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A STATEWIDE CONVERSATION ABOUT UTAH'S FUTURE

# **Regional Growth Committee**

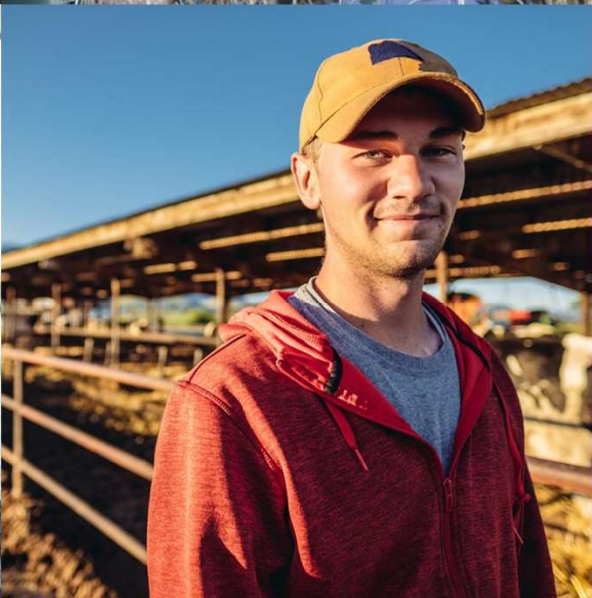
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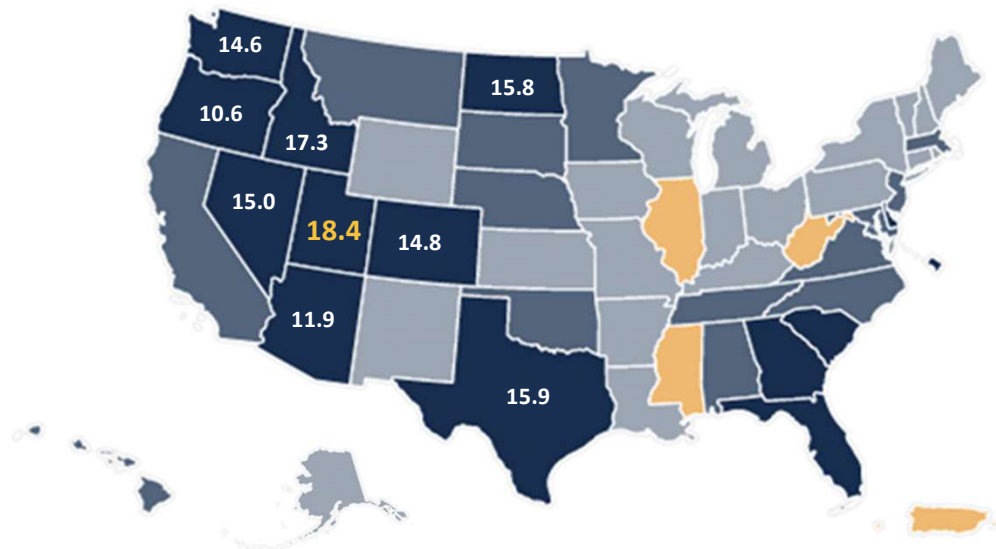
**THERE'S SO MUCH  
TO CELEBRATE  
ABOUT UTAH**

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# MANY UTAH FAMILIES STAY FOR GENERATIONS

Others recognize all that Utah has to offer and move here

**FASTEST  
GROWING  
STATE IN THE  
NATION  
2010-2020**



Legend:

