

# POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN UTAH

**Growing Fast, Concentrating More,  
Diversifying Rapidly, Aging Too**

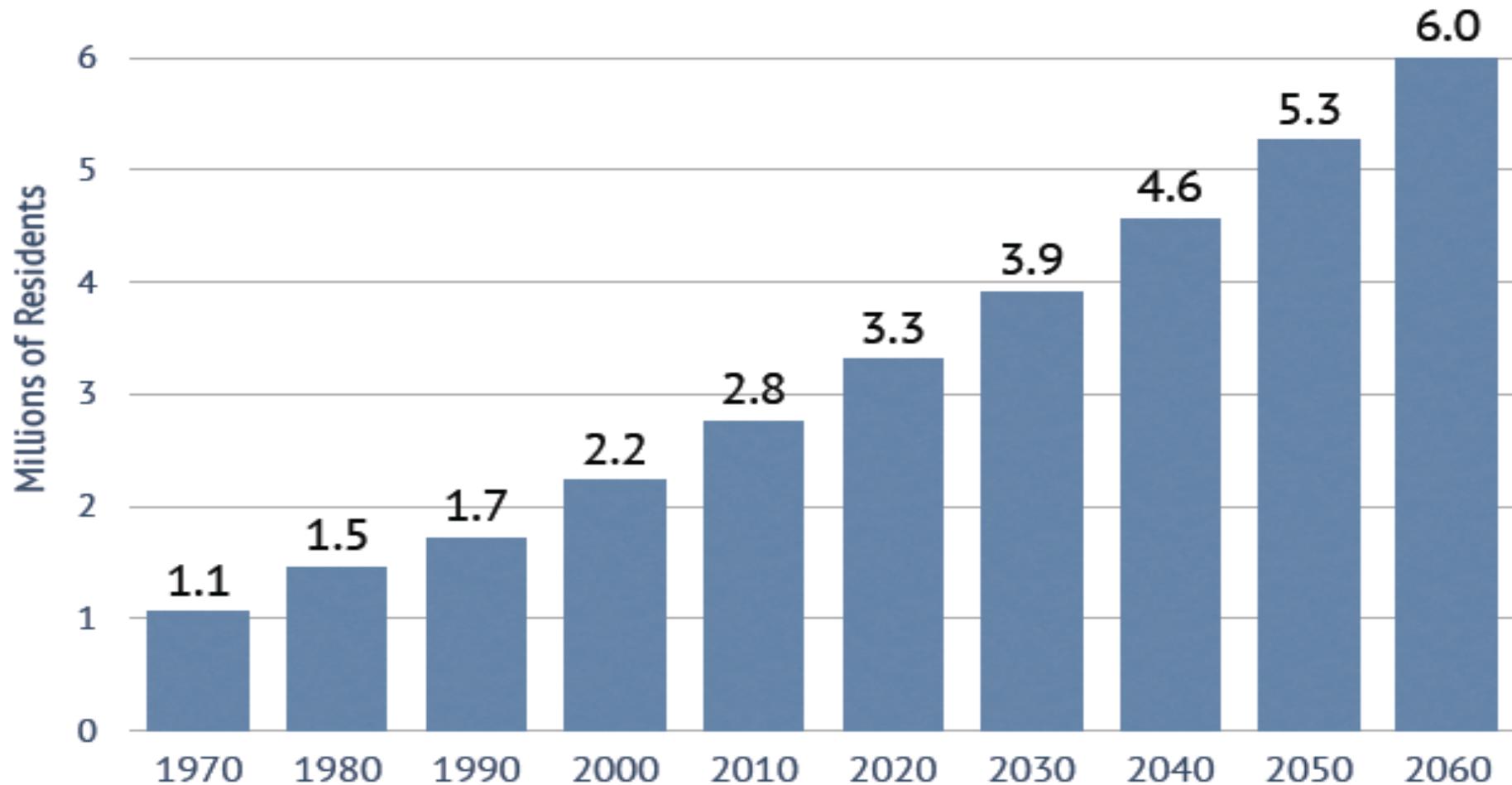
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# What are we going to talk about today?

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- ▶ Utah's rapidly growing population
- ▶ Where the population growth is occurring
- ▶ The causes of the rapid population growth
- ▶ How Utah's racial and ethnic makeup is being impacted by this growth
- ▶ Utah's rapidly growing, 65 and over population

