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Long-term Planning for Criminal Justice Infrastructure

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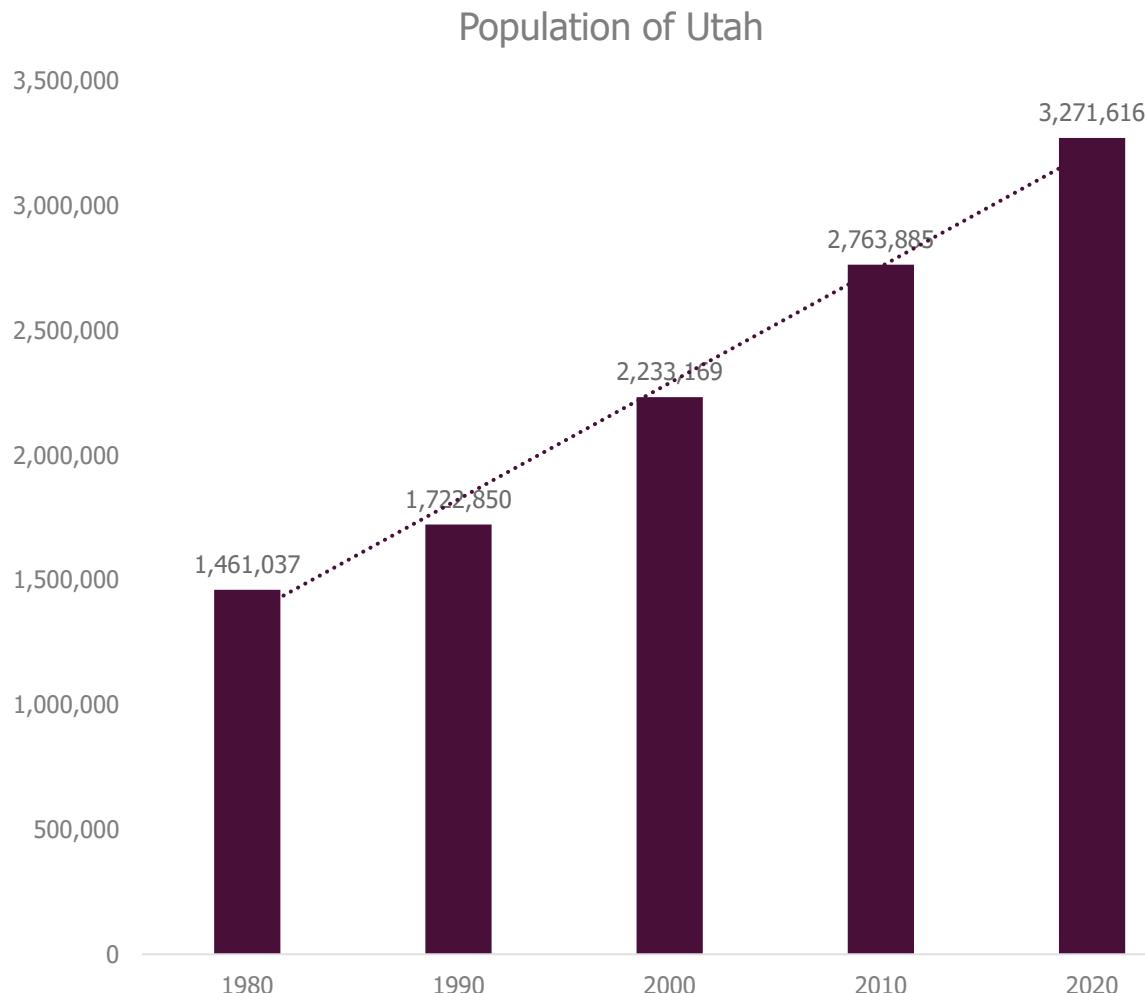
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Study Item

Assess long-term needs for
public safety related to growth,
including funding needs

Historical Population Growth



Utah's population more than doubled from 1980-2020 (124% increase)

Source: United States Census Bureau at
<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/popchange-data-text.html>



Population Projections



The Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute produces 40-year state and county demographic projections, which are available on their [website](#)



Download the full report

[Utah Long-Term Planning Projections: A Baseline Scenario of Population and Employment Change in Utah and its Counties \(January 2022\)](#)

