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Utah's Population Surpasses 2.6 Million

Salt Lake City, Utah - Utah's population reached 2,615,129 persons in 2006, according to the Utah Population Estimates Committee. This 2.7 percent increase from 2005 represents an increase of 67,740 persons, approximately the population of St. George, Utah.

Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. lauded the new estimate as consistent with Utah's continued competitive position in the nation. "This year's estimate reflects what we already know: Utah remains a growing and dynamic State and a great place in which to live and do business. I am pleased that it continues to add to our economic vitality."

Utah's growth in 2006 continued the trend of large number of births compared to relatively few deaths. The State's natural increase was 39,010, which is the number of births minus deaths. Utah once again saw record number of births of 52,368. In addition, Utah also had a record number of deaths of 13,358. The record high number of births resumed a trend of yearly record births that started in 1997 but was broken in 2005.

The Committee also estimated net in-migration to Utah to be 28,730 in 2006. The number of immigrants to Utah did not surpass the record amount of 40,647 in 2005; however the number represents 42.4 percent of Utah's population growth.

Robert Spendlove, the Chair of the Utah Population Estimates Committee, commented about this year's in-migration estimate for Utah, "Though 2006 showed lower in-migration numbers than last year's record, Utah's high in-migration continues to reflect a healthy, sustainable economy that is attractive to people outside of the State."

Utah continues to rank as one of the fastest growing states in the nation in employment growth. And with the dramatic increases in residential construction, all while housing prices in the State remain below national averages, Utah continues to be an attractive alternative to more expensive locations in other parts of the country.

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The most rapid regional growth rates occurred in counties on or adjacent to the Wasatch Front and in the southwest corner of the state. The populations in Washington, Wasatch, Iron, Morgan, Tooele, and Utah counties are all expanding rapidly. These counties enjoy close proximity to urban services, but still provide many desirable characteristics found in a suburban setting.

Washington and Iron in southwestern Utah, where the urban cities of St. George and Cedar City are located, experienced rapid growth in 2006. Washington County experienced population growth more than twice the State rate in 2006. Washington County kept its title as the fastest growing county in the State, with a growth rate of 6.1 percent in 2006, a growth rate similar to that of the early 1990s.

For 2006, the following counties had the highest population growth rates:

Washington	6.1%	Utah	4.2%
Wasatch	5.3%	Juab	3.8%
Iron	4.9%	Uintah	3.2%
Morgan	4.4%	Davis	3.0%
Tooele	4.3%	Rich	2.9%

For 2006, the following counties had the highest population increases:

Utah	19,352	Tooele	2,242
Salt Lake	18,089	Weber	2,186
Davis	8,269	Cache	2,107
Washington	7,772	Iron	2,027

While the overall state population and the population of many counties in the state increased in 2006, Emery County and Daggett County experienced population loss during 2006.

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The Utah Population Estimates Committee is a statutory committee charged with preparing the official population estimates for the State of Utah. The Committee's primary data sources are vital statistics (from birth and death certificates), school enrollment, LDS membership, residential building permits, and income tax returns. When preparing the estimates, the Committee also considers job growth and utility connections. Committee membership includes representatives from key data providers and others knowledgeable in the methods used to prepare population estimates, along with people from academic institutions, and the public and private sectors. The Utah Governor's Office of Planning and Budget staffs the Committee.