# Utah Population: 1970-2060



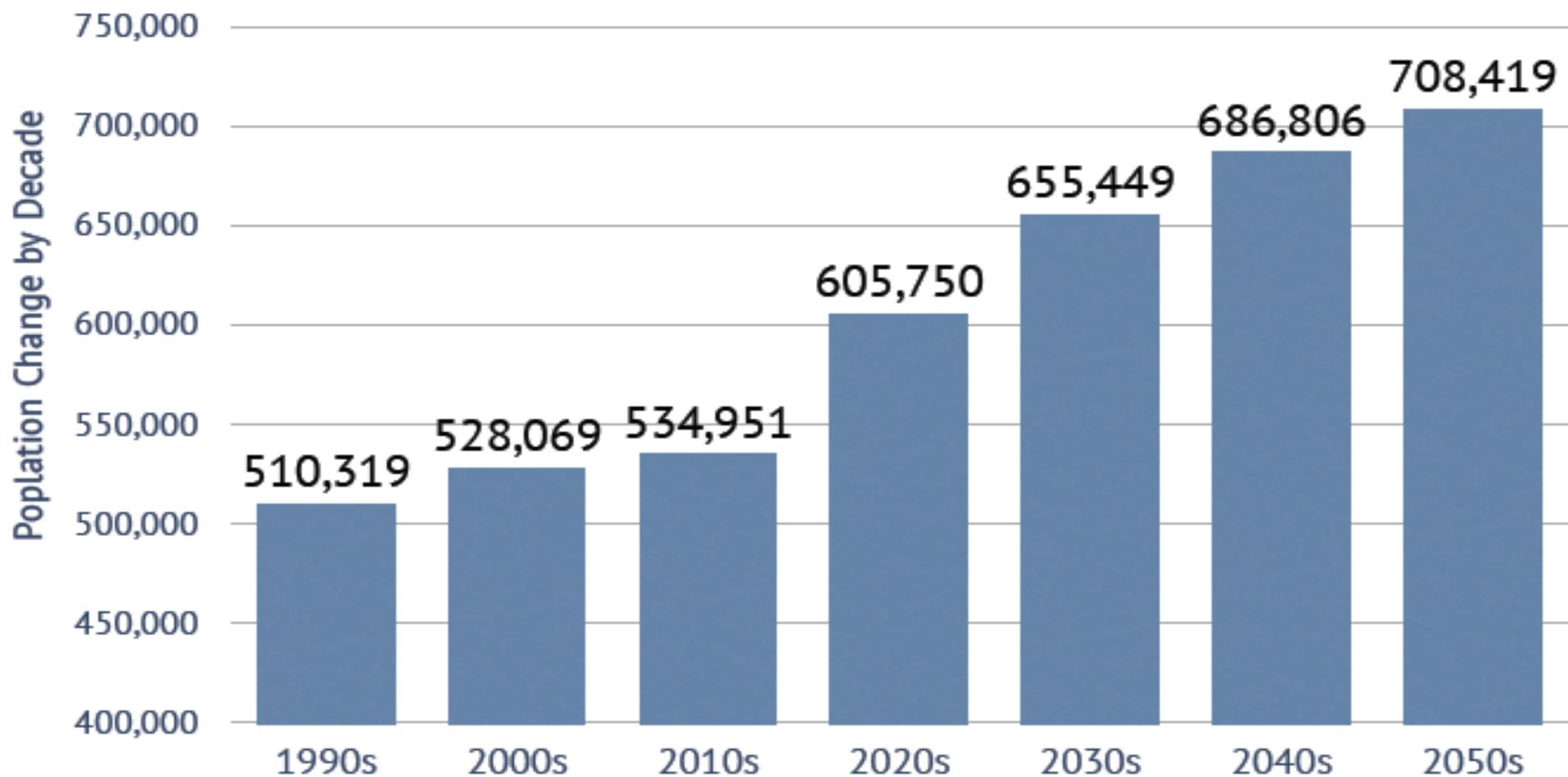
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# 3,000,000 by 2015?

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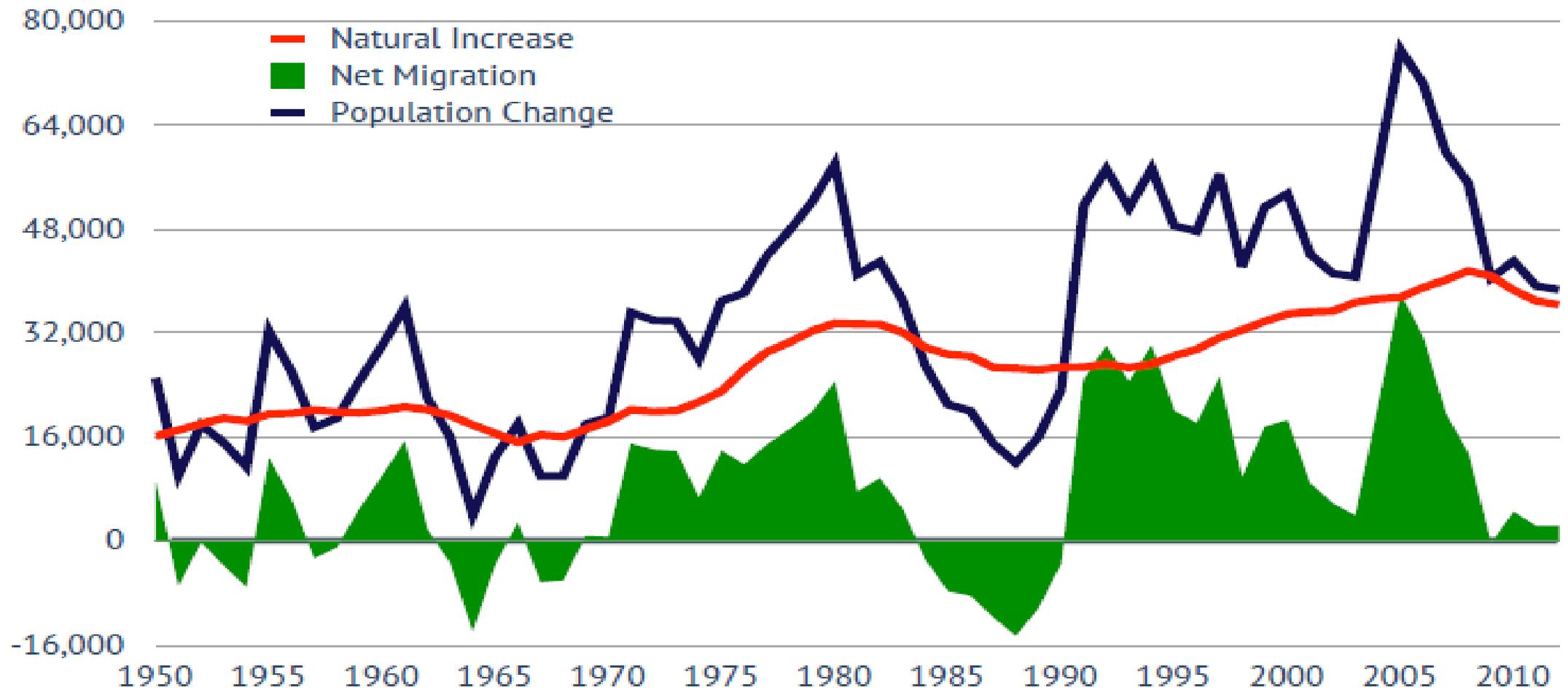
- ▶ July 1, 2015 estimated population - 2,998,590
- ▶ 3.3 million by 2020
  - ▶ Will grow by 531,351 this decade
- ▶ **Utah likely to pass** Arkansas, Mississippi, and Iowa by 2020 census to become the 30<sup>th</sup> most populous state

