

POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN UTAH

Growing Fast, Concentrating More, Diversifying Rapidly, Aging Too

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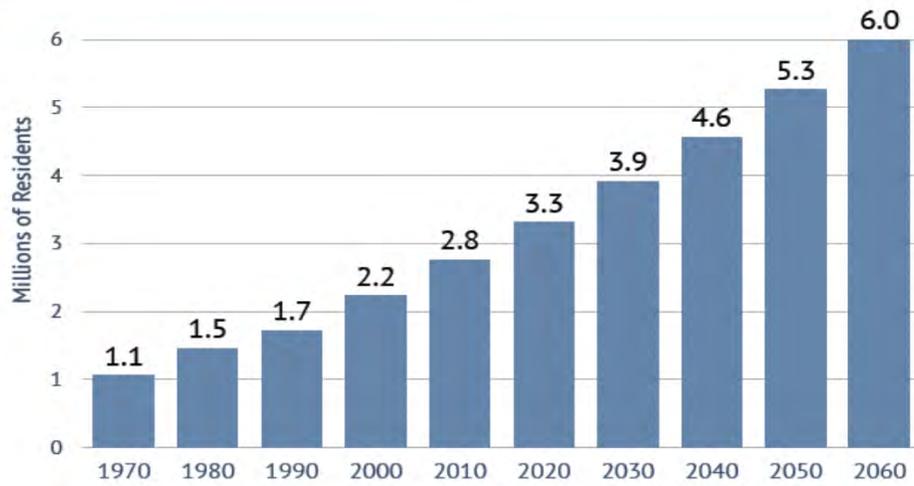
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What are we going to talk about today?

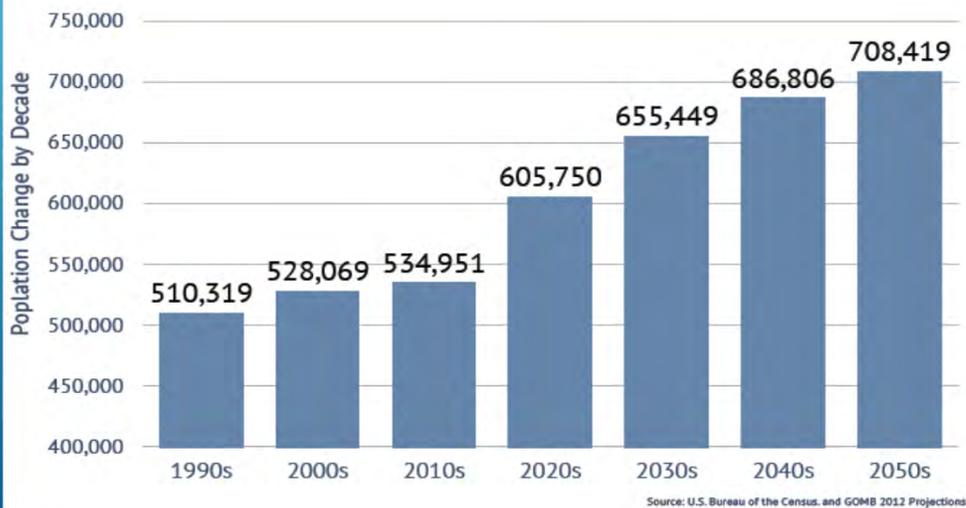
- ▶ Utah's rapidly growing population
- ▶ Where the population growth is occurring
- ▶ The causes of the rapid population growth
- ▶ How Utah's racial and ethnic makeup is being impacted by this growth
- ▶ Utah's rapidly growing, 65 and over population

