

# POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS IN UTAH

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Growing, Concentrating, Diversifying, Aging

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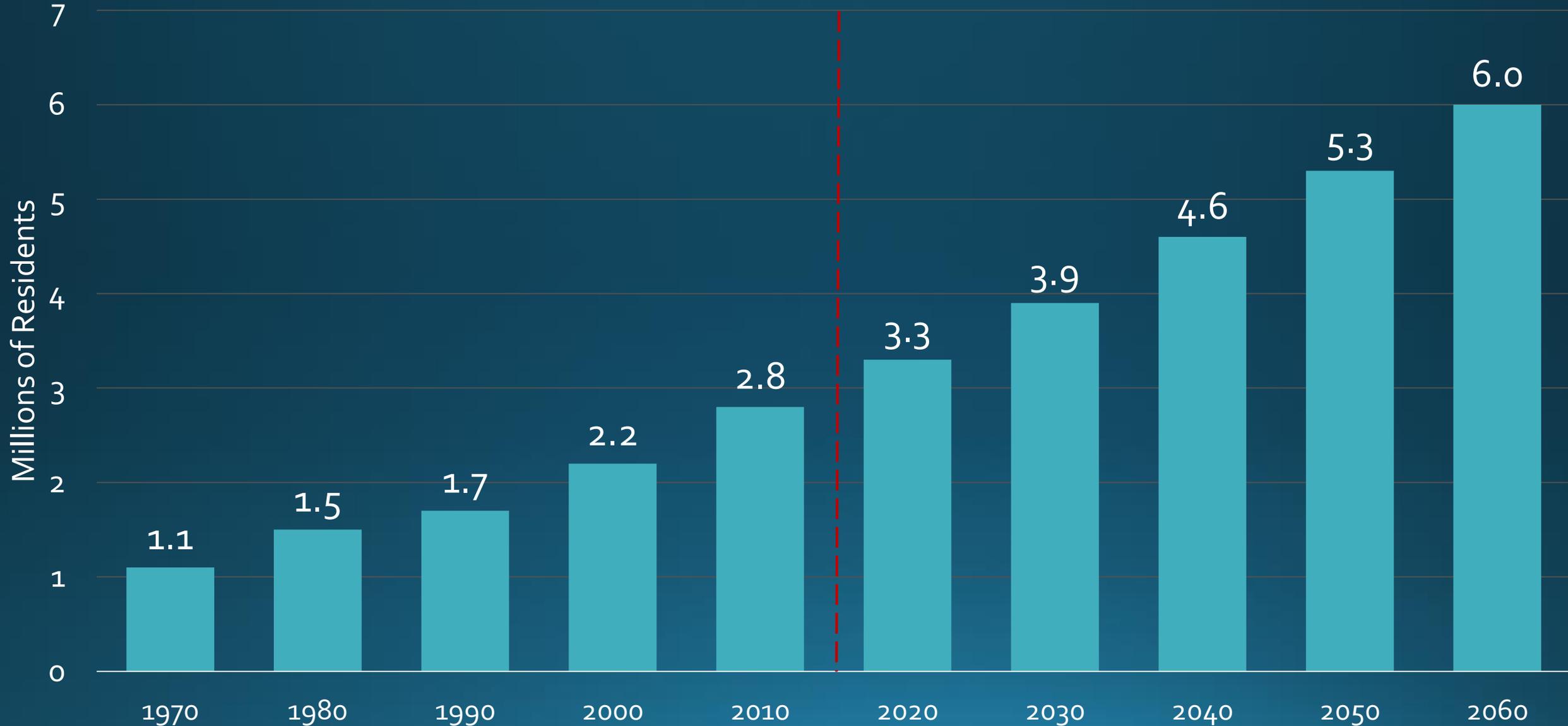
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# Discussion Points

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- Utah's growing population
- Causes of growth
- Where growth is occurring
- Impacts on racial and ethnic makeup
- Affect on government operations