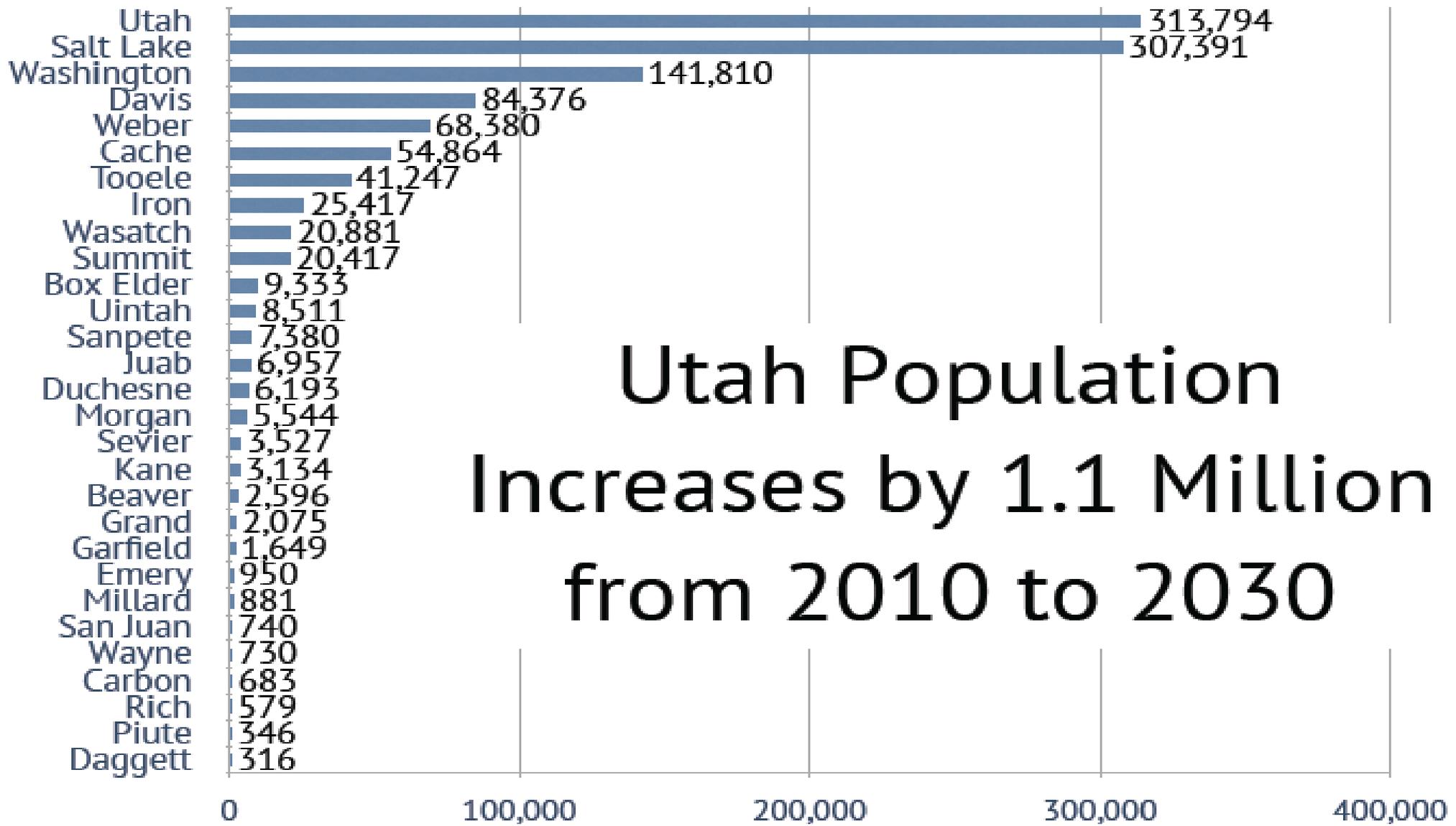
# Utah Population Change by Decade



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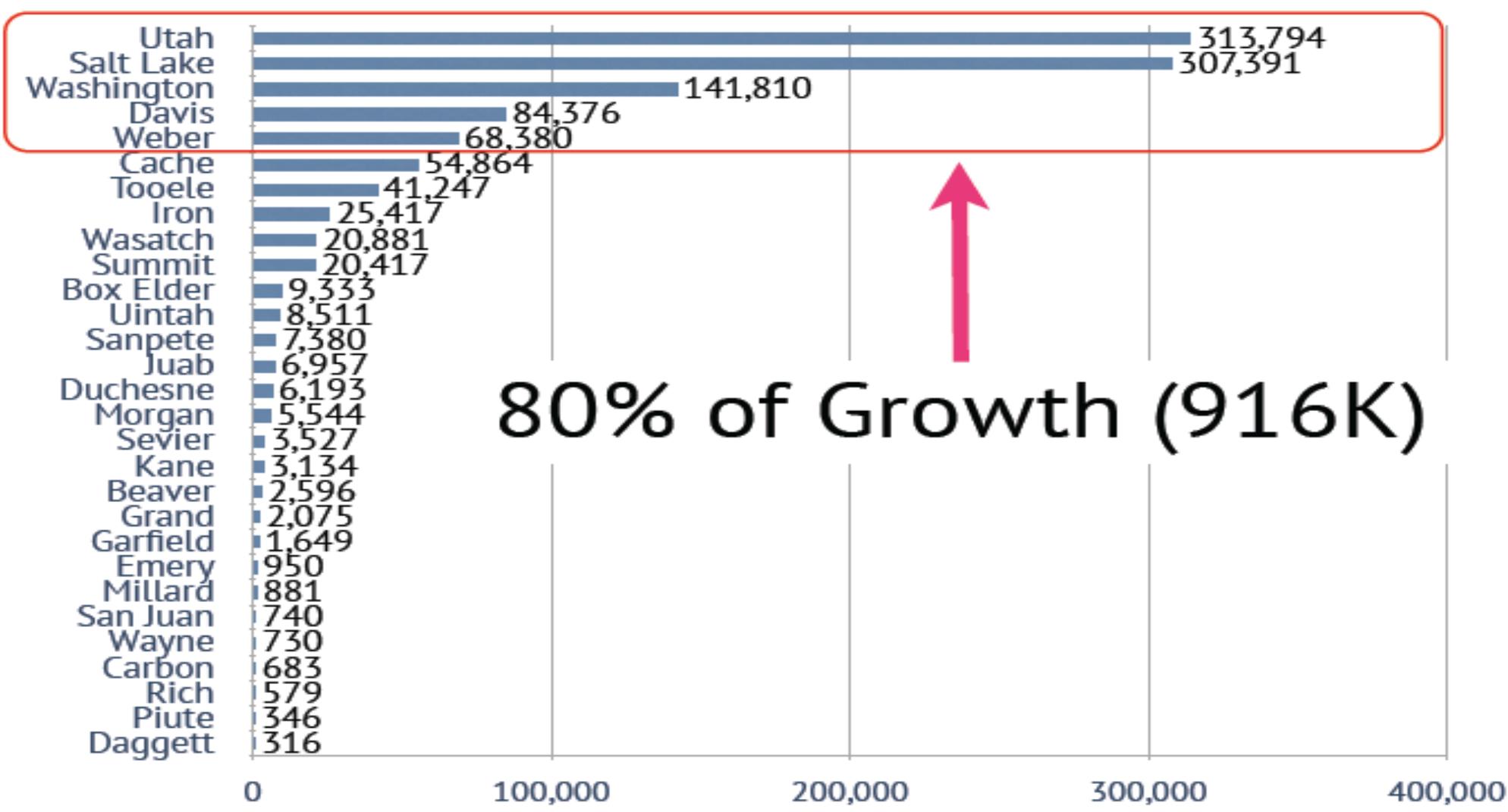
# Utah: Net Migration, Natural Increase, and Population Change - 1950-2012