- 10.0 or more
- 5.0 to 9.9
- 0.0 to 4.9
- Less than 0.0

Source: US Census Bureau

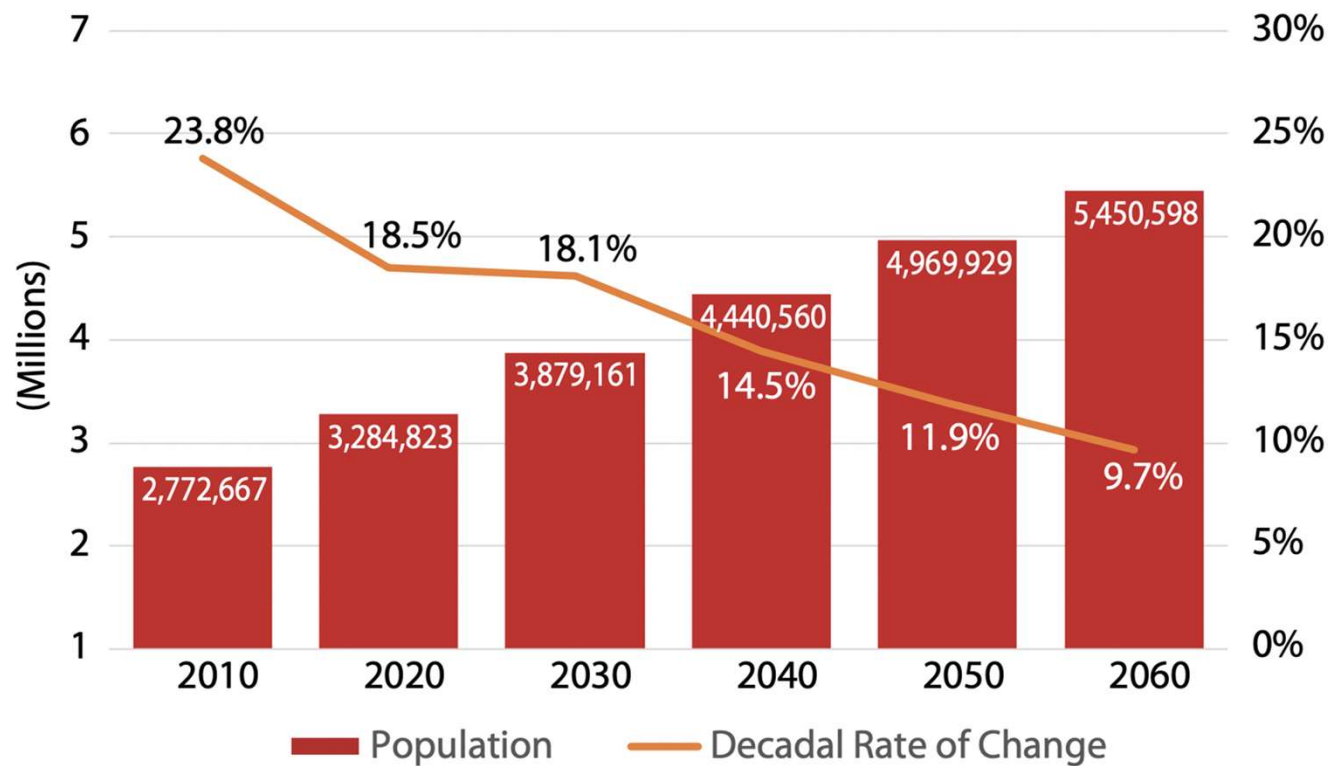




What makes Utah great also

# MAKES UTAH

# GROW







# IS IT POSSIBLE TO STOP UTAH'S GROWTH?



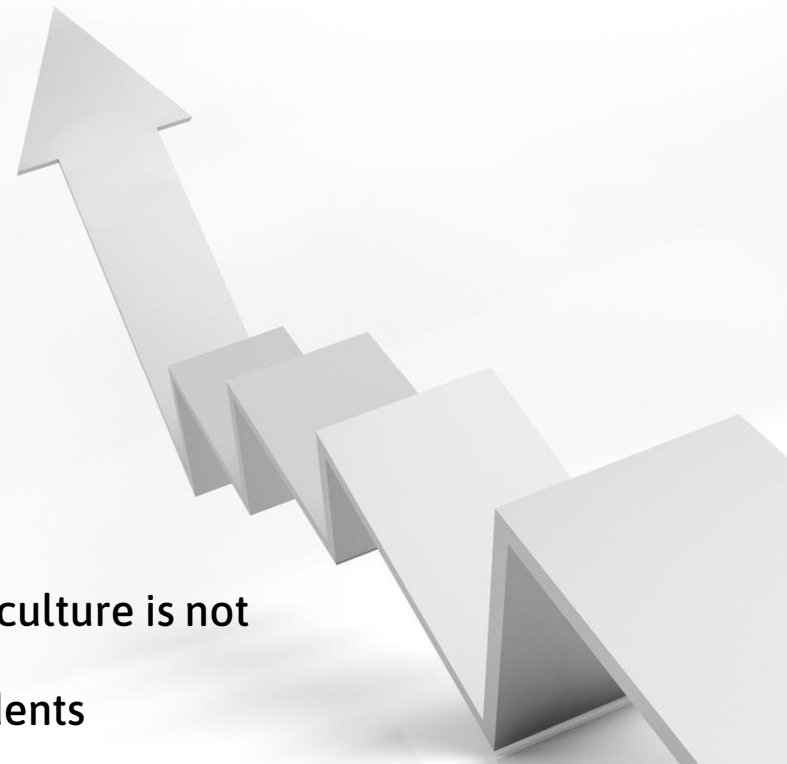
## Existing residents

- Decreasing birth rate
- Lower life expectancy
  - Neither is enough to stop growth