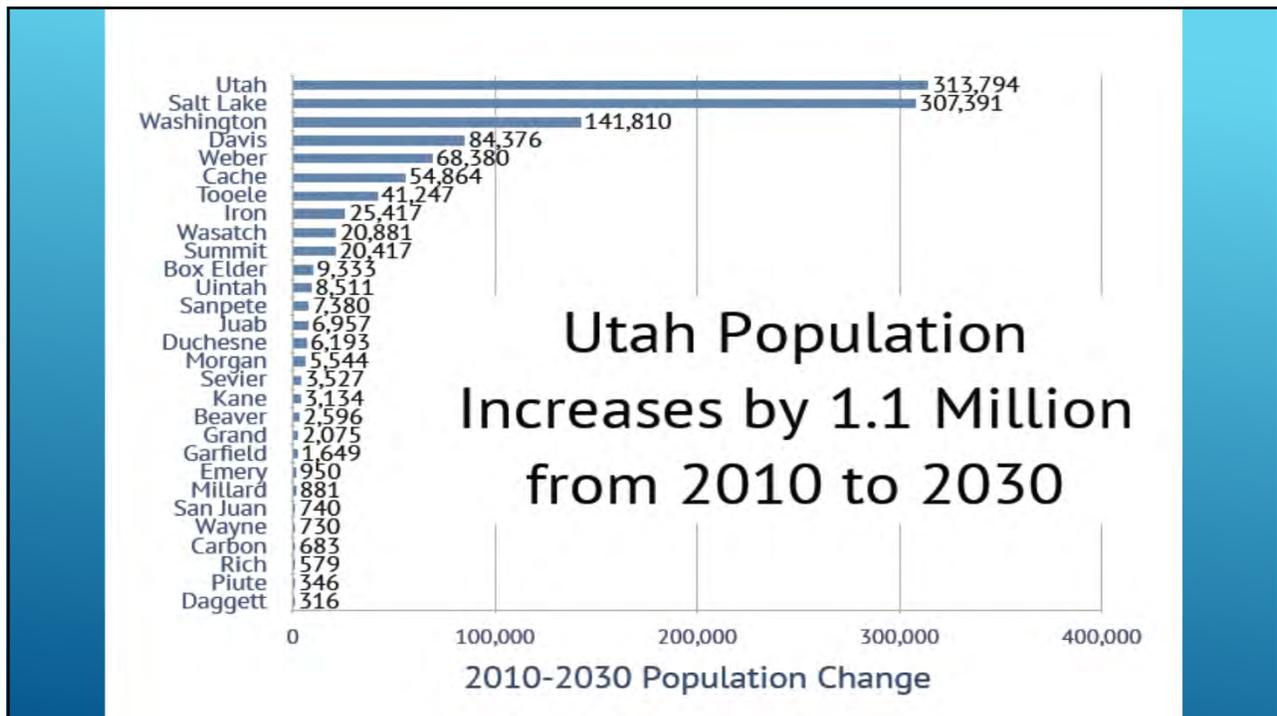
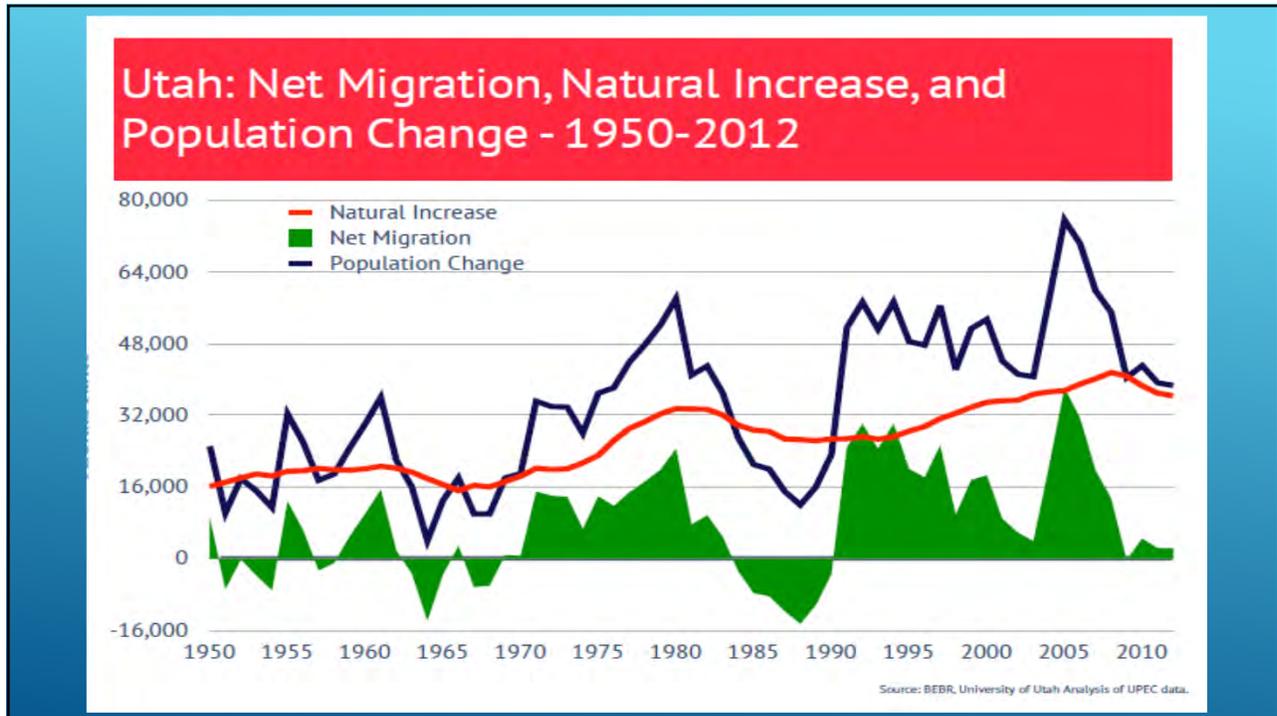
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