# Utah Population Increases by 1.1 Million from 2010 to 2030

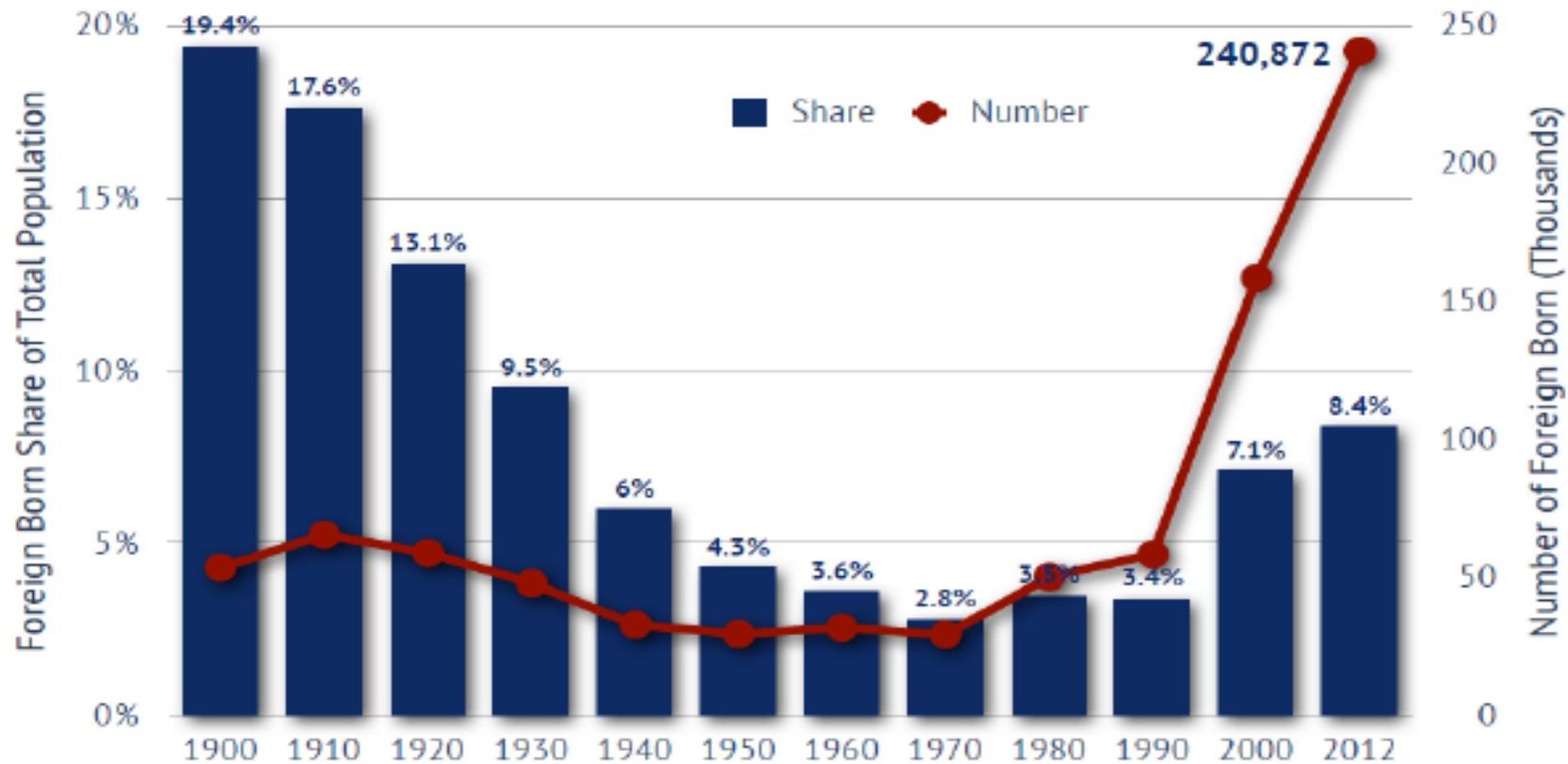
2010-2030 Population Change



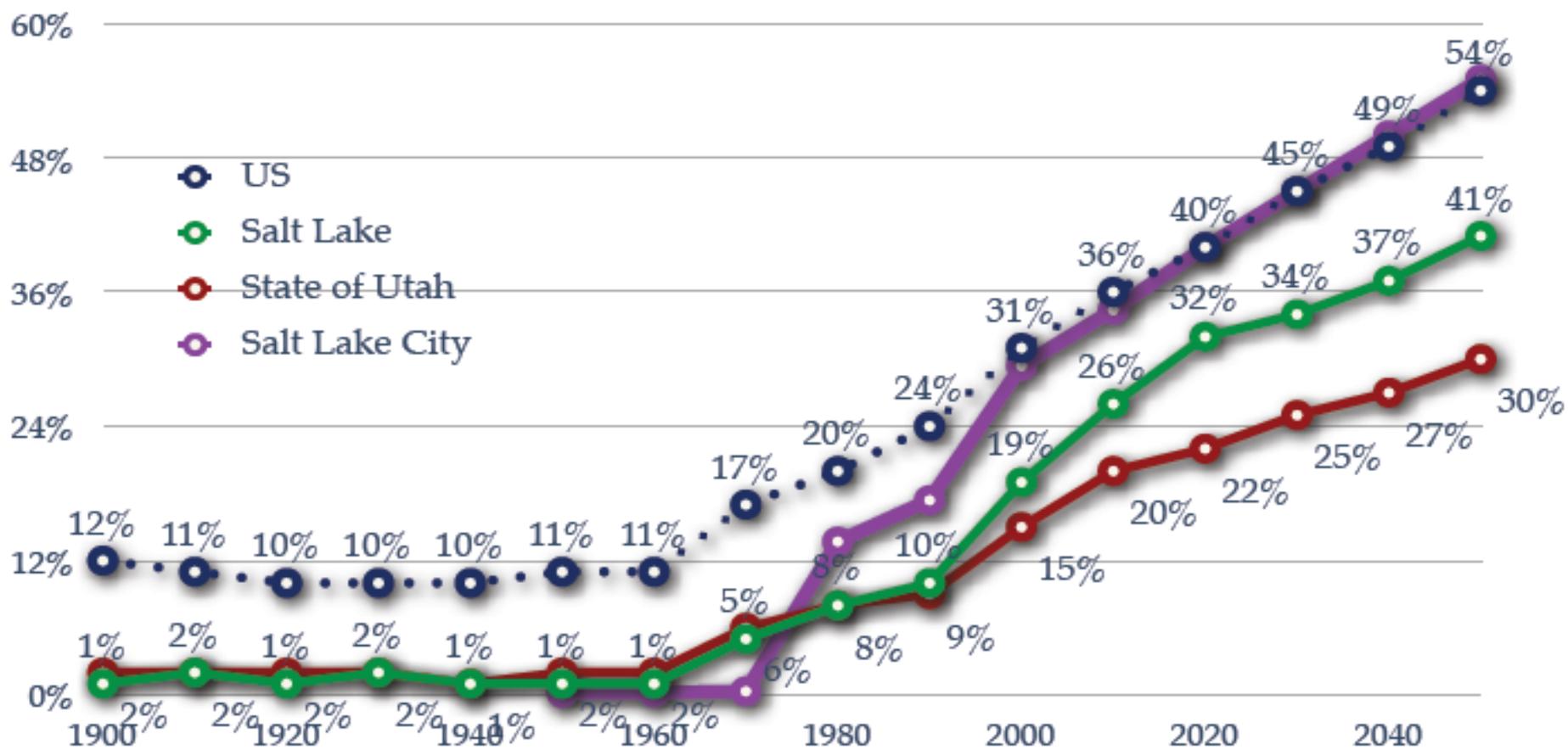
