 1,473           | 0.9%               | 119,788    | 1,936           | 1.6%               | 2.7                   |
| 2038 | 324,475    | 3,662           | 1.1%               | 38.6       | 175,764    | 1,401           | 0.8%               | 121,701    | 1,913           | 1.6%               | 2.6                   |
| 2039 | 328,116    | 3,641           | 1.1%               | 38.7       | 177,168    | 1,404           | 0.8%               | 123,604    | 1,903           | 1.6%               | 2.6                   |
| 2040 | 331,771    | 3,655           | 1.1%               | 38.7       | 178,639    | 1,471           | 0.8%               | 125,475    | 1,871           | 1.5%               | 2.6                   |
| 2041 | 335,404    | 3,633           | 1.1%               | 38.8       | 180,032    | 1,393           | 0.8%               | 127,678    | 2,203           | 1.8%               | 2.6                   |
| 2042 | 338,993    | 3,589           | 1.1%               | 38.9       | 181,501    | 1,469           | 0.8%               | 129,806    | 2,128           | 1.7%               | 2.6                   |
| 2043 | 342,540    | 3,547           | 1.0%               | 39.1       | 183,003    | 1,502           | 0.8%               | 131,879    | 2,073           | 1.6%               | 2.6                   |
| 2044 | 346,017    | 3,477           | 1.0%               | 39.4       | 184,589    | 1,586           | 0.9%               | 133,924    | 2,045           | 1.6%               | 2.6                   |
| 2045 | 349,453    | 3,436           | 1.0%               | 39.6       | 186,172    | 1,583           | 0.9%               | 135,932    | 2,008           | 1.5%               | 2.5                   |
| 2046 | 352,882    | 3,429           | 1.0%               | 39.9       | 187,747    | 1,575           | 0.8%               | 137,930    | 1,998           | 1.5%               | 2.5                   |
| 2047 | 356,258    | 3,376           | 1.0%               | 40.1       | 189,280    | 1,533           | 0.8%               | 139,908    | 1,978           | 1.4%               | 2.5                   |
| 2048 | 359,588    | 3,330           | 0.9%               | 40.4       | 190,784    | 1,504           | 0.8%               | 141,843    | 1,935           | 1.4%               | 2.5                   |
| 2049 | 362,847    | 3,259           | 0.9%               | 40.7       | 192,311    | 1,527           | 0.8%               | 143,772    | 1,929           | 1.4%               | 2.5                   |
| 2050 | 366,031    | 3,184           | 0.9%               | 41.0       | 193,749    | 1,438           | 0.7%               | 145,710    | 1,938           | 1.3%               | 2.5                   |
| 2051 | 369,213    | 3,182           | 0.9%               | 41.3       | 195,117    | 1,368           | 0.7%               | 147,656    | 1,946           | 1.3%               | 2.5                   |
| 2052 | 372,372    | 3,159           | 0.9%               | 41.6       | 196,398    | 1,281           | 0.7%               | 149,614    | 1,958           | 1.3%               | 2.5                   |
| 2053 | 375,504    | 3,132           | 0.8%               | 41.9       | 197,672    | 1,274           | 0.6%               | 151,646    | 2,032           | 1.4%               | 2.4                   |
| 2054 | 378,576    | 3,072           | 0.8%               | 42.2       | 198,926    | 1,254           | 0.6%               | 153,798    | 2,152           | 1.4%               | 2.4                   |
| 2055 | 381,579    | 3,003           | 0.8%               | 42.4       | 200,209    | 1,283           | 0.6%               | 155,987    | 2,189           | 1.4%               | 2.4                   |
| 2056 | 384,555    | 2,976           | 0.8%               | 42.7       | 201,459    | 1,250           | 0.6%               | 158,211    | 2,224           | 1.4%               | 2.4                   |
| 2057 | 387,509    | 2,954           | 0.8%               | 43.0       | 202,641    | 1,182           | 0.6%               | 160,494    | 2,283           | 1.4%               | 2.4                   |
| 2058 | 390,458    | 2,949           | 0.8%               | 43.2       | 203,774    | 1,133           | 0.6%               | 162,800    | 2,306           | 1.4%               | 2.4                   |
| 2059 | 393,394    | 2,936           | 0.8%               | 43.5       | 204,859    | 1,085           | 0.5%               | 165,174    | 2,374           | 1.5%               | 2.4                   |
| 2060 | 396,265    | 2,871           | 0.7%               | 43.7       | 205,921    | 1,062           | 0.5%               | 167,592    | 2,418           | 1.5%               | 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.