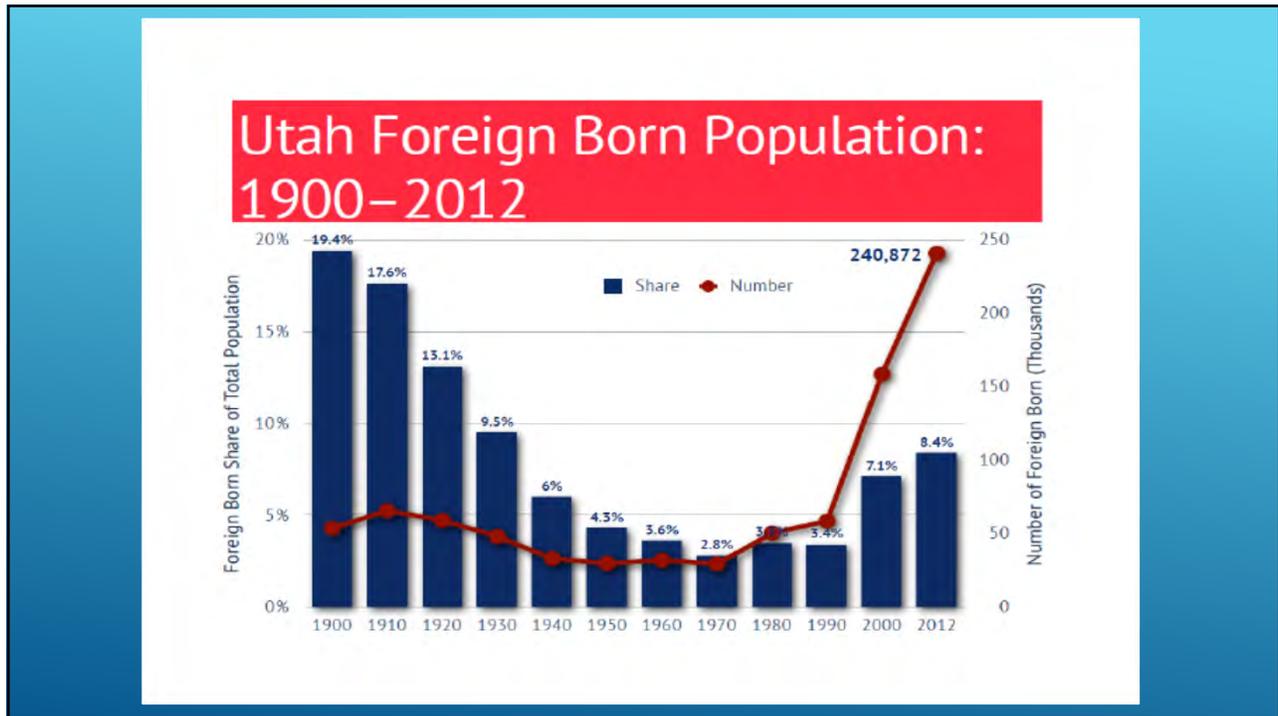
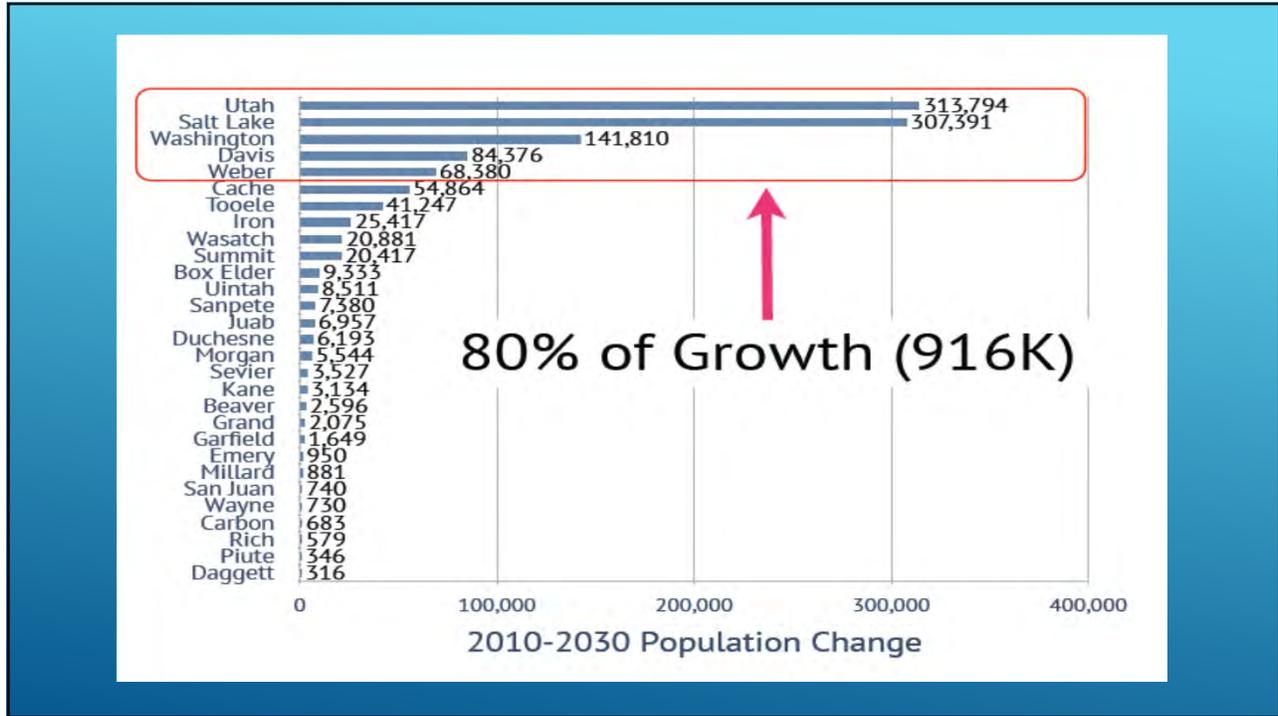
Utah Population: 1970-2060