80% of Growth (916K)

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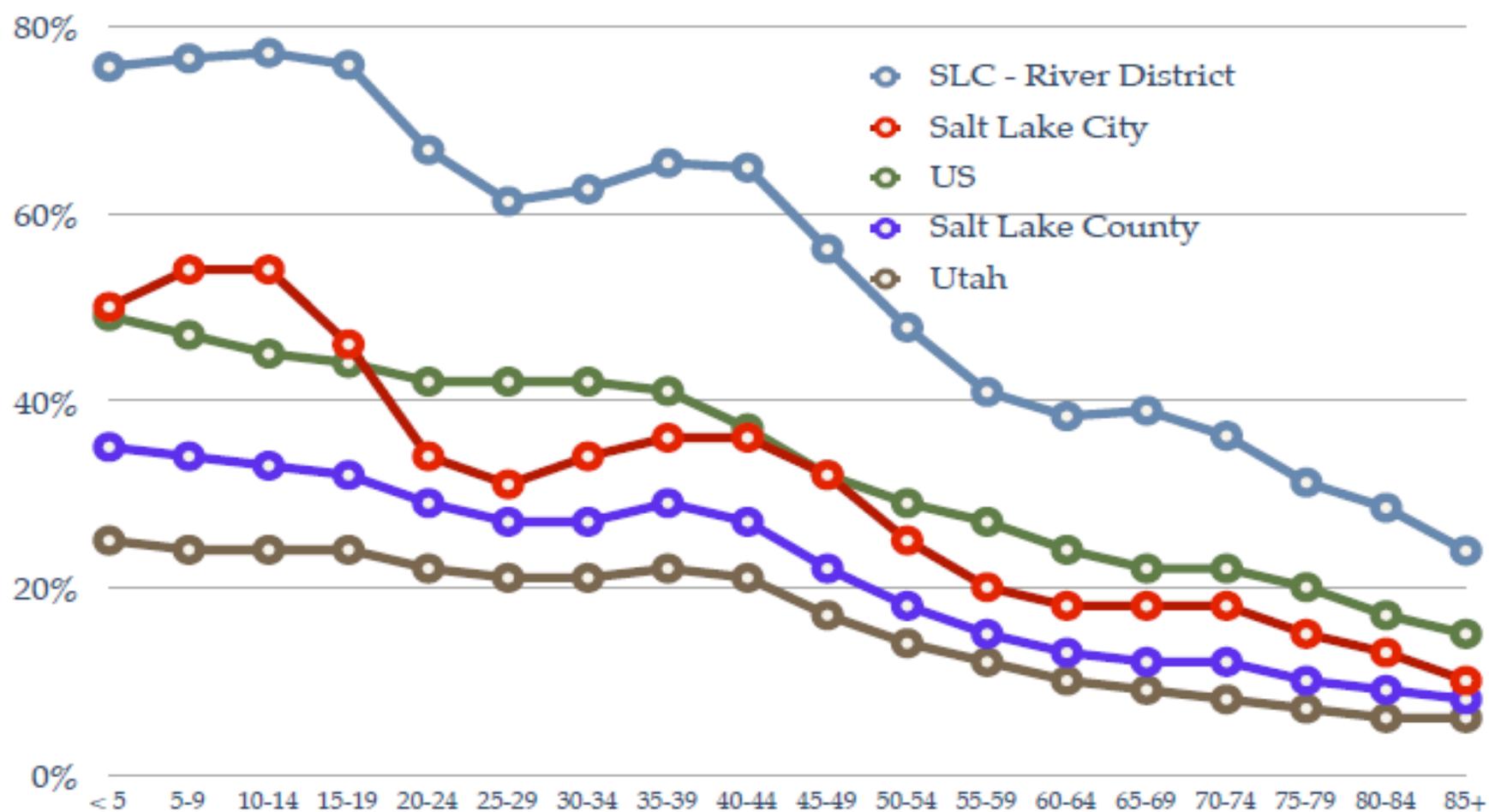
# Utah Foreign Born Population: 1900–2012