# Utah Population: 1970-2060



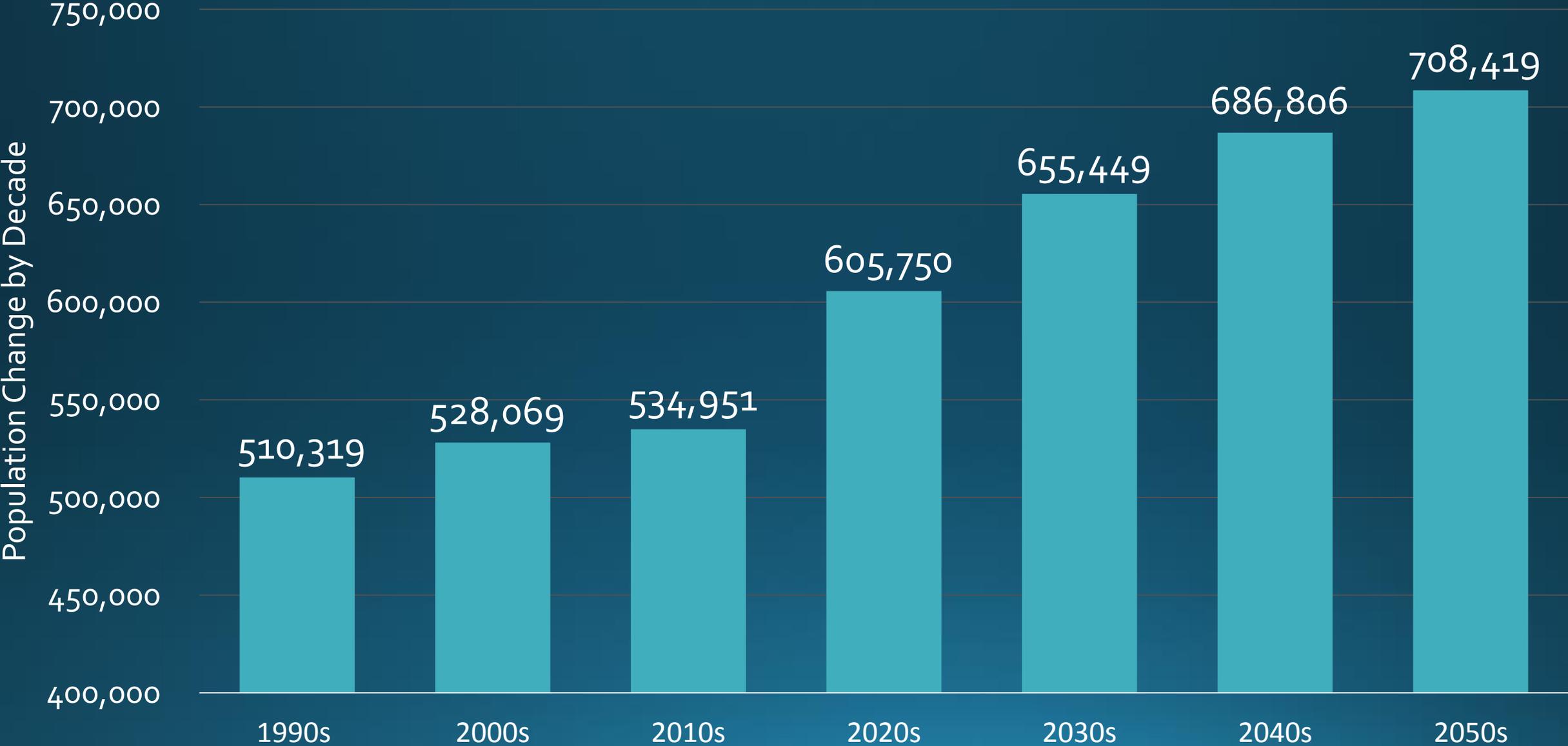
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# Rankings