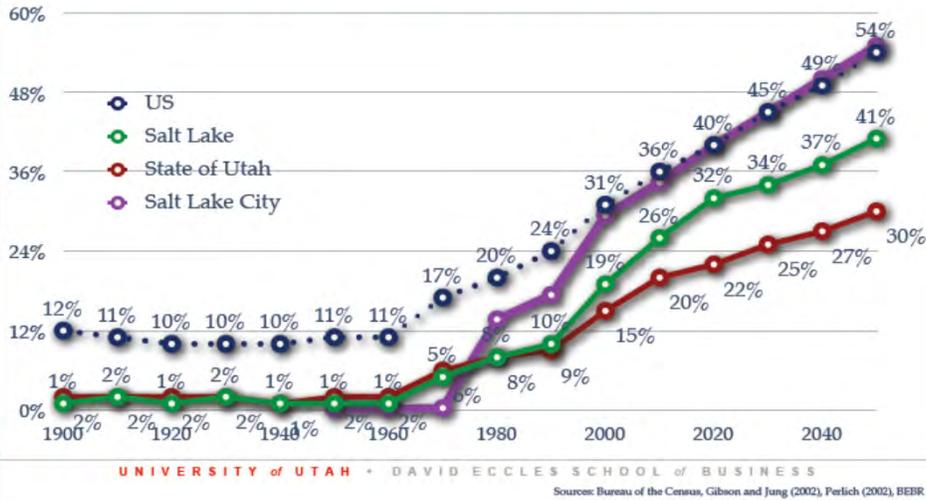
Utah Population Change by Decade





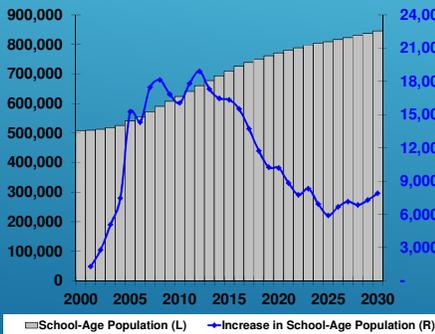


Minority Share of the Population: U.S., Utah, & Salt Lake City & County

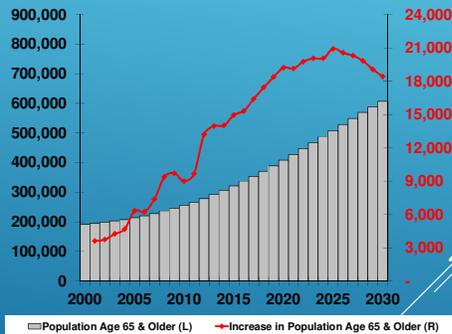


GROWTH IN POPULATION SCHOOL AGE AND AGE 65 & OLDER 2000 TO 2030

School-Age



65 and Over



Key Points

- ▶ 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.

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Questions?

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