# Minority Share of the Population: U.S., Utah, & Salt Lake City & County



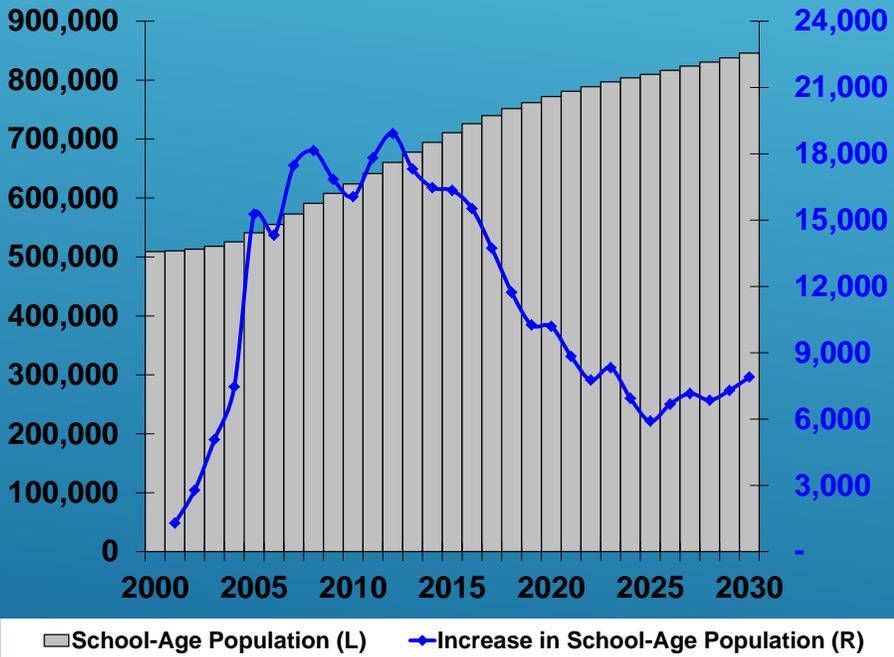
# Minority Share by Age Group: 2010



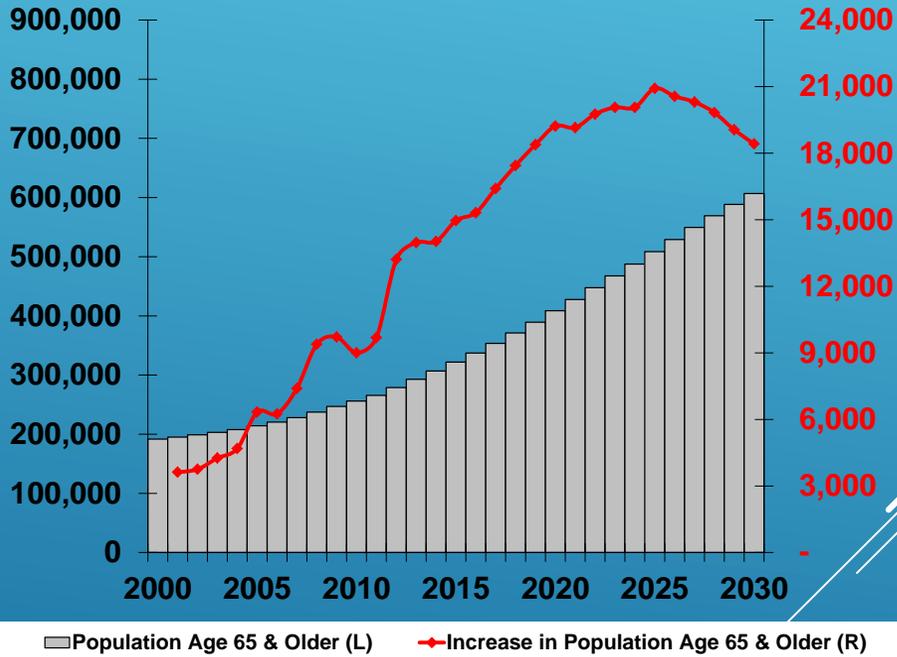
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## School-Age

