

**Statewide Conversation on Growth  
Cache County  
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Gardner Institute Projections**

While growth is projected statewide, expectations vary by county.

Growth of population in Cache County

1940 - 25,797

2020- 133,154

Steady growth of about 20% every 10 years, about 20,000 every decade

2020-2060

Aging pyramid

Employment increasing from nearly 83,000 in 2020 to over 126,000 in 2060.

Many different industries will contribute to this growth.

Increase 70% over 40 years for 92,000 people

Low - 187,000

Medium -226,000

High - 263,500

Is it possible to stop Utah's growth?

- Decrease birth rate
- Lower life expectancy
- \*neither is enough to stop growth
- New residents
- Drawn to strong economy, etc.

Not so much if Utah will continue to grow, but how we will grow

Utah is growing, how do Utahns feel about it? Survey Envision Utah did last year.

- People are concerned about growth.
- More Utahns feel that growth in the state will continue to jeopardize the quality of life for residents.

Three main reasons Utahns are concerned about growth:

- Housing = growth puts a pressure on the housing market, driving prices.
- Traffic = growth leads to more traffic to make it longer to get around
- Community & Family

Housing/cost of living is a top priority of Utahns....water is first.

Housing/cost of living has the worst performance at bottom of the list, outdoor recreation is first.

### **Conversation on growth with Cody Lutz at Envision Utah**

Cache County ahead of the curve with the Housing Task Force.

1. What do you love most about Utah/your community that you want to preserve?

- Open space
- Community
- Access to nature
- Friends
- Safety
- Snow
- Culture
- Recreation
- Preservation
- Stability
- Walkability
- Skiing
- Peaceful
- Small town feel
- opportunities

2. What are the greatest challenges in your community over the next 20+ years?

- Affordable housing
- Water
- Preserve open space
- Traffic
- Auto traffic
- Maintain community feel
- Allow smart growth
- Safety
- Community
- Infrastructure
- Parks
- Cost of living
- Transportation

- Diverse housing
- Schools
- Educating citizens
- Recreation
- Air quality
- Connection between communities
- Maintain a mix of owner and non owner occupied
- Sustainability
- Main street
- NIMBY
- Transportation through Logan

Comment: Water rights, people try to buy them and cannot.

Comment: All communities work together to understand each other's resource capability.

Comment: Main Street congestion.

Comment: Resistance to change

Envision Utah survey: Housing cost and shortage is viewed as the most significant negative consequence of growth.

### 3. What opportunities does growth present?

- Diversity
- Increase income
- Jobs
- Family
- New people and ways of thinking
- Diversity
- Housing the next generation
- Security
- Personal growth
- Kids
- Employment
- Amenities
- Access to new products
- Retail growth
- Opportunity
- New commerce
- Vibrant multicultural communities
- Cooperation versus siloing
- Diversity of jobs
- Renewal
- Redevelopment
- More resources to improve recreations
- Alternative transportation

- More parks, trails
- Tax base
- Innovation
- New temple
- Local sales tax collections
- Commercial flights in/out of Logan airport
- Continue to be a national leader.
- More restaurant options.

Comment: We all benefit from growth.

Comment: RSL building for kids sports, so kids travel up here for games.

Comment: Service workers not at these meetings need housing. We need to make sure we meet their needs planning wise.

4. What are your big ideas for what we can do to take advantage of the opportunities and address the challenges?

- Trails connectivity
- R-TDR
- Embrace new ideas
- Reduce barriers to density
- Focus on downtown
- Contain growth in smaller areas
- Active transportation
- Trolley cars
- Village development pattern
- Rail line access to wasatch Front
- Public transit
- Trails
- Access to public lands
- Small lot single family
- Learn new culture from people coming
- Innovative zoning changes
- Educate the population
- More parks and green space
- High speed thoroughfares
- Starter homes
- Bike lines
- Connectivity between cities
- Learn how to be more receptive to people and ideas
- Municipalities cooperate
- More ski resorts
- More public and cultural events celebrating our community
- Employer provided housing and potential incentives from cities
- Cities need to communicate about future road plans and prepare for it
- Support telework

- Link to UTA/Frontrunner for better/faster public transport between urban areas
- Create goals implementation
- Cultural gather spaces
- Better transportation corridors
- Co housing
- Accessory dwelling units
- Taller apartment buildings in Logan
- Urban growth boundaries
- Eliminate cars for USU Freshman so they used to public transit
- More infrastructure and connectivity for active transportation modes
- Parking underneath the entity
- Taller buildings outside Logan
- Request that corporations and businesses contribute to solving problems

Comment: About public transportation from Brian Carver

Comment: Shared parking

Comment: infill lots become trash filled, accessory dwelling units can add more housing stock

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