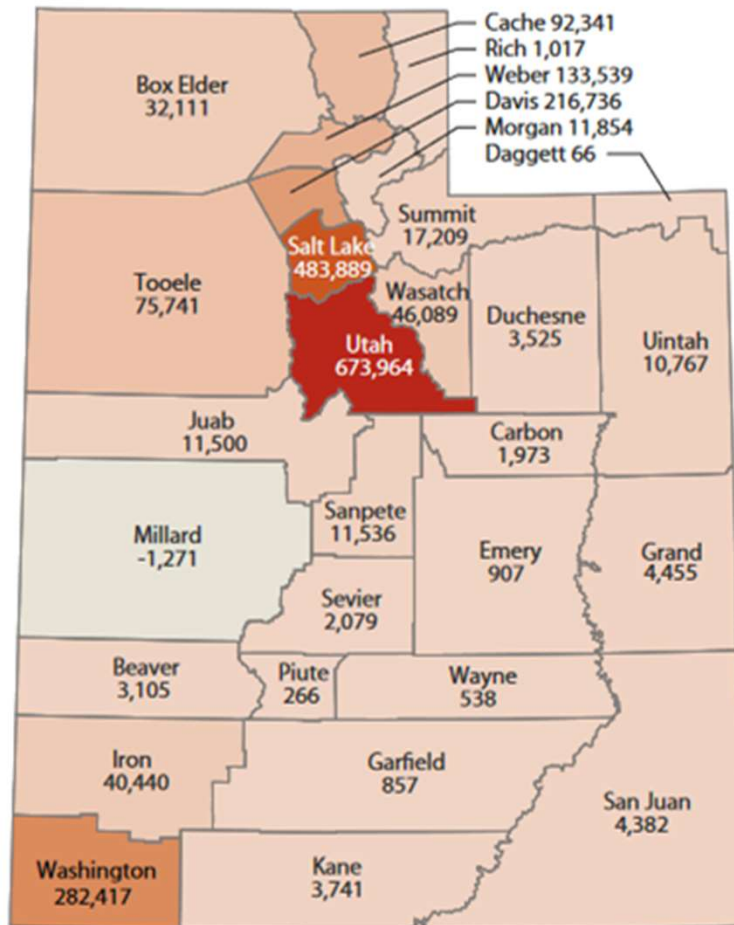


## New residents

- Drawn to strong economy
- Enjoy Utah's natural beauty and culture
- Find the cost of living in Utah to be affordable
  - Slowing the economy is not wise
  - Limiting Utah's beauty or changing the culture is not desirable
  - Raising the cost of living hurts existing residents



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



**WHILE GROWTH  
IS PROJECTED  
STATEWIDE,  
EXPECTATIONS  
VARY BY COUNTY**

# GROWTH BRINGS BENEFITS

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Including a strong economy

MARCH  
2022

UTAH



JOB GROWTH

4.0%

PRIVATE SECTOR  
JOB GROWTH

4.4%



PERCENT OF MAJOR  
INDUSTRY GROUPS  
ADDING JOBS

90%

LABOR FORCE  
PARTICIPATION RATE

67.6%

UNEMPLOYMENT  
RATE (seasonally adjusted)

2.0%



INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE  
CLAIMS (average weekly)

1,520

INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE  
CLAIMS CHANGE

as a % of the  
labor force  
(from prior  
year)

-52.8%



WORKFORCE  
SERVICES  
RESEARCH & ANALYSIS  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

