

# INTRODUCTION TO REDISTRICTING

2011 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

# UTAH REDISTRICTING

## OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

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- × Constitutional Mandate
- × Population Changes
  - + One person, One vote
- × 2011 Redistricting Principles
- × Timeline
- × [www.RedistrictUtah.com](http://www.RedistrictUtah.com)
- × Citizen online redistricting tool demo

# UTAH REDISTRICTING CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE

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**“...the Legislature shall divide the state  
into congressional, legislative, and other  
districts...”**

Utah Constitution – Article IX, Section 1



# UTAH REDISTRICTING

## CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE/DISTRICT TYPE

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- +Congressional
- +Utah House of Representatives
- +Utah Senate
- +State Board of Education

# UTAH REDISTRICTING CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE

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Why does the Utah State Legislature redraw district boundaries after every decennial census?

- State Constitutional Requirement
- One person – One vote (Population change creates unequal populations within districts)
- To accommodate increase/decrease in the number of U.S. House Seats

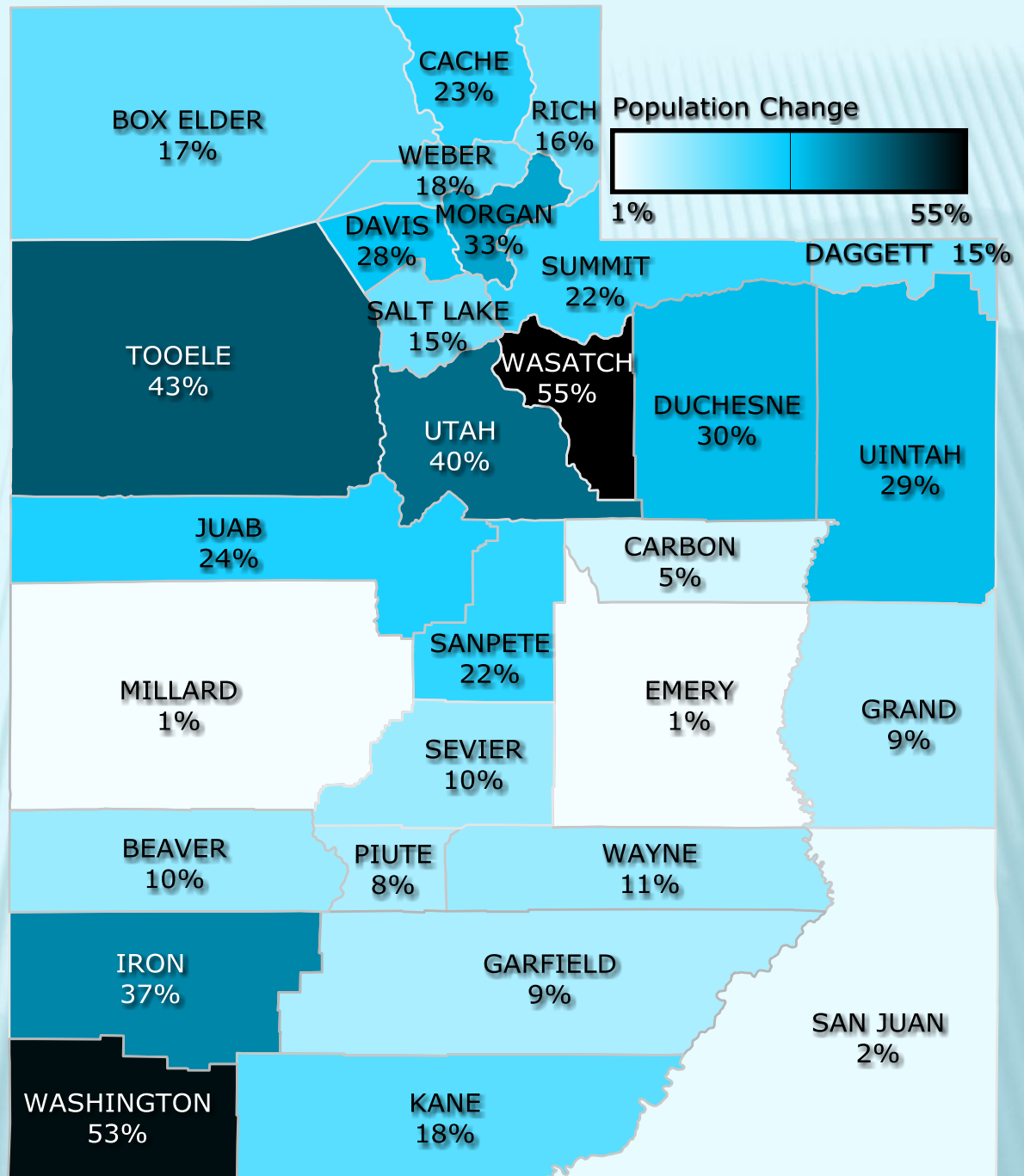
## Population changes within the state

- Absolute numbers are less important than relative numbers
- Growth slower than average – Size of districts will grow
- Growth faster than average – Size of districts will shrink



