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Box Elder County, Utah

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Box Elder County is a county at the northwestern corner of Utah, United States. As of the 2020 census, the population was 57,666,[1] up from the 2010 figure of 49,975. Its county seat and largest city is Brigham City.[2] The county was named for the box elder trees that abound in the county.

Box Elder County is part of the Ogden-Clearfield, UT Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is also included in the Salt Lake City-Provo-Orem, UT Combined Statistical Area. Box Elder County borders several counties of Utah State University (located in Brigham City and Tremonton).

The California Trail followed Goose Creek from a point just north of the Idaho/Utah border southward where it crossed into Nevada until it met Little Goose Creek in northwestern Elko County, Nevada.[3] The link up of the first transcontinental railroad occurred at Promontory Summit, Utah in 1869.

The Spiral Jetty, an earthwork sculpture by Robert Smithson, was built on the north arm of the Great Salt Lake in Box Elder County in 1970.

On November 19, 2005, sculptor Zaq Landsberg declared his plot to be independent from the United States, creating the Republic of Zaqopia.[4]

Geography [edit]

Box Elder County lies at the northwest corner of Utah. Its west border is the state of Nevada and its north border abuts the south border of the state of Idaho. Its territory includes a large area of barren desert, contrasted by high, forested mountains. The Wasatch Front lies along the county's southeastern edge, and Great Salt Lake is partially contained within the county's western boundary.[5] The terrain generally slopes to the south toward the Great Salt Lake, although the NW corner of the county slopes to the north, allowing runoff from that area to flow to the Snake River drainage. The county's highest point is a mountain ridge near the state line, at 9,168 ft (2,800 m) ASL.[6] The county has a total area of 6,729 square miles (17,420 km²), of which 5,746 square miles (14,880 km²) is land and 984 square miles (2,550 km²) (15%) is water.[7] It is the fourth-largest county in Utah by area.

In the east lie the Wellsville Mountains, a branch of the Wasatch Range. In the west is a large, mostly uninhabited desert area. The Great Salt Lake Desert is a subregion of the Great Basin. The combined Interstate 15/Interstate 84 runs northward in the eastern part of the county. The two routes diverge at Tremonton, with I-84 heading northwest past Snowville into central and western Idaho and I-15 heading north past Plymouth and Portage into eastern Idaho.

Major highways [edit]

- I-15
- I-15 BL
- I-84
- I-84 BL
- SR-69
- SR-91
- SR-13
- SR-30
- SR-38
- SR-42
- SR-82
- SR-83
- SR-102

Adjacent counties [edit]

- Cache County - northeast
- Weber County - east
- Davis County - southeast (across Great Salt Lake)
- Tooele County - south
- Elko County, Nevada - west
- Cassia County, Idaho - northwest
- Oneida County, Idaho - north

National protected areas [edit]

- Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
- Caribou-Targhee National Forest (part)
- Golden Spike National Historic Site
- Sawtooth National Forest (part)
- Wasatch-Cache National Forest (part)

Demographics [edit]

Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1860	1,608	—
1870	4,895	204.4%
1880	6,761	38.1%
1890	7,642	13.0%
1900	10,009	31.0%
1910	13,994	39.8%
1920	18,788	34.2%
1930	17,810	−5.2%
1940	18,832	5.7%
1950	19,734	4.8%
1960	25,061	27.0%
1970	28,129	12.2%
1980	33,222	18.1%
1990	36,485	9.8%
2000	42,745	17.2%
2010	49,975	16.9%
2020	57,666	15.4%

US Decennial Census[8]
1790–1960[9] 1900–1990[10]
1990–2000[11] 2010–2020[1]

2000 census [edit]

As of the 2000 United States Census, there were 42,745 people, 13,144 households, and 10,004 families in the county. The population density was 7.44 people per square mile (2.87 people/km²). There were 14,209 housing units at an average density of 2.47 units per square mile (0.95 units/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 92.87% White, 0.17% Black or African American, 0.88% Native American, 0.96% Asian, 0.08% Pacific Islander, 3.45% from other races, and 1.60% from two or more races. 6.53% of the population are Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 13,144 households, of which 47.0% had children under 18 living with them, 71.00% were married couples living together, 7.90% had a female householder with no husband present, and 17.90% were non-families. Of the 13,144 households, 291 are unmarried partner households: 247 heterosexual, 22 same-sex male, and 12 same-sex female. 16.00% of all households were made up of individuals, and 7.40% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 3.22, and the average family size was 3.63.

The population contained 36.10% under 18, 10.50% from 18 to 24, 25.40% from 25 to 44, 17.70% from 45 to 64, and 10.30% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 29 years. For every 100 females, there were 101.70 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 99.30 males.

The median income for a household in the county was $44,630, and the median income for a family was $49,421. Males had a median income of $38,814 versus $22,435 for females. The per capita income for the county was $15,625. About 5.80% of families and 7.10% of the population were below the poverty line, including 8.30% of those under age 18 and 5.30% of those age 65 or over.

2010 census [edit]

As of the 2010 census,[12] there were 49,975 people, 16,058 households, and 12,891 families in the county. The population density was 8.70 people per square mile (3.36 people/km²). There were 17,326 housing units at an average density of 3.02 units per square mile (1.17 units/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 93.7% White, 0.4% Black or African American, 0.82% Native American, 0.9% Asian, 0.17% Pacific Islander, 3.7% from other races, and 2.24% from two or more races. 8.31% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

There were 16,058 households, out of which 41.32% had children under 18 living with them, 67.44% were married couples living together, 8.04% had a female householder with no husband present, and 19.72% were non-families. 17.16% of all households were made up of individuals, and 7.39% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 3.06, and the average family size was 3.46.