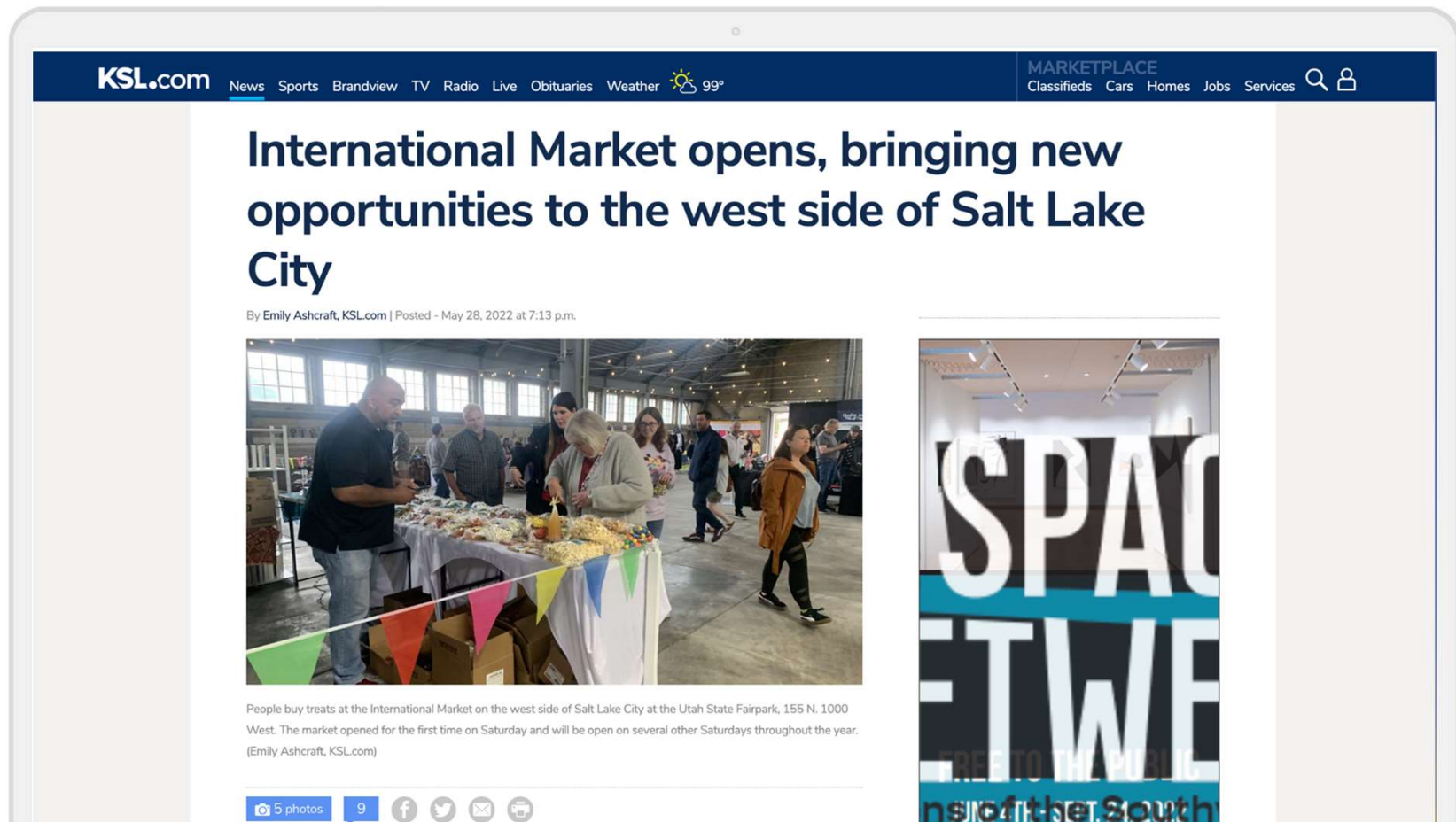




# ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



# CULTURAL DIVERSITY





**GROWTH  
BRINGS  
CHALLENGES, TOO**

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It's not so much **IF**  
Utah will continue  
to grow, but **HOW**  
Utah will continue  
to grow.

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# GROWTH DECISIONS AREN'T EASY

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They may require  
changing the way we  
think or live to reach  
desired future outcomes





# WHAT WILL WE DO NOW TO PRESERVE UTAH'S WATER RESOURCES?

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**WHAT WILL WE  
DO NOW TO  
ENSURE FUTURE  
HOUSING  
AVAILABILITY &  
AFFORDABILITY?**

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**WHAT WILL WE  
DO NOW TO  
MAKE SURE  
FUTURE  
UTAHNS CAN  
GET FROM  
PLACE TO PLACE  
EFFICIENTLY?**

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**WHAT WILL WE  
DO NOW TO  
MAINTAIN THE  
IDENTITY  
OF OUR  
COMMUNITIES?**

