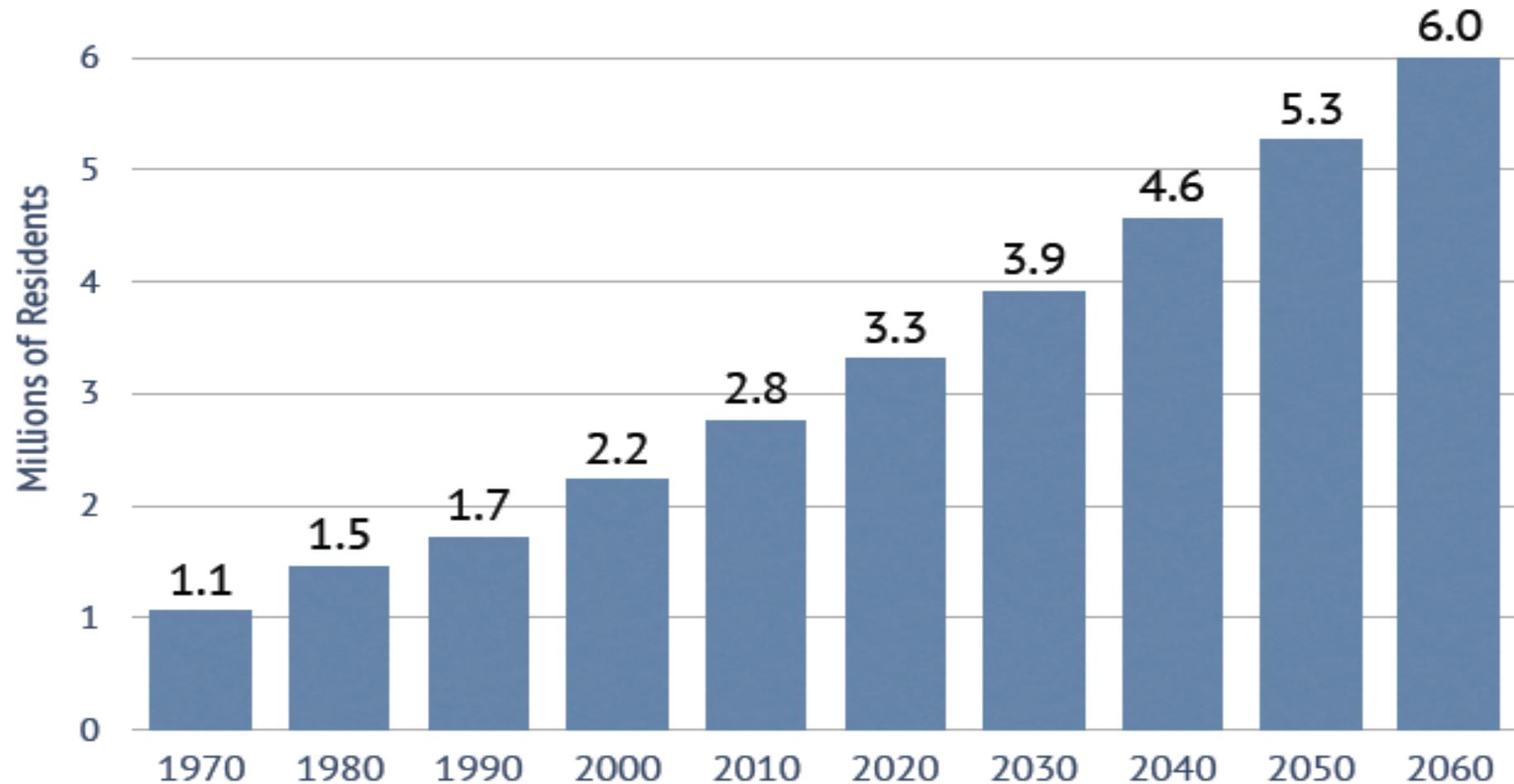


# POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN UTAH

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

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# Utah Population: 1970-2060