Utah Population Estimates, Net Migration, Births and Deaths

Year	July 1st Population	Percent Change	Increase	Net Migration	Net Migration as a Percent of Previous Year's Population	Natural Increase	Fiscal Year Births	Fiscal Year Deaths
1980	1,474,000	4.1%	58,050	24,536	1.7%	33,514	41,645	8,131
1981	1,515,000	2.8%	41,000	7,612	0.5%	33,388	41,509	8,121
1982	1,558,000	2.8%	43,000	9,662	0.6%	33,338	41,773	8,435
1983	1,595,000	2.4%	37,000	4,914	0.3%	32,086	40,555	8,469
1984	1,622,000	1.7%	27,000	-2,793	-0.2%	29,793	38,643	8,850
1985	1,643,000	1.3%	21,000	-7,714	-0.5%	28,714	37,664	8,950
1986	1,663,000	1.2%	20,000	-8,408	-0.5%	28,408	37,309	8,901
1987	1,678,000	0.9%	15,000	-11,713	-0.7%	26,713	35,631	8,918
1988	1,690,000	0.7%	12,000	-14,557	-0.9%	26,557	35,809	9,252
1989	1,706,000	0.9%	16,000	-10,355	-0.6%	26,355	35,439	9,084
1990	1,729,227	1.4%	23,227	-3,480	-0.2%	26,707	35,830	9,123
1991	1,780,870	3.0%	51,643	24,878	1.4%	26,765	36,194	9,429
1992	1,838,149	3.2%	57,279	30,042	1.6%	27,237	36,796	9,559
1993	1,889,393	2.8%	51,244	24,561	1.3%	26,683	36,738	10,055
1994	1,946,721	3.0%	57,328	30,116	1.5%	27,212	37,623	10,411
1995	1,995,228	2.5%	48,507	20,024	1.0%	28,483	39,064	10,581
1996	2,042,893	2.4%	47,665	18,171	0.9%	29,494	40,495	11,001
1997	2,099,409	2.8%	56,516	25,253	1.2%	31,263	42,512	11,249
1998	2,141,632	2.0%	42,223	9,745	0.5%	32,478	44,126	11,648
1999	2,193,014	2.4%	51,382	17,584	0.8%	33,798	45,434	11,636
2000	2,246,553	2.4%	53,539	18,612	0.8%	34,927	46,880	11,953
2001	2,305,652	2.6%	59,099	23,848	1.0%	35,251	47,688	12,437
2002	2,358,330	2.3%	52,678	17,299	0.7%	35,379	48,041	12,662
2003	2,413,618	2.3%	55,288	18,568	0.8%	36,720	49,518	12,798
2004	2,469,230	2.3%	55,612	18,367	0.7%	37,245	50,527	13,282
2005	2,547,389	3.2%	78,159	40,647	1.6%	37,512	50,431	12,919
2006	2,615,129	2.7%	67,740	28,730	1.1%	39,010	52,368	13,358