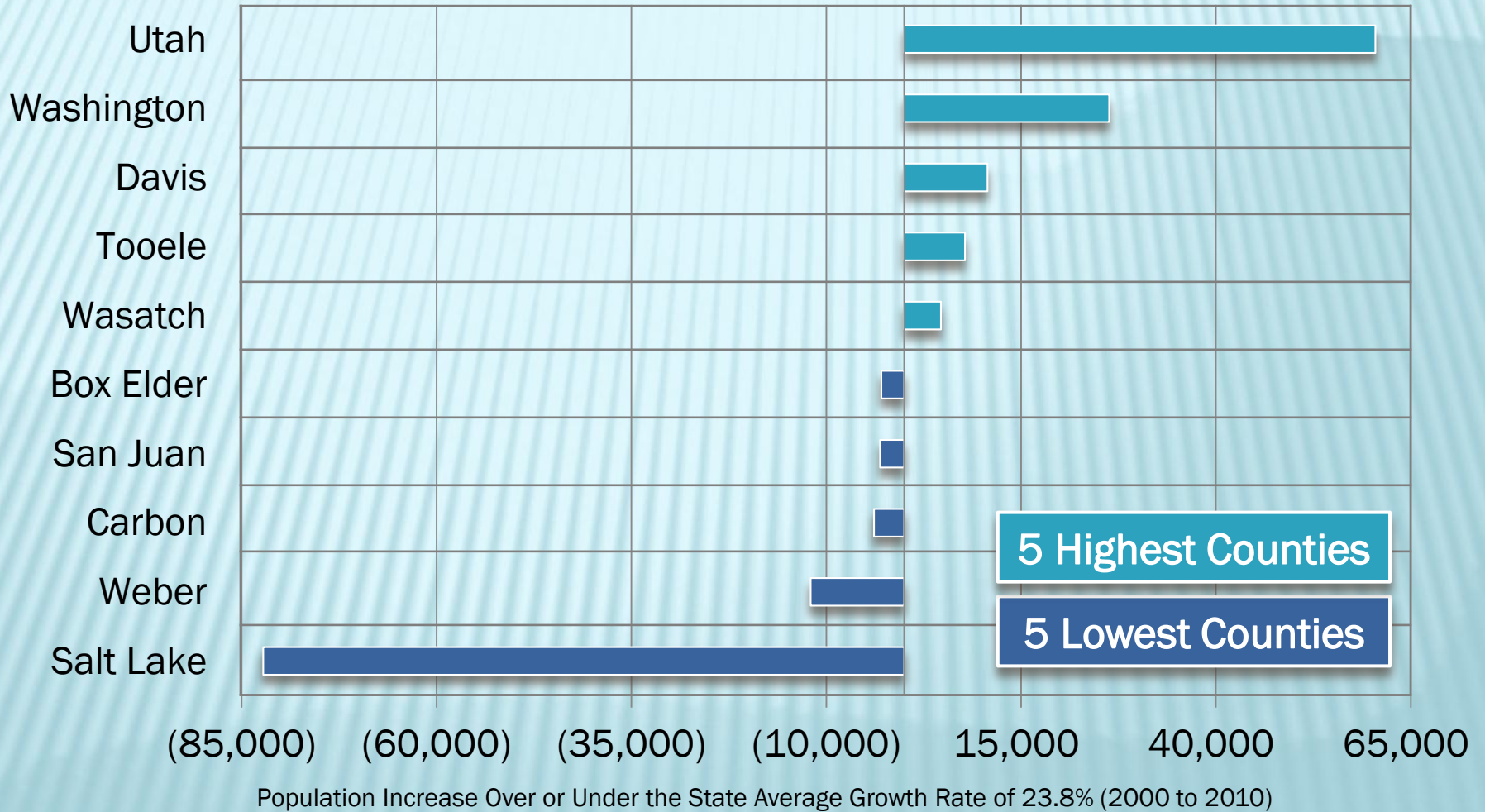
# POPULATION CHANGES

- Utah's overall population growth rate was 23.8%
- County growth rates ranged from 1% to 55%