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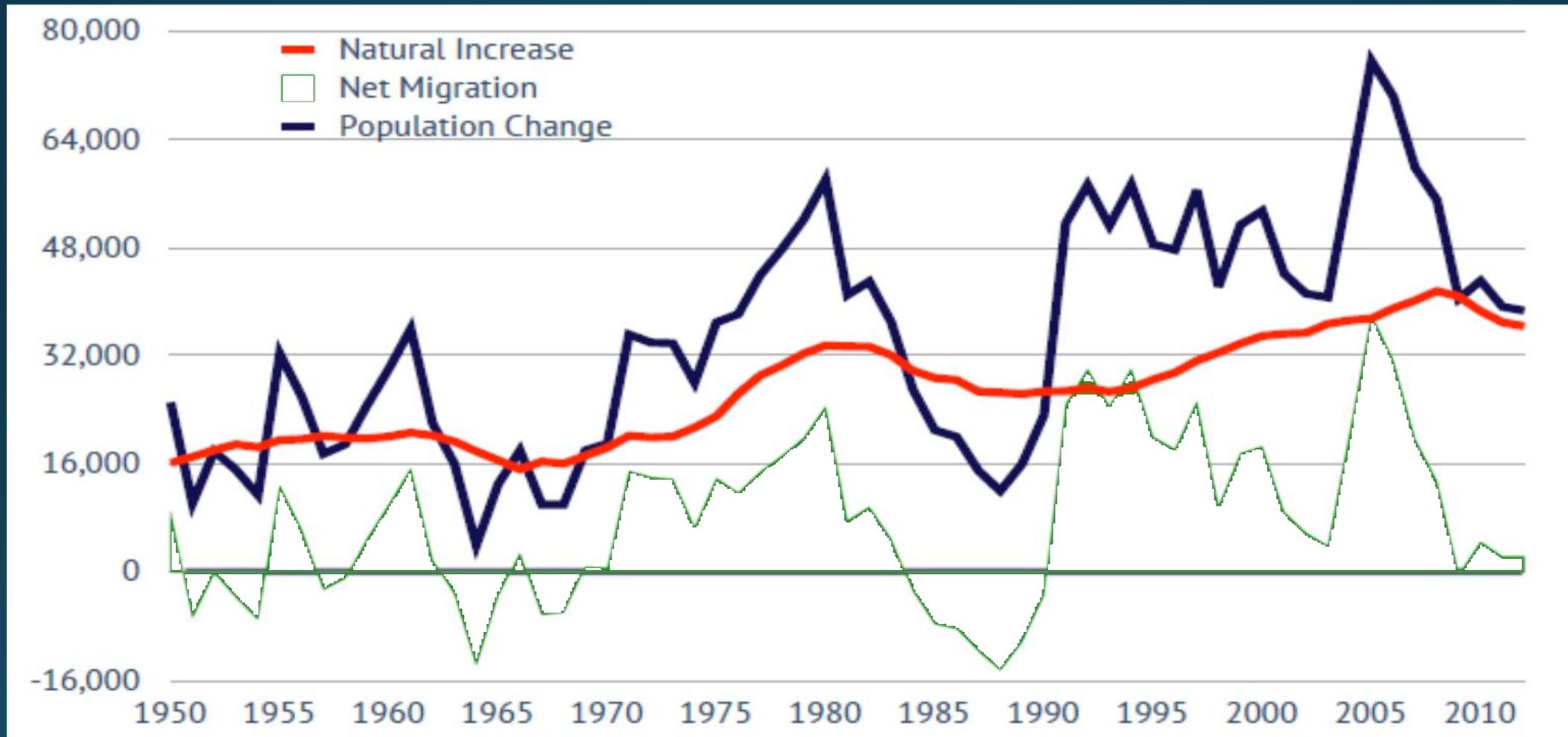
- **Utah likely to pass** Arkansas, Mississippi, and Iowa by 2020 census to become the **30<sup>th</sup>** most populous state