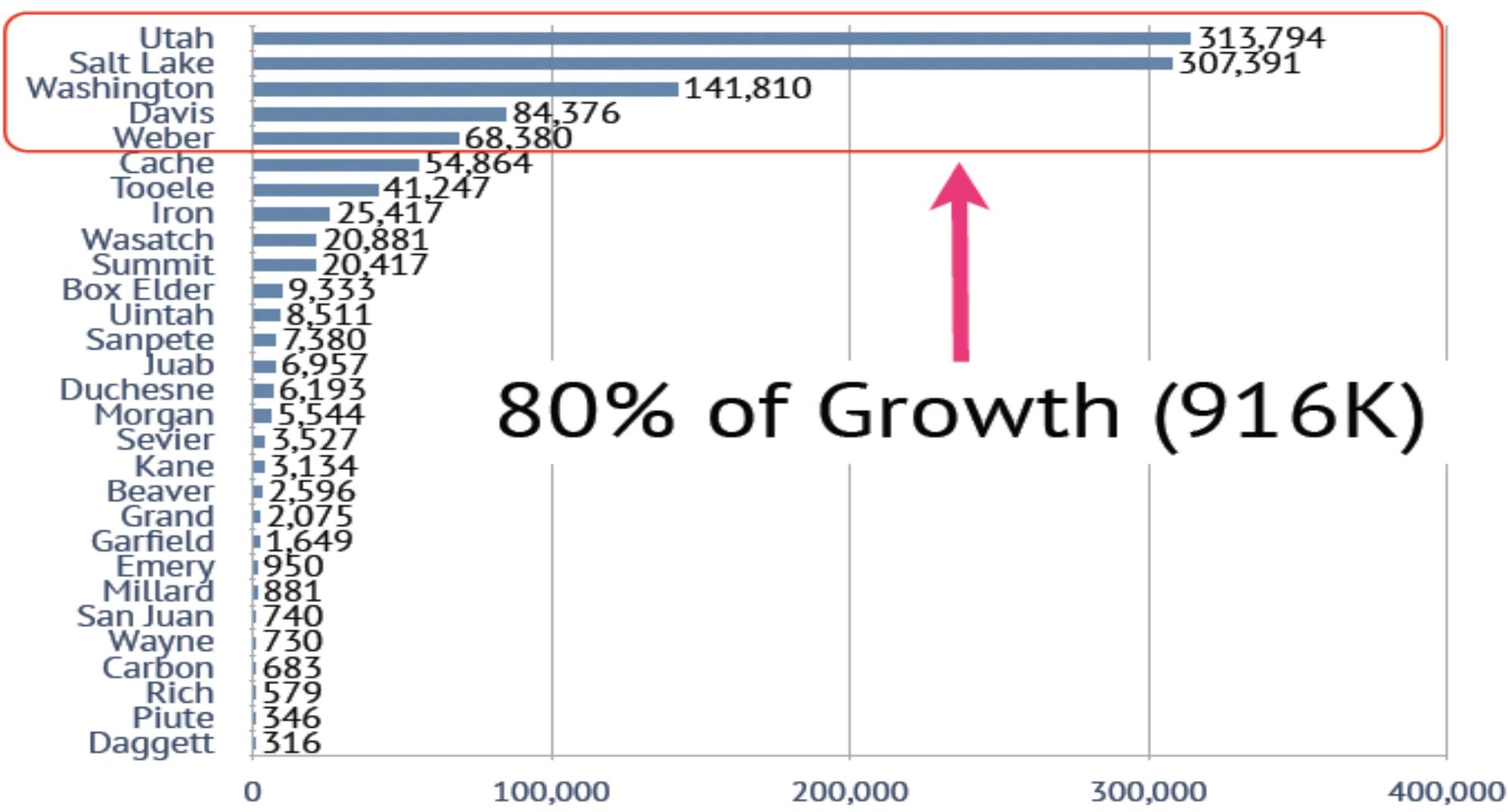


Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, and GOMB 2012 Projections

# 3,000,000 by 2015?

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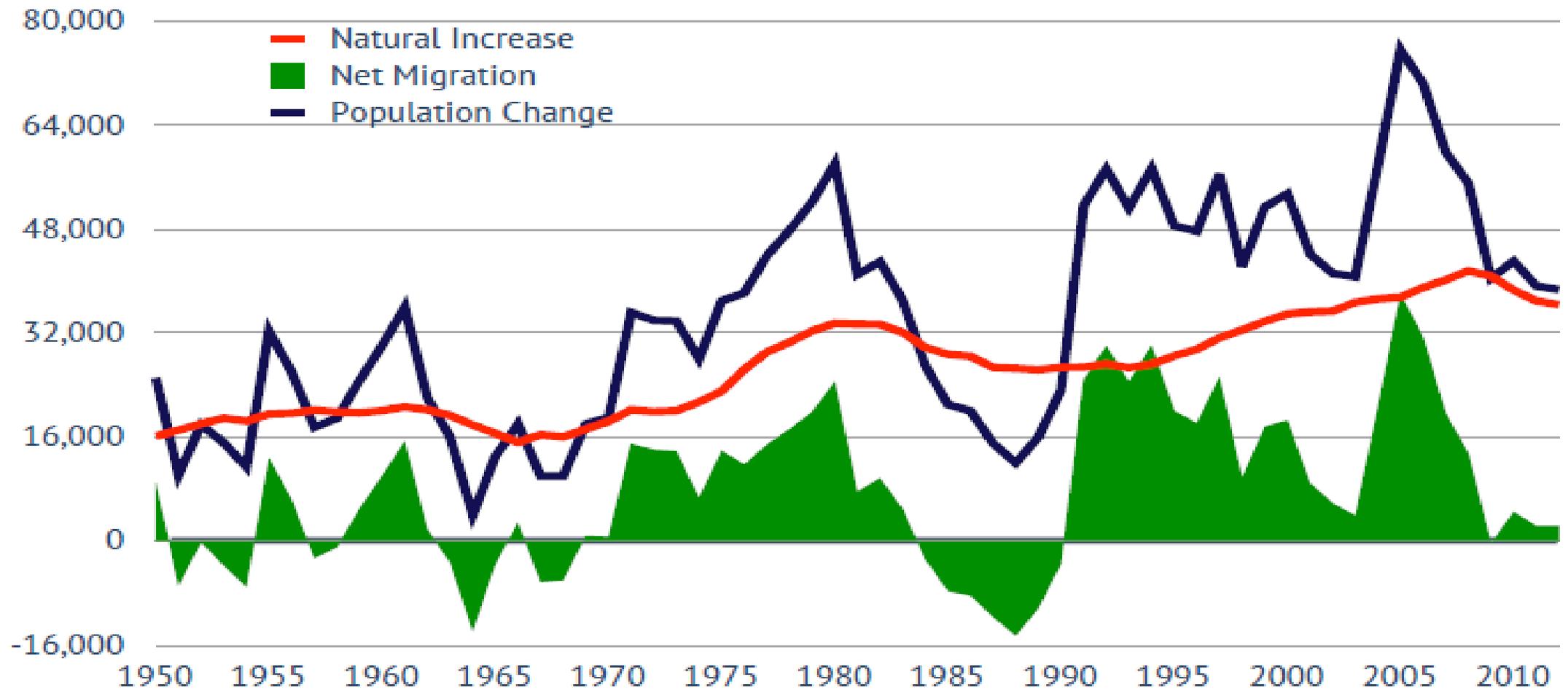
- ▶ July 1, 2015 estimated population - 2,998,590
- ▶ 3.3 million by 2020
  - ▶ Will grow by 531,351 this decade
- ▶ **Utah likely to pass** Arkansas, Mississippi, and Iowa by 2020 census to become the 30<sup>th</sup> most populous state