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee

Utah Population Estimates by County

County	Census								2005-2006		2000 - 2006			2006 Percent of Total Population
	April 1, 2000	July 1, 2000	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2006	Absolute Change	Percent Change	Absolute Change	Percent Change	AARC	
Beaver	6,005	6,023	6,198	6,285	6,285	6,308	6,341	6,428	87	1.4%	405	6.7%	1.1%	0.25%
Box Elder	42,745	42,860	43,245	43,812	44,022	44,654	45,304	45,987	683	1.5%	3,127	7.3%	1.2%	1.76%
Cache	91,391	91,897	93,372	95,460	98,176	100,182	103,564	105,671	2,107	2.0%	13,774	15.0%	2.4%	4.04%
Carbon	20,422	20,396	19,858	19,858	19,558	19,385	19,338	19,504	166	0.9%	-892	-4.4%	-0.7%	0.75%
Daggett	921	933	944	916	921	954	963	949	-14	-1.5%	16	1.7%	0.3%	0.04%
Davis	238,994	240,204	246,744	255,099	262,038	268,916	278,278	286,547	8,269	3.0%	46,343	19.3%	3.0%	10.96%
Duchesne	14,371	14,397	14,646	14,856	14,698	14,933	15,237	15,585	348	2.3%	1,188	8.3%	1.3%	0.60%
Emery	10,860	10,782	10,473	10,540	10,477	10,493	10,491	10,438	-53	-0.5%	-344	-3.2%	-0.5%	0.40%
Garfield	4,735	4,763	4,630	4,599	4,532	4,625	4,703	4,772	69	1.5%	9	0.2%	0.0%	0.18%
Grand	8,485	8,537	8,423	8,468	8,464	8,611	8,826	9,024	198	2.2%	487	5.7%	0.9%	0.35%
Iron	33,779	34,079	35,541	36,122	37,559	38,925	41,397	43,424	2,027	4.9%	9,345	27.4%	4.1%	1.66%
Juab	8,238	8,310	8,570	8,643	8,713	8,826	8,974	9,315	341	3.8%	1,005	12.1%	1.9%	0.36%
Kane	6,046	6,037	6,037	5,958	5,937	6,056	6,211	6,294	83	1.3%	257	4.3%	0.7%	0.24%
Millard	12,405	12,461	12,486	12,760	13,068	13,127	13,171	13,230	59	0.4%	769	6.2%	1.0%	0.51%
Morgan	7,129	7,181	7,548	7,639	7,938	8,249	8,516	8,888	372	4.4%	1,707	23.8%	3.6%	0.34%
Piute	1,435	1,436	1,404	1,409	1,358	1,366	1,368	1,373	5	0.4%	-63	-4.4%	-0.7%	0.05%
Rich	1,961	1,955	1,983	2,050	2,079	2,069	2,062	2,121	59	2.9%	166	8.5%	1.4%	0.08%
Salt Lake	898,387	902,777	918,279	927,564	940,465	955,166	978,285	996,374	18,089	1.8%	93,597	10.4%	1.7%	38.10%
San Juan	14,413	14,360	14,063	14,216	14,240	14,353	14,571	14,647	76	0.5%	287	2.0%	0.3%	0.56%
Sanpete	22,763	22,846	23,572	24,521	24,787	25,043	25,454	25,799	345	1.4%	2,953	12.9%	2.0%	0.99%
Sevier	18,842	18,938	19,180	19,232	19,318	19,415	19,649	19,984	335	1.7%	1,046	5.5%	0.9%	0.76%
Summit	29,736	30,048	31,279	32,236	34,073	35,090	36,283	36,871	588	1.6%	6,823	22.7%	3.5%	1.41%
Tooele	40,735	41,549	44,425	47,019	48,956	50,075	52,133	54,375	2,242	4.3%	12,826	30.9%	4.6%	2.08%
Uintah	25,224	25,297	26,049	25,984	26,019	26,224	26,883	27,747	864	3.2%	2,450	9.7%	1.6%	1.06%
Utah	368,536	371,894	390,447	405,977	423,286	437,627	456,073	475,425	19,352	4.2%	103,531	27.8%	4.2%	18.18%
Wasatch	15,215	15,433	16,278	17,476	18,515	19,177	19,999	21,053	1,054	5.3%	5,620	36.4%	5.3%	0.81%
Washington	90,354	91,104	96,902	103,750	109,767	117,316	127,127	134,899	7,772	6.1%	43,795	48.1%	6.8%	5.16%
Wayne	2,509	2,515	2,509	2,504	2,487	2,518	2,504	2,535	31	1.2%	20	0.8%	0.1%	0.10%
Weber	196,533	197,541	200,567	203,377	205,882	209,547	213,684	215,870	2,186	1.0%	18,329	9.3%	1.5%	8.25%
MCD														
Bear River	136,097	136,712	138,600	141,322	144,277	146,905	150,930	153,779	2,849	1.9%	17,067	12.5%	2.0%	5.88%
Central	66,192	66,506	67,721	69,069	69,731	70,295	71,120	72,236	1,116	1.6%	5,730	8.6%	1.4%	2.76%
Mountainland	413,487	417,375	438,004	455,689	475,874	491,894	512,355	533,349	20,994	4.1%	115,974	27.8%	4.2%	20.39%
Southeastern	54,180	54,075	52,817	53,082	52,739	52,842	53,226	53,613	387	0.7%	-462	-0.9%	-0.1%	2.05%
Southwestern	140,919	142,006	149,308	156,714	164,080	173,230	185,779	195,817	10,038	5.4%	53,811	37.9%	5.5%	7.49%
Uintah Basin	40,516	40,627	41,639	41,756	41,638	42,111	43,083	44,281	1,198	2.8%	3,654	9.0%	1.4%	1.69%
Wasatch Front	1,381,778	1,389,252	1,417,563	1,440,698	1,465,279	1,491,953	1,530,896	1,562,054	31,158	2.0%	172,802	12.4%	2.0%	59.73%
State of Utah	2,233,169	2,246,553	2,305,652	2,358,330	2,413,618	2,469,230	2,547,389	2,615,129	67,740	2.7%	300,836	13.4%	2.5%	100.00%