# Utah Population Change by Decade

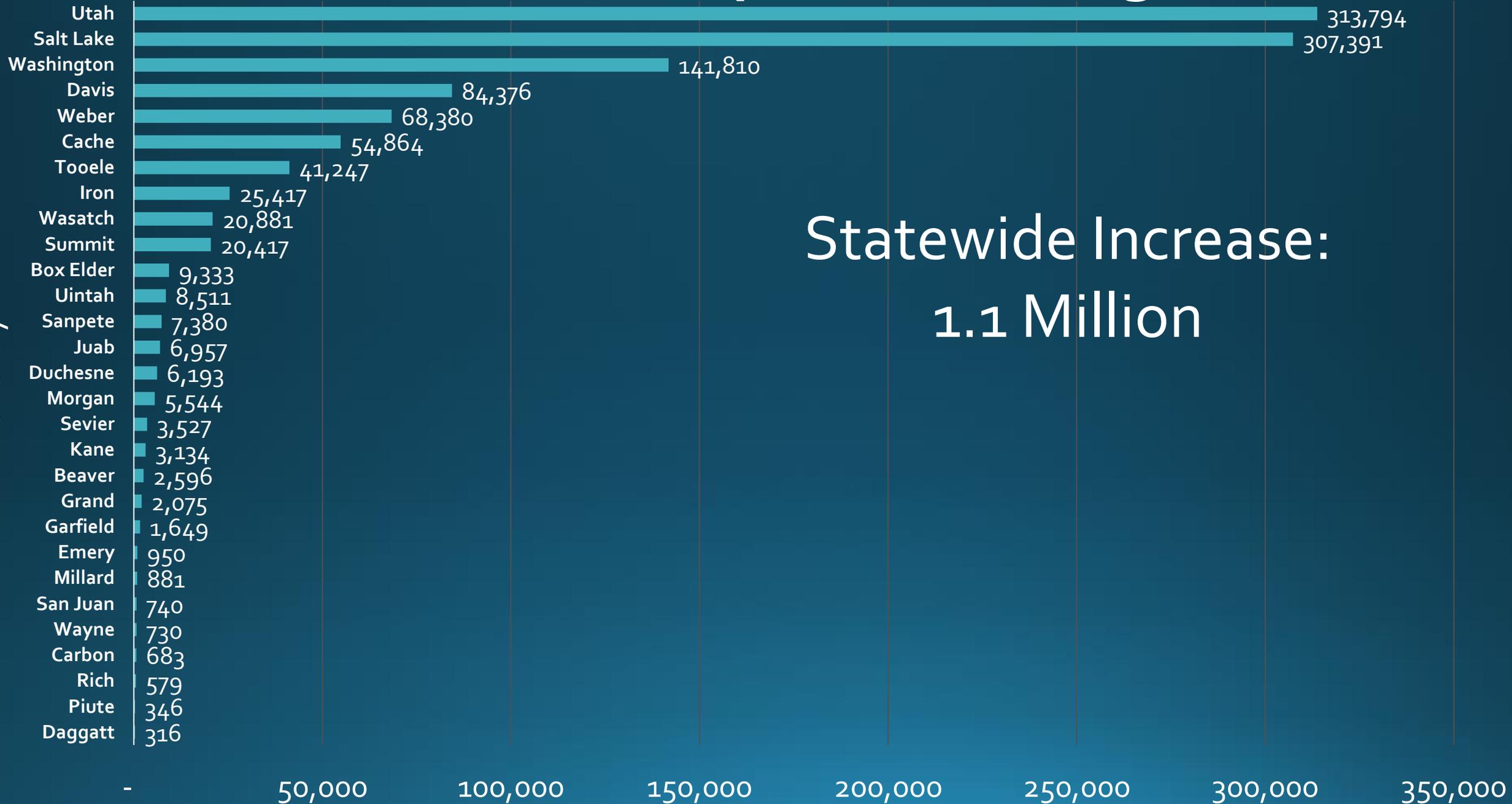


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# Utah Net Migration, Natural Increase, and Population Change