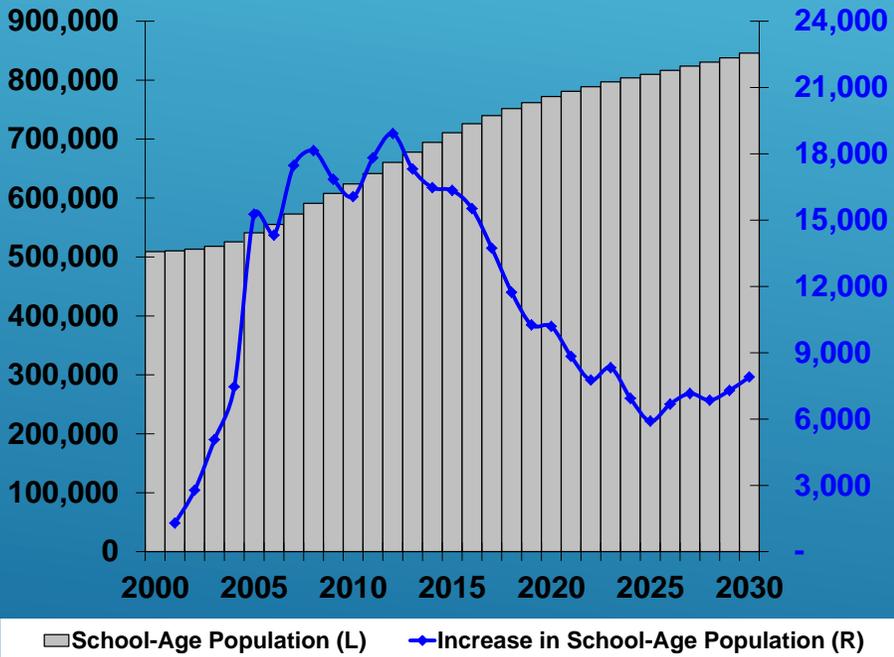


## 65 and Over

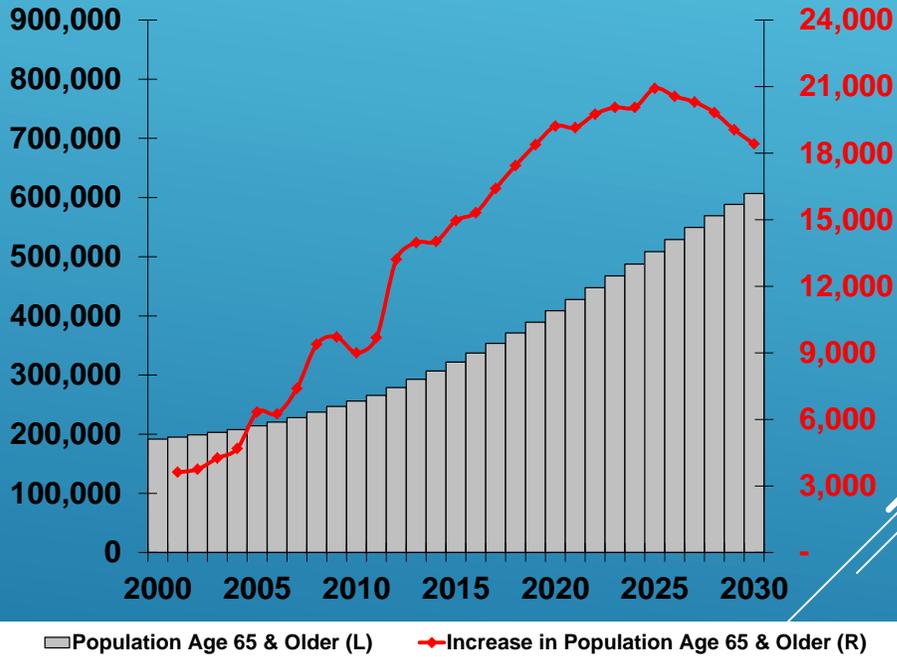


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# Key Points

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- ▶ Utah is a rapidly growing state
  - ▶ Driven mainly by high birth rate
  - ▶ Aided by periods of substantial net in-migration
- ▶ Most of Utah's growth is occurring in five urban counties:
  - ▶ Salt Lake
  - ▶ Utah
  - ▶ Davis
  - ▶ Weber
  - ▶ Washington
- ▶ Previous periods of significant net in-migration have substantially increased Utah's minority population.
- ▶ This minority population is projected to increase, making Utah even more racially and ethnically diverse in the coming years.
- ▶ Utah's over 65 population is projected to increase substantially over the next 30 years creating increasing demands for services important to this population.