Utah Population Growth

66% increase in population

- from 3,284,823 in 2020 to 5,450,598 in 2060

Number of households expected to double

- from ~ 1.1m in 2020 to ~ 2.2m in 2060

County-Level Population Change, 2020 - 2060

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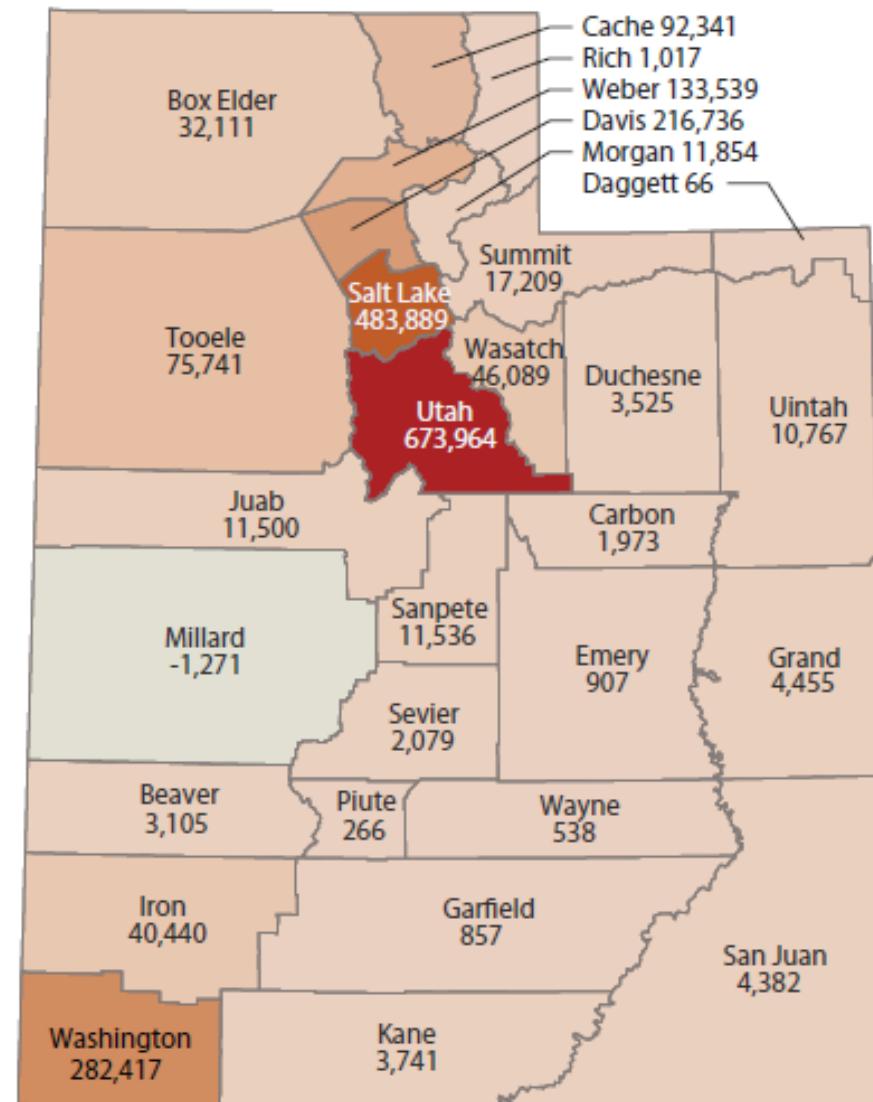
"Five counties are projected to add over 100,000 residents each and account for 83% of growth in the projection horizon – Utah, Salt Lake, Washington, Davis, and Weber."

Salt Lake County expected to remain the largest county in 2060

Washington County expected to have the largest percent increase (155%) while Utah County is expected to double

County-Level Population Change (Continued)

Figure 8: Utah Projected County Population Change, 2020 to 2060



County Population Growth – Rural Counties

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“Projected growth
is minimal in
smaller and more
rural counties.”

Duchesne:
gain ~ 3,500
residents

Daggett:
gain fewer
than 100
residents

Millard:
lose 1,300
residents

Long-term Needs for Public Safety

Peace officers

Highway safety

Board of Pardons and Parole

Correctional facilities

Courts

Dispatch

Firefighters

Probation and supervision