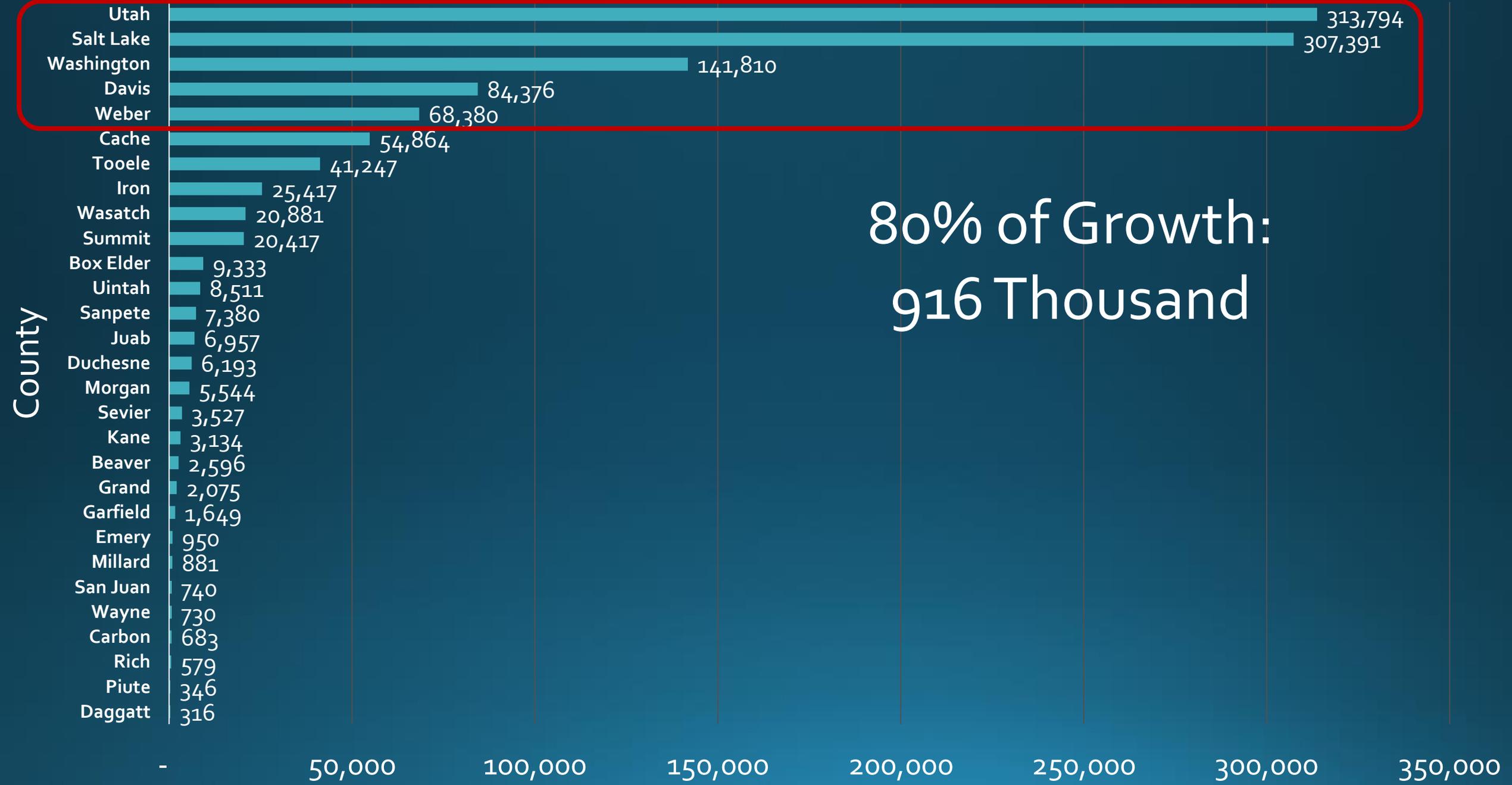


# 2010-2030 Population Change

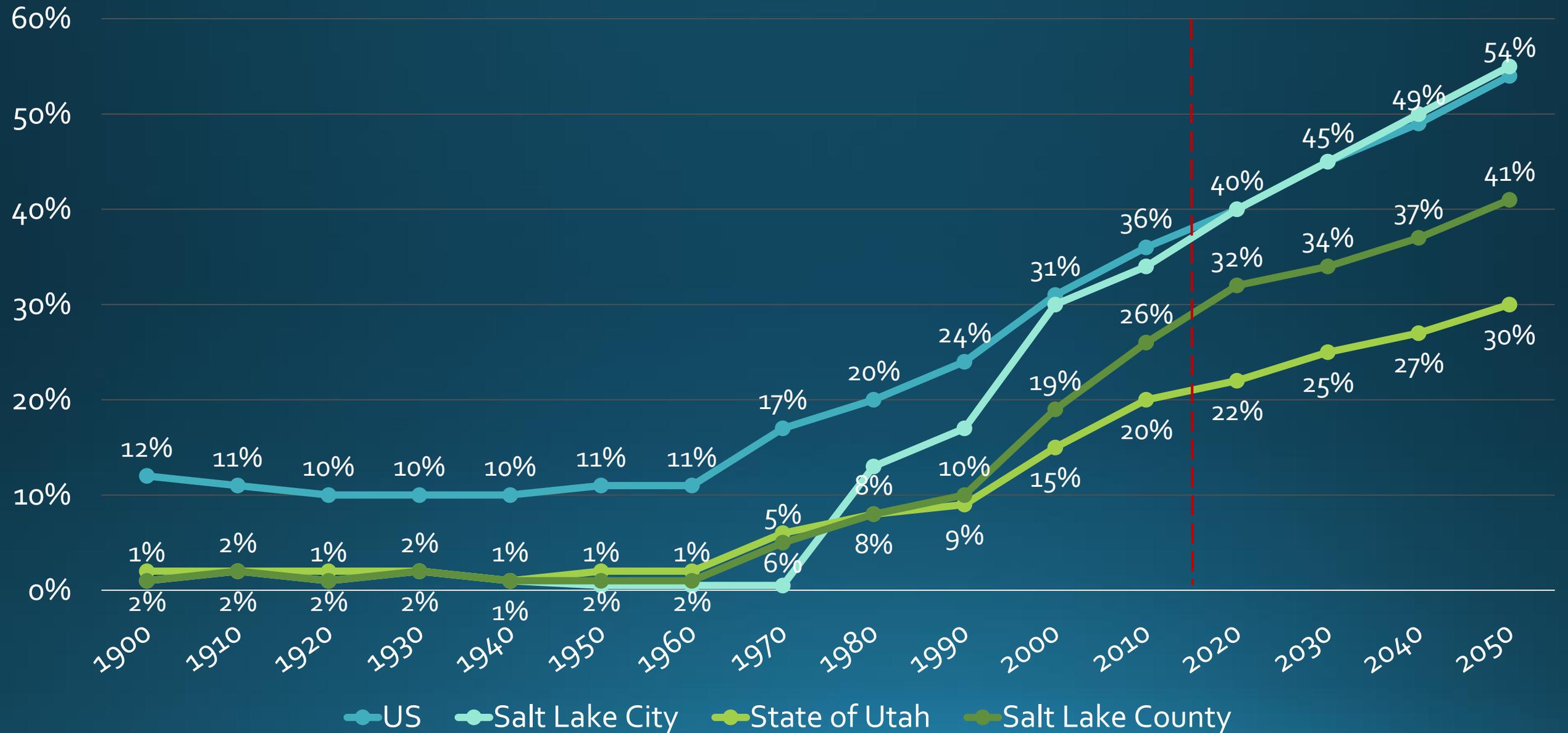


Statewide Increase:  
1.1 Million

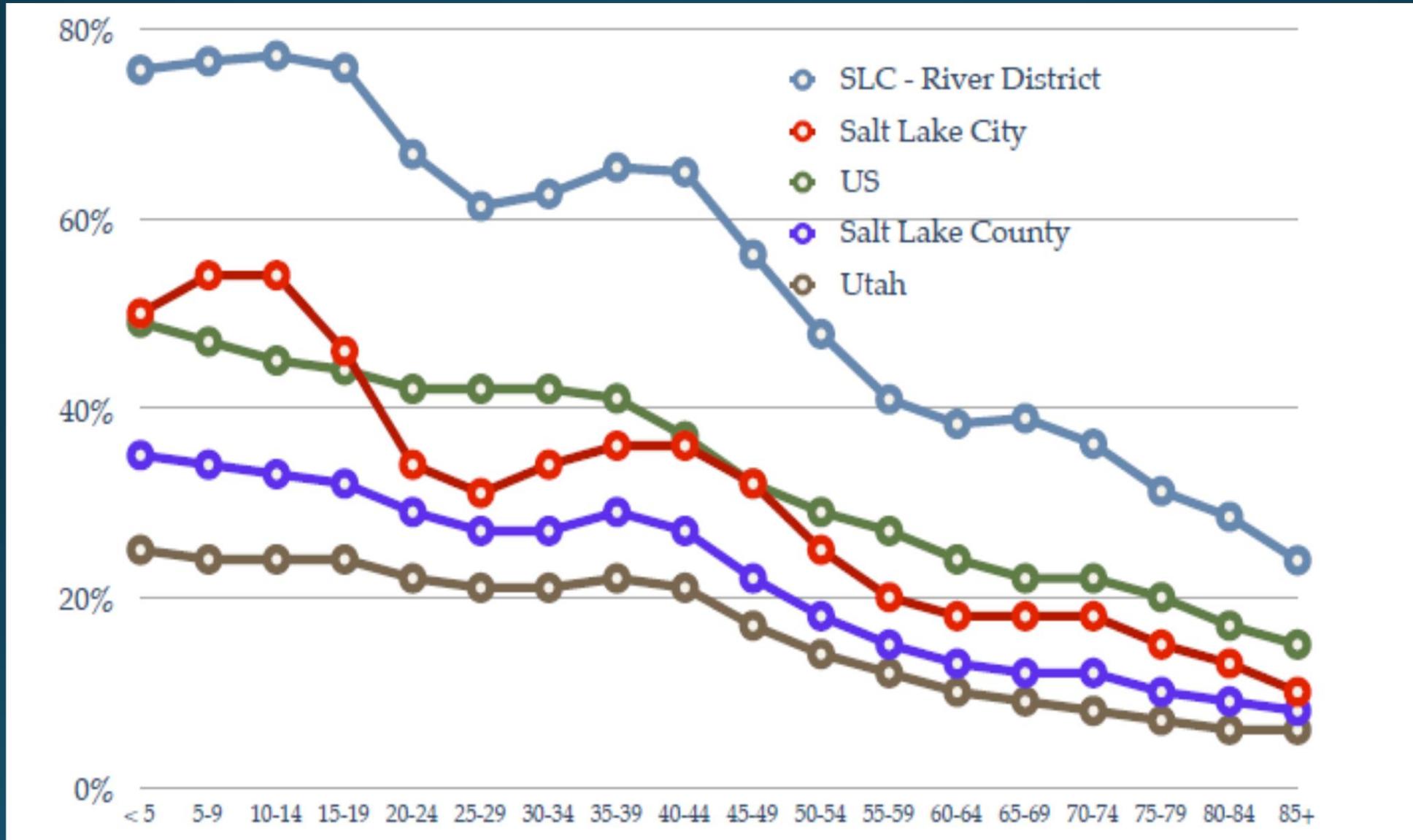