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**WHAT WILL WE  
DO NOW TO  
PROTECT OPEN  
SPACE FOR  
FUTURE  
UTAHNS TO  
ENJOY?**

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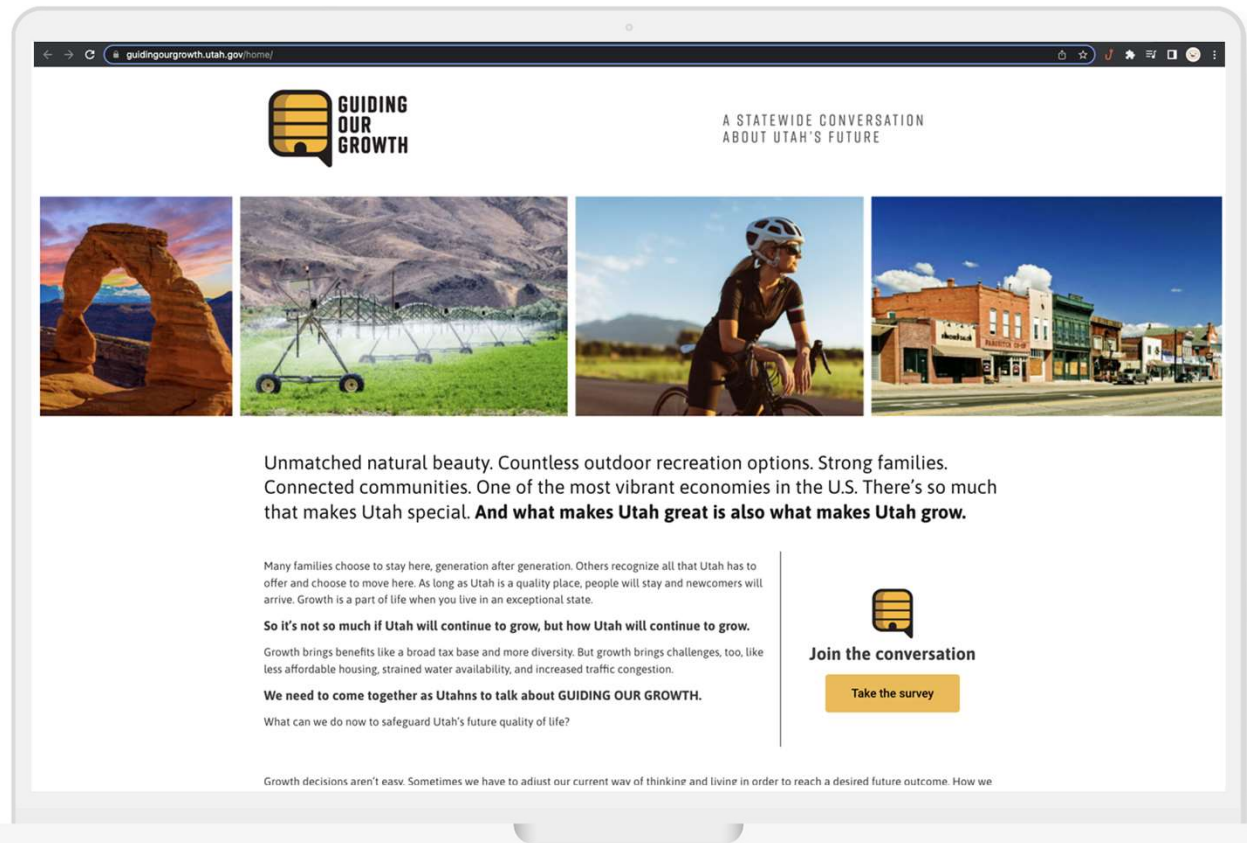
The goals of this statewide conversation

## **ABOUT UTAH'S FUTURE**

- Educate Utahns on the effects of growth decisions
- Encourage Utahns to support quality growth principles
- Promote the great Utah growth plans already in place
- Generate a list of Big Moves and guidance for decision makers
- Advance quality growth principles in Utah communities



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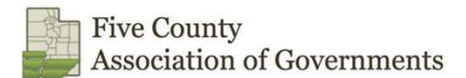




## **THE TIMELINE**

- ⬢ **Now – Spring 2023:**  
Input gathered will shape options explored by project partners
- ⬢ **Spring – Summer 2023:**  
Additional input opportunities as options are narrowed down
- ⬢ **Fall 2023:**  
Share the finalized growth strategies

# OUR PARTNERS







# **JOIN US**

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