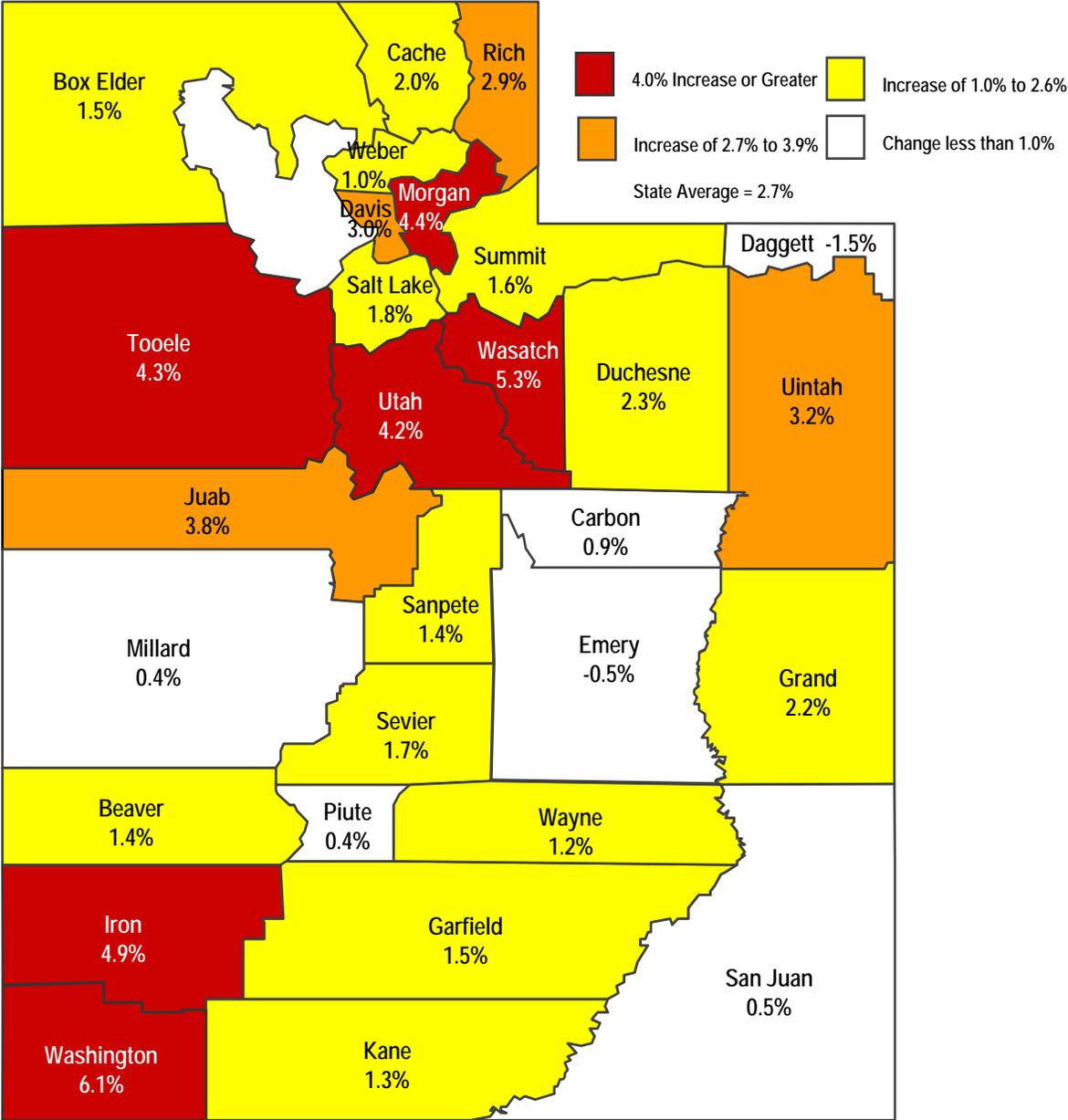
Notes:

- 1) Totals may not add due to rounding.
- 2) AARC is the Average Annual Rate of Change.
- 3) The MCDs are multi-county districts and are divided as follows: Bear River MCD: Box Elder, Cache, and Rich counties; Central MCD: Juab, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne counties; Mountainland MCD: Summit, Utah, and Wasatch counties; Southeastern MCD: Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan counties; Southwestern MCD: Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties; Uintah Basin MCD: Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah counties; Wasatch Front MCD: Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Weber Counties.