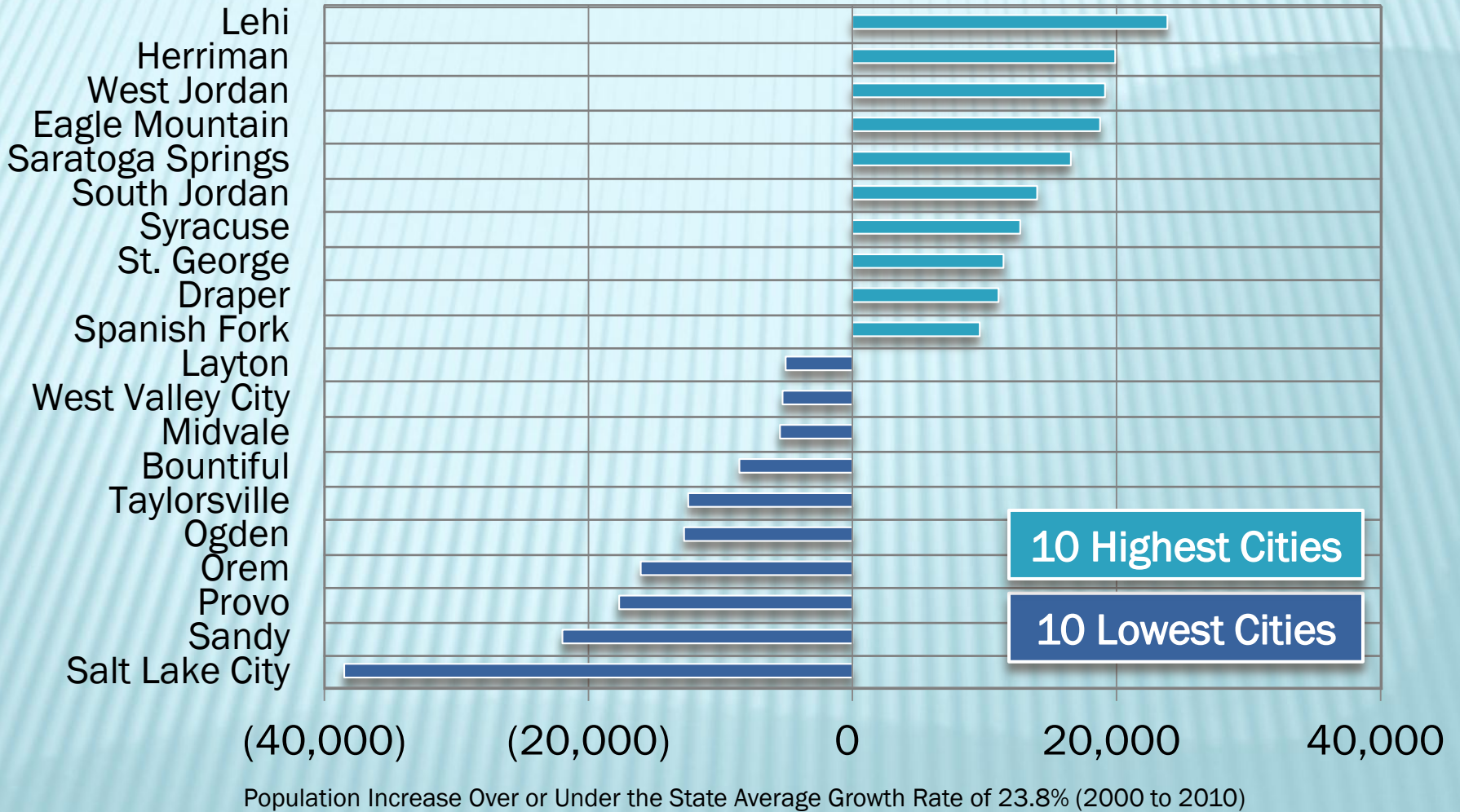
Source: United States Census Bureau

# COUNTIES WITH BIGGEST INCREASE OR DECREASE IN REPRESENTATION



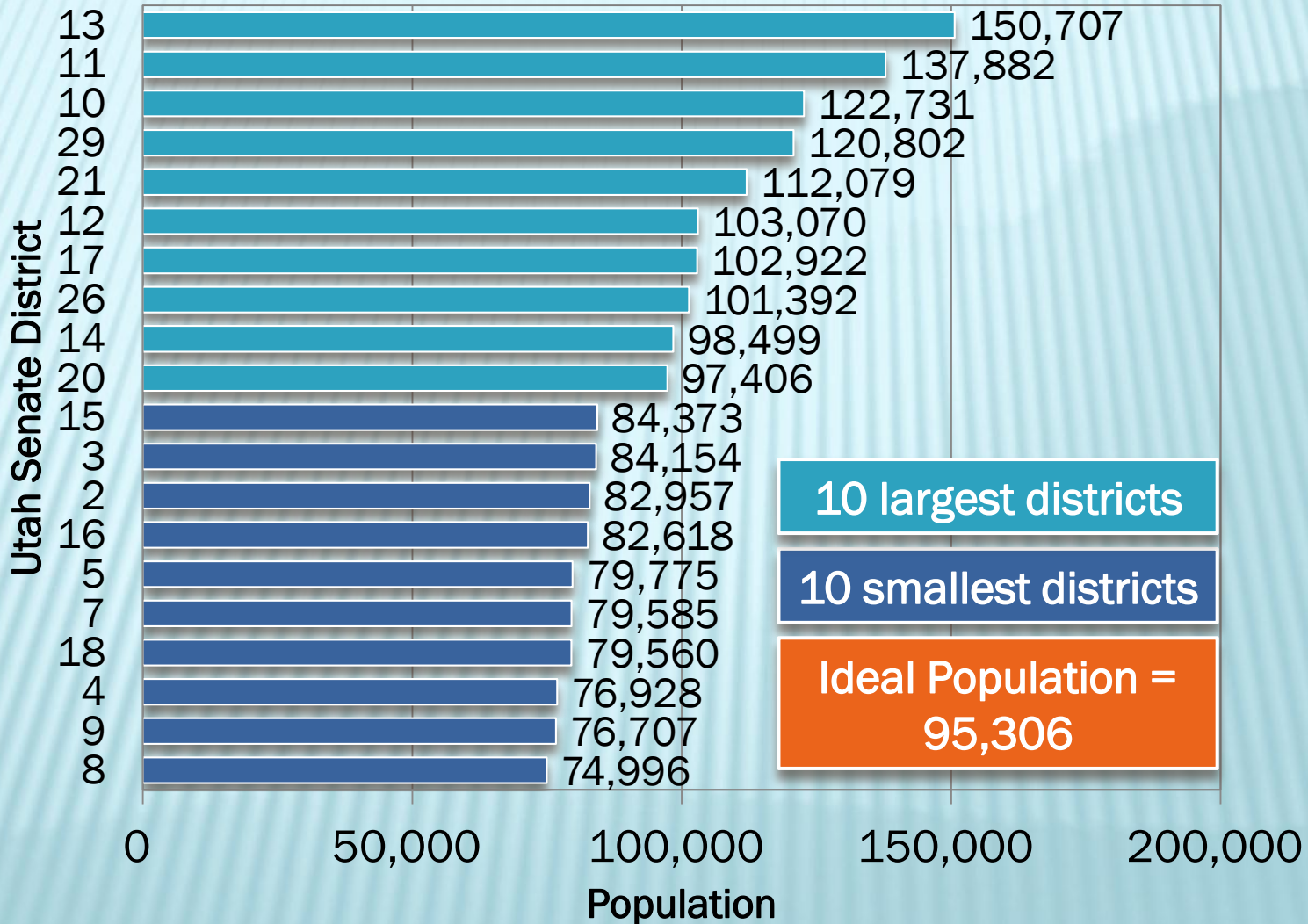


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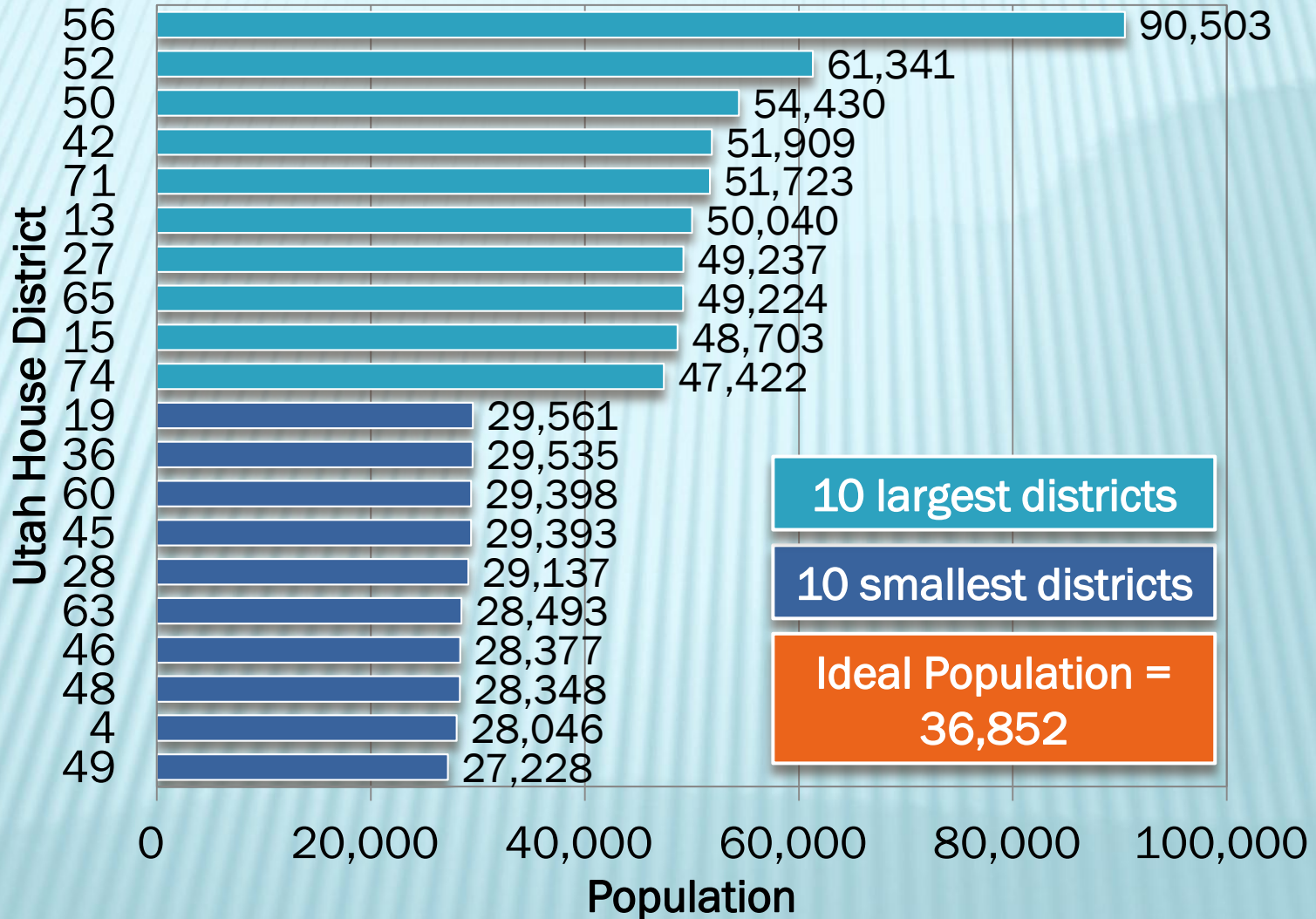
# POPULATION

## 2010 CENSUS POPULATION FOR SENATE DISTRICTS



# POPULATION

## 2010 CENSUS POPULATION FOR HOUSE DISTRICTS





## 2011 REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES

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4 Congressional Districts. Ideal Size 690,971. Deviation +/- 0.1%

29 State Senate Districts. Ideal Size 95,306. Deviation +/- 3.5%

75 House Districts. Ideal Size 36,852. Deviation +/- 3.5%

15 State School Districts. Ideal Size 184,259. Deviation +/- 3.5%

# 2011 REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES

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Official Census Bureau Population Counts & Geography

Contiguous

Reasonably Compact

Single Member Districts

# UTAH REDISTRICTING PROJECTED SCHEDULE



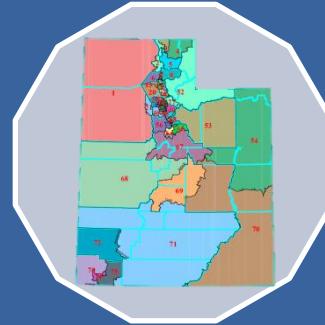
April 2011

- Redistricting Committee Appointed



April – August  
2011

- Public meetings
- Input
- Prepare plans



Summer /  
Fall

- Enact new districts (special session)



November  
2012

- Conduct elections in new districts



# REDISTRICTING INFORMATION ONLINE

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<http://www.RedistrictUtah.com/> (Redistricting Home Page)