# Questions?

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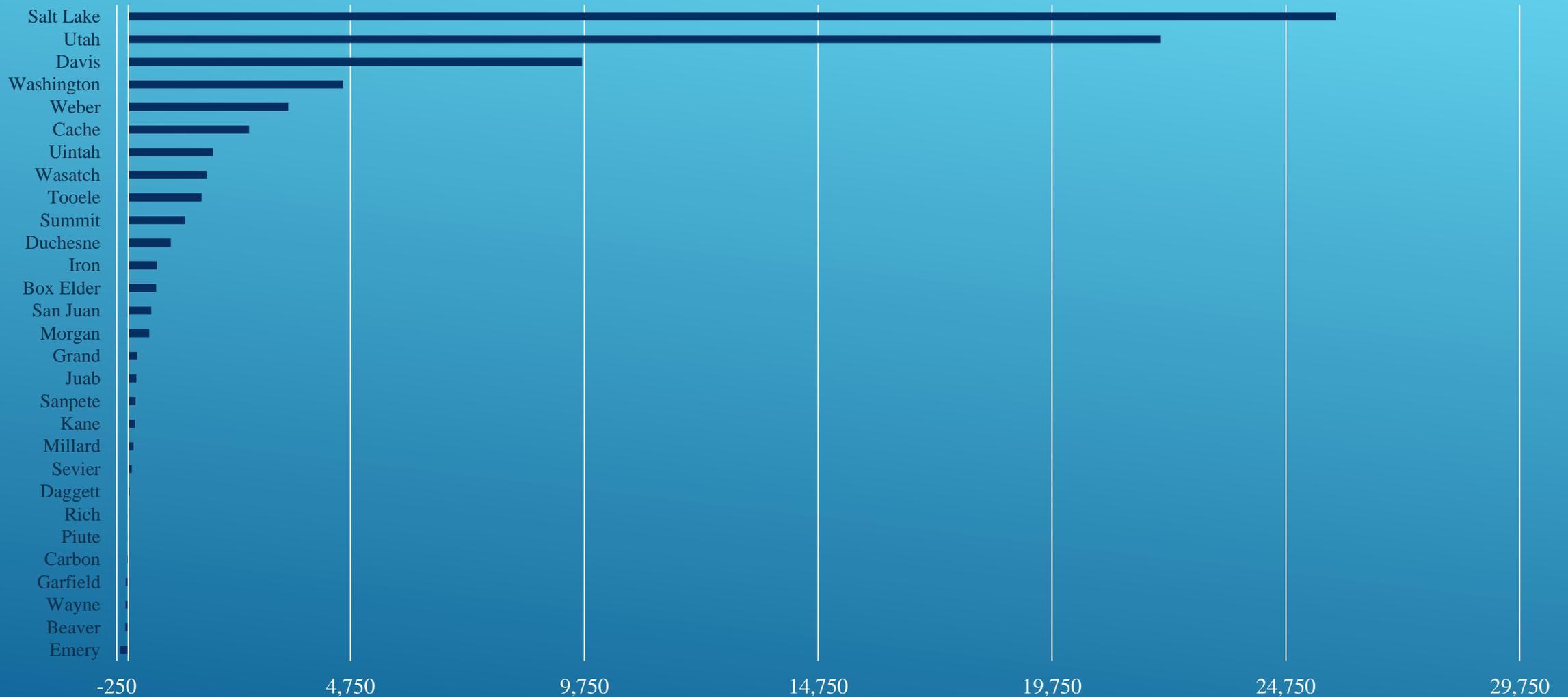
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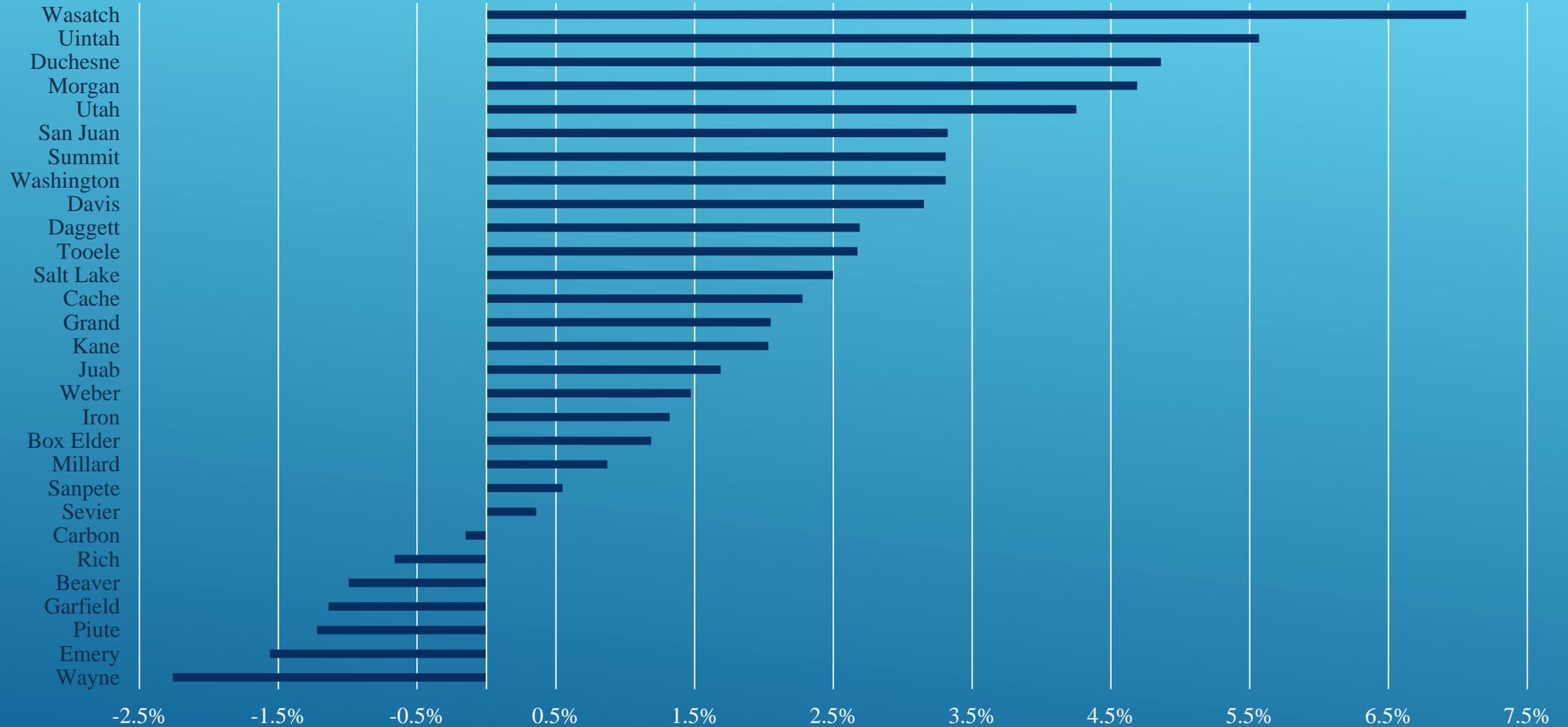
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# County Population by Absolute Change: 2010-2012



# Population Change by Percent: 2010-2012



# U.S. Foreign Born Population: 1900–2012