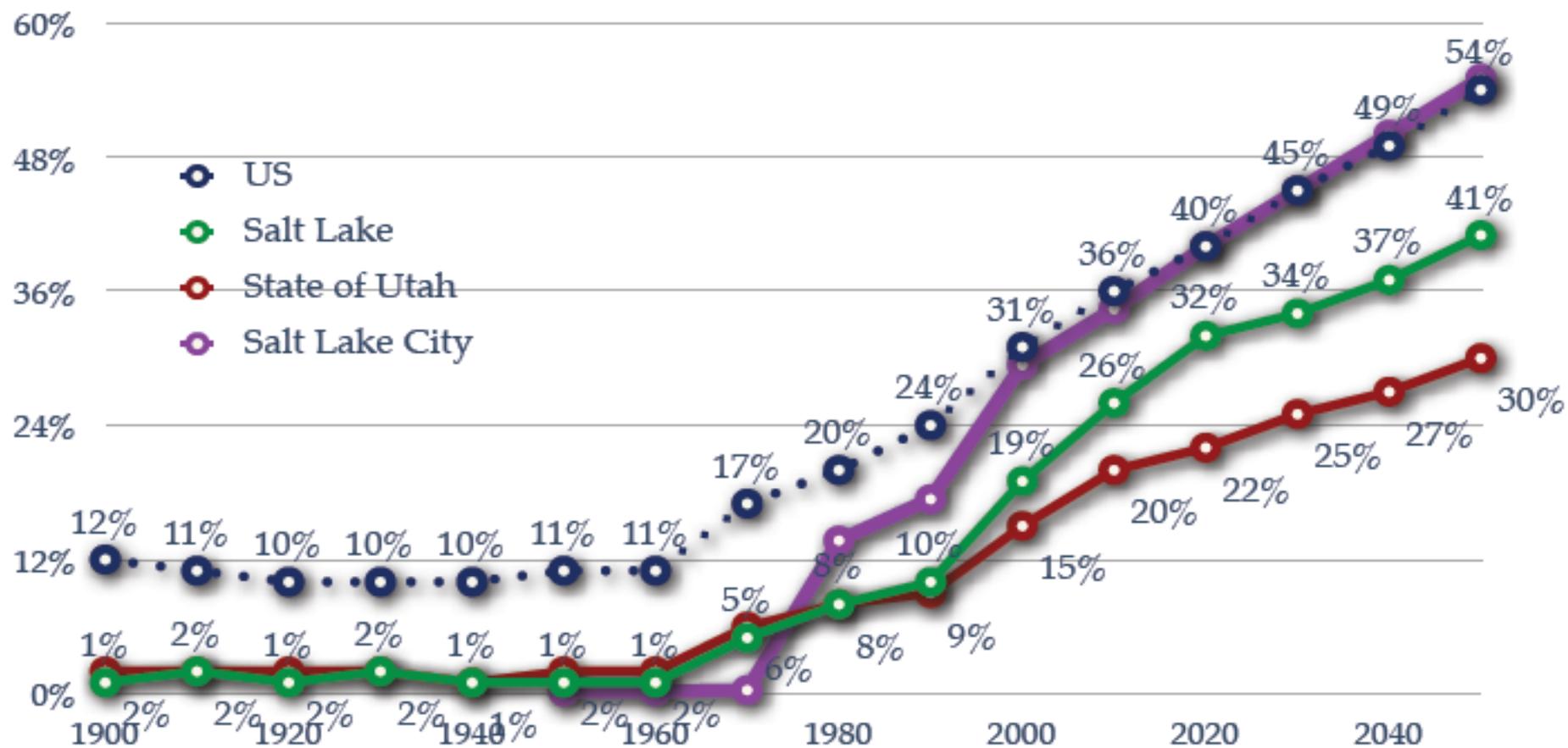
80% of Growth (916K)