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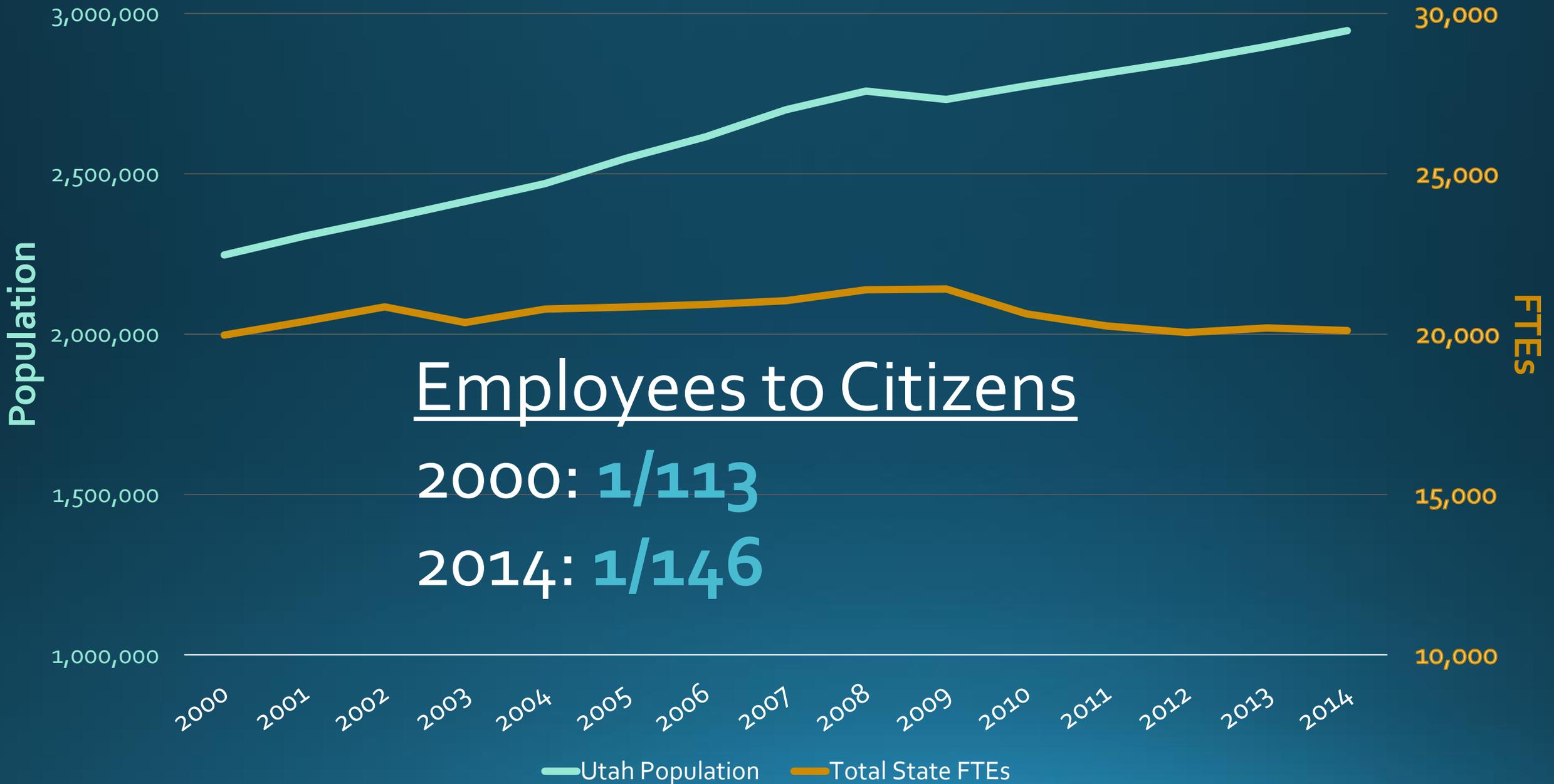
# Minority Share of the Population



# 2010 Minority Share by Age Group



# State Population vs. State Employees



# Population's Effect on Elections

In 2014:

Active Voters: **1,284,170**

Voting Precincts: **2,204**

Polling Locations: **705**

# Key Points

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- Utah's population is growing
- Caused by birth rate, aided by migration
- Where growth is occurring:
  - Salt Lake, Utah, Davis, Weber, and Washington Counties
- Minority population to increase
- Effects on government and elections

# Questions?

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