Sources:

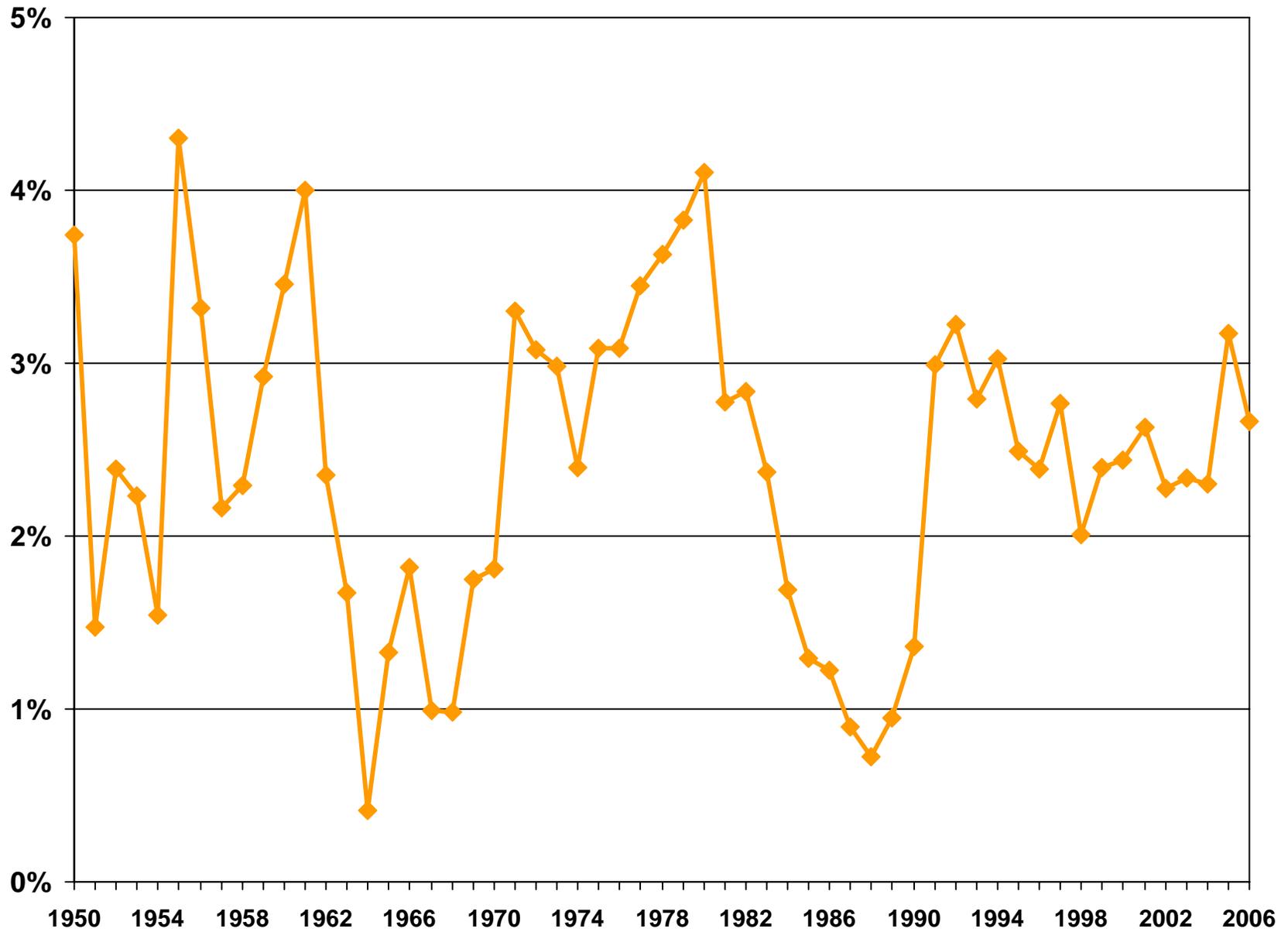
- 1) April 1, 2000: U.S. Census Bureau
- 2) July 2000-2006: Utah Population Estimates Committee