2010-2030 Population Change

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

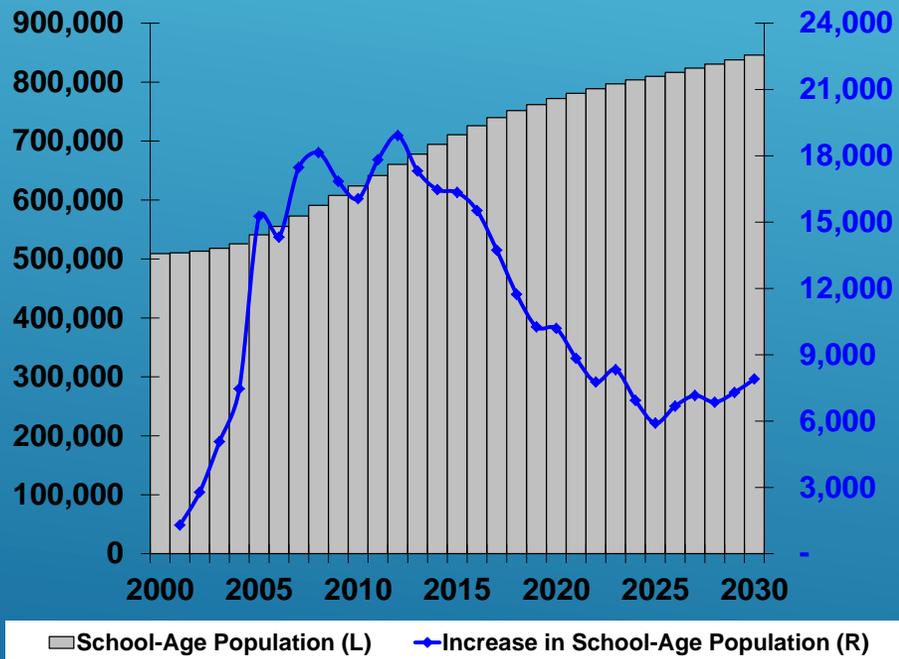


# Minority Share of the Population: U.S., Utah, & Salt Lake City & County

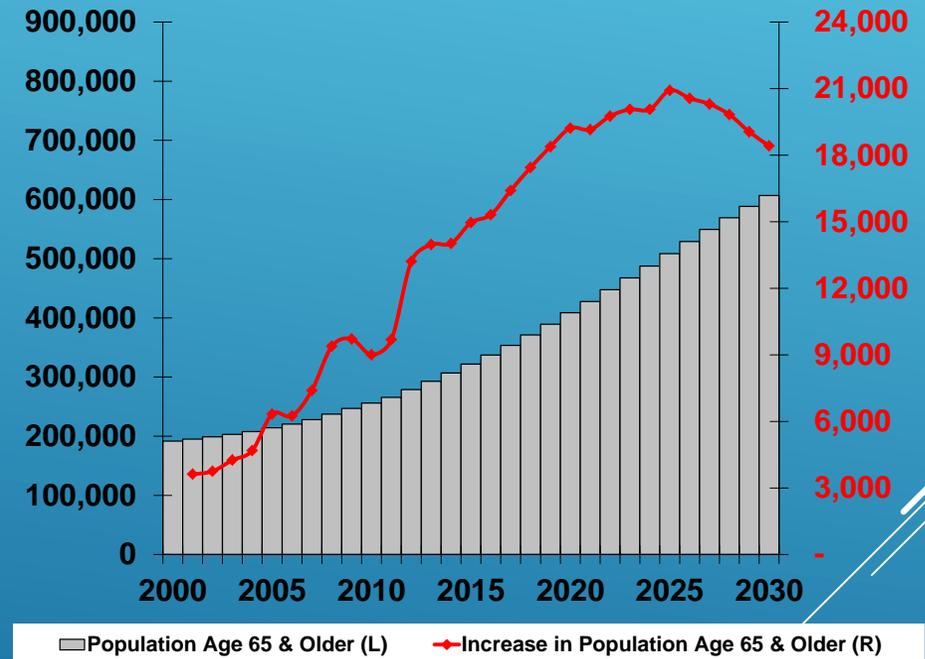


# GROWTH IN POPULATION SCHOOL AGE AND AGE 65 & OLDER 2000 TO 2030

## School-Age



## 65 and Over



# 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.
- ▶ 80% of Utah's growth will occur in five urban counties: Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, Weber, and 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 65+ population is projected to increase substantially over the next 30 years creating increasing demands for services important to this population.

# Key Points for Political Subdivisions

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- ▶ Cities and counties will be faced with development intensification accompanied by growth.
- ▶ Considerations when addressing where and how growth will occur:
  - ▶ Land availability
  - ▶ Housing type and affordability
  - ▶ Transportation
  - ▶ Development costs
  - ▶ Service provision and cost
  - ▶ Interlocal cooperation

# Questions?

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