The median age in the county was 31.1 years.

The 2010 census population contained 36.60% under the age of 20, 5.55% from 20 to 24, 23.37% from 25 to 44, 21.35% from 45 to 64, and 11.13% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 30.6 years. For every 100 females, there were 103.59 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 99.61 males.

2015 [edit]

As of 2015, the largest self-reported ancestry groups in Box Elder County were:

- 26.0% were of English ancestry
- 12.7% were of German ancestry
- 9.3% were of American ancestry
- 8.4% were of Danish ancestry
- 5.5% were of Irish ancestry
- 4.5% were of Scottish ancestry[13]

Education [edit]

Elementary [edit]

- Century
- Discovery
- Fielding
- Foothill
- Garland
- Grouse Creek
- Lake View
- McKinley
- Mountain View
- North Park
- Park Valley
- Snowville
- Three Mile Creek
- Willard

Intermediate [edit]

- Alice C. Harris
- Adele C. Young

Middle [edit]

- Bear River
- Box Elder

High [edit]

- Bear River High School - Garland
- Box Elder High School- Brigham City
- Sunrise High School - Brigham City

Specialty schools [edit]

- Early Learning Center
- Independent Life Skills Center

Post secondary [edit]

- Utah State University Brigham City
- Utah State University-Tremonton
- Bridgerland Technical College - Brigham City

Politics and government [edit]

Box Elder voters are overwhelmingly Republican. In no national election since 1944 has the county selected the Democratic Party candidate, and the last Democrat to obtain over a majority of votes was Hubert Humphrey in 1968.

State elected offices

Position	District	Name	Affiliation	First elected
Senate	17	Scott Sandall	Republican	2018[14]
House of Representatives	1	Joel Ferry	Republican	2018[15]
House of Representatives	29	Matthew Gwynn	Republican	2020[16]
Board of Education	1	Jennie Earl	Nonpartisan	2018[17]

United States presidential election results for Box Elder County, Utah[18] [hide]

Year	Republican		Democratic		Third party(ies)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2020	21,540	78.87%	4,473	16.37%	1,299	4.75%
2016	17,977	81.55%	2,252	11.40%	1,566	26.89%
2012	17,101	88.11%	1,964	10.22%	323	1.66%
2008	15,229	79.24%	3,511	17.23%	676	3.53%
2004	15,751	85.75%	2,244	12.22%	373	2.03%
2000	12,266	79.36%	2,555	16.50%	640	4.13%
1996	9,373	62.65%	3,173	23.72%	1,822	13.63%
1992	7,712	49.58%	2,186	14.05%	5,657	36.37%
1988	12,581	81.40%	2,736	17.70%	140	0.91%
1984	13,243	86.81%	1,963	12.86%	57	0.37%
1980	12,500	82.72%	2,142	14.18%	469	3.10%
1976	9,319	69.02%	3,353	24.84%	826	6.12%
1972	9,980	77.22%	2,134	16.68%	780	6.10%
1968	7,690	65.71%	3,083	26.46%	915	7.83%
1964	6,851	57.26%	5,113	42.74%	0	0.00%
1960	8,584	63.23%	3,831	36.74%	0	0.03%
1956	5,804	68.54%	2,669	31.66%	0	0.00%
1952	5,993	68.22%	2,864	32.78%	0	0.00%
1948	3,790	50.79%	3,667	49.00%	18	0.24%
1944	3,058	42.47%	4,138	57.46%	5	0.07%
1940	3,118	40.61%	4,736	58.22%	2	0.03%
1936	2,180	30.15%	5,001	68.14%	50	0.69%
1932	3,049	44.65%	3,695	54.12%	84	1.23%
1928	3,317	56.94%	2,488	42.71%	20	0.34%
1924	3,096	56.18%	1,841	33.52%	566	10.30%
1920	3,421	58.86%	2,230	40.09%	61	1.05%
1916	2,419	44.47%	2,867	54.68%	35	0.65%
1912	1,650	40.81%	1,402	34.51%	1,011	24.88%
1908	2,396	62.15%	1,417	36.76%	42	1.09%
1904	2,400	66.76%	1,151	32.02%	44	1.22%
1900	1,635	52.72%	1,460	47.08%	6	0.19%
1896	736	29.12%	1,573	71.88%	0	0.00%

Communities [edit]

Cities [edit]

- Bear River City
- Brigham City (county seat)
- Corinne
- Garland
- Honeyville
- Perry
- Tremonton
- Willard

Map of Box Elder County municipalities and CDPs

Towns [edit]

- Deweyville
- Elwood
- Fielding
- Howell
- Mantua
- Plymouth
- Portage
- Snowville

Census designated places [edit]

- Riverside
- South Willard
- Thatcher

Unincorporated communities [edit]

- Bothwell
- Collinston
- Grouse Creek
- Harper Ward
- Lynn
- Park Valley
- Penrose
- Promontory
- Yost

Ghost towns [edit]

- Blue Creek
- Cedar Creek
- Golden
- Hanhup
- Jackson
- Kelton
- Kosmo
- Lucin
- Matlin
- Promontory Point
- Russian Settlement
- Terrace
- Washtake
- Salinburg, Utah

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