Utah Population Growth Rates by County: 2005 to 2006



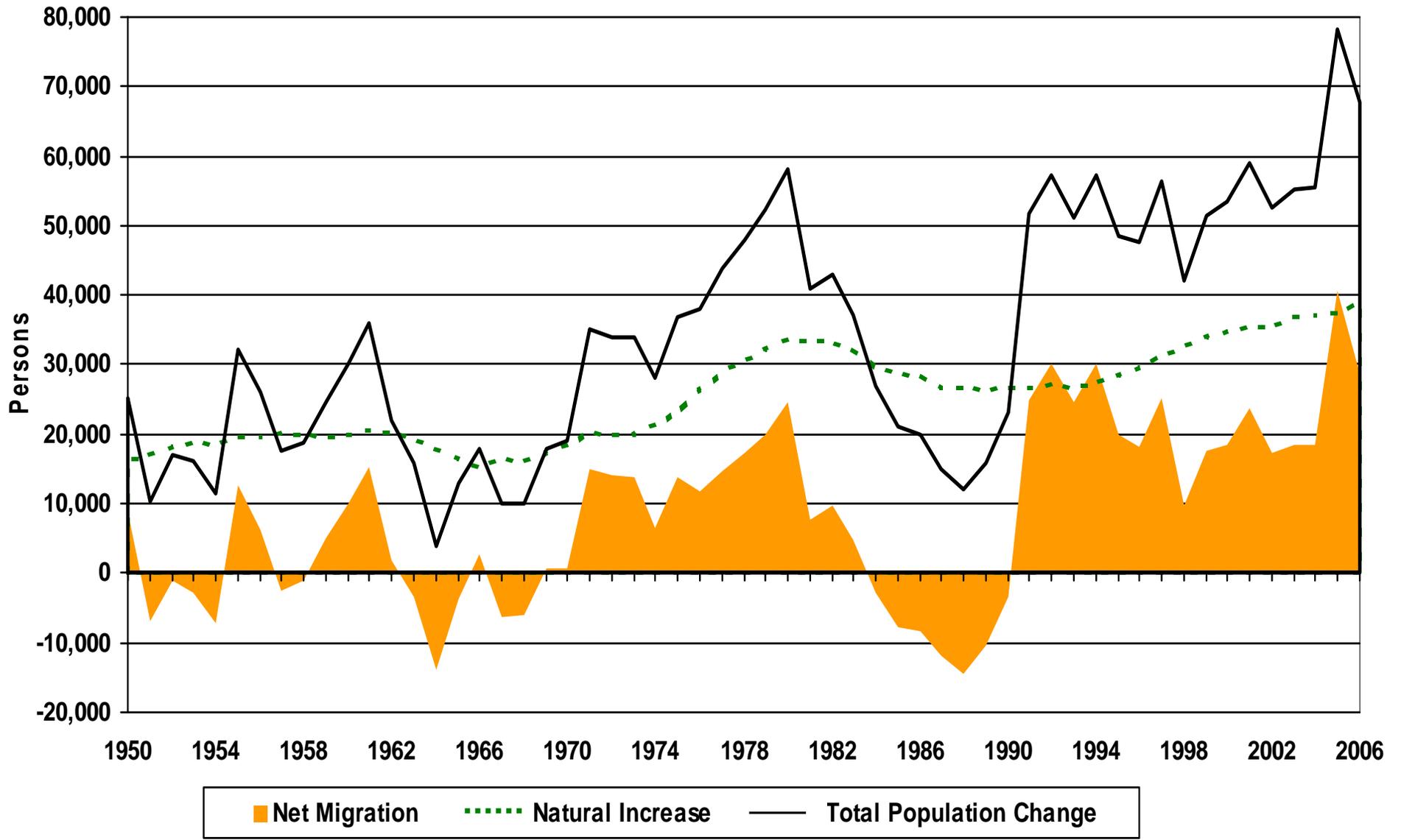
Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee

Utah Population – Annual Percent Change



Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee

State of Utah Components of Population Change



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