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Beaver County, Utah

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Coordinates: 38.34°N 113.23°W

Beaver County is a county in west central Utah, United States. As of the 2020 United States Census, the population was 7,072,[1] up from the 2010 figure of 6,629.[2] Its county seat and largest city is Beaver.[4] The county was named for the abundance of beaver in the area.

Beaver County
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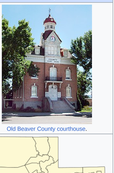
Old Beaver County courthouse.
Location within the U.S. state of Utah
Utah's location within the U.S.
Coordinates: 38.34°N 113.23°W
Country United States
State Utah
Founded 1856
Named for North American beaver
Seat Beaver
Largest city Beaver
Area
• Total 2,592 sq mi (6,710 km²)
• Land 2,590 sq mi (6,700 km²)
• Water 2.1 sq mi (5 km²) 0.08%
Population (2020)
• Total 7,072
• Estimate (2023)[1] 7,233
• Density 2.7/sq mi (1.1/km²)
Time zone UTC−7 (Mountain)
• Summer (DST) UTC−6 (MDT)
Congressional district 2nd
Website beaver.utah.gov

History [edit]

Explorers of European descent first visited present-day Beaver County in the 1776 Dominguez-Escalante Expedition. The proposed territory of Deseret (soon changed to Utah Territory) began with the arrival of Mormon pioneers in 1847. After the immediate Great Salt Lake City area was settled, settlers moved into more outlying areas, including the future Beaver County area. The county was created by the Utah territorial legislature from a section of Iron County on January 5, 1856, before the settlement of Beaver town was founded later that year. The county was named for the animal, which was plentiful there.[5] The county boundary as delineated by that act included areas in present-day Colorado and Nevada. The defined boundary was altered on January 16, 1861, by the creation of two counties in present Nevada. The county area was effectively reduced on February 28, 1861, by the US Congress when it created Colorado Territory, taking all of the Beaver County areas east of 109 degrees longitude. The county's boundary was enlarged on January 17, 1861, by the addition of parcels from Millard, Sanpete, and St. Mary's counties. However, its west area was reduced by the creation of the Nevada Territory on July 14, 1862 (this adjustment was altered on May 5, 1866, by the action of the US Congress, effectively ceding all Beaver County area west of 114 degrees longitude to Nevada counties). The county area was also reduced on January 16, 1865, when Piute County was created from Beaver territory.[6]

A quarter of the county's workers are employed by hog processor Smithfield Foods.[7]

Geography [edit]

Beaver County (UT) Details

Beaver County lies on the west side of Utah. Its west border abuts the east border of the state of Nevada. The west part of the county consists of low rolling hills punctuated by isolated mountains. The east edge of the county runs to the crest of a north–south-running mountain ridge.[8] The terrain slopes to the west and north; its highest point is a mountain crest on its east border, at 12,011 ft (3,661 m) ASL.[9] The county has a total area of 2,592 square miles (6,710 km²), of which 2,590 square miles (6,700 km²) is land and 2.1 square miles (5.4 km²) (0.08%) is water.[10]

The Tushar Mountains lies on the eastern boundary of the county, reaching to 12,000 feet (3,700 m) in elevation and providing water for the farming communities of Beaver and Manderfield. To the west, barren desert valleys typify the scenery, separated by mountains lightly forested with junipers. [citation needed]

Adjacent counties [edit]

- Lincoln County, Nevada - west
- Millard County - north
- Sevier County - northeast
- Piute County - east
- Garfield County - southeast
- Iron County - south

Protected areas [edit]

- Fishlake National Forest (part)
- Indian Peak State Game Management Area
- Minersville National Forest (part)

[8]

Demographics [edit]

Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1860	785	—
1870	2,007	155.7%
1880	3,918	95.2%
1890	3,340	−14.8%
1900	3,613	8.2%
1910	4,717	30.6%
1920	5,139	8.9%
1930	5,136	−0.1%
1940	5,014	−2.4%
1950	4,856	−3.2%
1960	4,331	−10.8%
1970	3,800	−12.3%
1980	4,378	15.2%
1990	4,765	8.8%
2000	6,005	26.0%
2010	6,629	10.4%
2020	7,072	6.7%
2023 (est.)	7,233[1]	2.3%

US Decennial Census[11]
1790–1960[12] 1900–1990[13]
1990–2000[14] 2010–2018[2] 2019[3] 2020[1]

As of the 2010 United States Census, there were 6,629 people, 2,265 households, and 1,697 families in the county.[15] The population density was 2.56 people per square mile (0.99 people/km²). There were 2,908 housing units at an average density of 1.12 units per square mile (0.43 units/km²).[17] The racial makeup of the county was 89.0% white, 1.1% Asian, 1.1% American Indian, 0.3% Pacific islander, 0.2% black or African American, 6.9% from other races, and 1.4% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 10.8% of the population.[18] In terms of ancestry, 35.2% were English, 15.5% were German, 10.6% were Irish, 6.8% were Scottish, and 2.3% were American.[19]

Of the 2,265 households, 41.8% had children under 18 living with them, 63.2% were married couples living together, 7.2% had a female householder with no husband present, 25.1% were non-families, and 22.1% of all households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.92, and the average family size was 3.44. The median age was 31.9 years.[16]

The median income for a household in the county was $41,514, and the median income for a family was $46,426. Males had a median income of $40,167 versus $26,215 for females. The per capita income for the county was $16,131. About 12.6% of families and 17.9% of the population were below the poverty line, including 25.1% of those under age 18 and 15.3% of those age 65 or over.[19]

Politics and government [edit]

Beaver County voters have traditionally voted Republican. In no national election since 1964 has the county selected the Democratic Party candidate. Jimmy Carter in 1976 was the last Democrat to even come within ten points of winning Beaver County.

State elected offices

Position	District	Name	Affiliation	First elected
Senate	24	Derrin Owens	Republican	2020[20]
Senate	28	Evan Vickers	Republican	2012[21]
House of Representatives	68	Merrill Nelson	Republican	2012[22]
House of Representatives	73	Phil Lyman	Republican	2018[23]
Board of Education	14	Mark Huntsman	Nonpartisan	2014[24]

United States presidential election results for Beaver County, Utah[25] [hide]

Year	Republican		Democratic		Third party(ies)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2020	2,055	86.94%	257	11.52%	48	1.55%
2016	1,838	73.37%	264	10.54%	403	16.09%
2012	2,174	84.92%	346	13.52%	40	1.56%
2008	1,902	75.54%	542	21.53%	74	2.94%
2004	2,023	79.52%	493	19.38%	28	1.10%
2000	1,653	73.40%	541	24.02%	58	2.58%
1996	1,164	55.59%	687	32.81%	243	11.60%
1992	1,040	49.27%	668	31.64%	403	19.09%
1988	1,286	60.89%	816	38.64%	10	0.47%
1984	1,516	67.95%	708	31.73%	7	0.31%
1980	1,477	68.47%	621	28.79%	59	2.74%
1976	1,088	52.41%	963	46.39%	25	1.20%
1972	1,332	64.88%	682	33.22%	39	1.90%
1968	989	50.87%	795	40.90%	160	8.23%
1964	792	39.98%	1,189	60.02%	0	0.00%
1960	971	45.65%	1,156	54.35%	0	0.00%
1956	1,190	53.60%	1,030	46.40%	0	0.00%
1952	1,277	55.16%	1,038	44.84%	0	0.00%
1948	1,057	46.69%	1,190	52.56%	17	0.75%
1944	958	45.88%	1,128	54.02%	2	0.10%
1940	1,101	45.78%	1,303	54.18%	1	0.04%
1936	913	40.38%	1,337	59.13%	11	0.49%
1932	969	44.03%	1,218	55.34%	14	0.64%
1928	1,149	54.98%	936	44.78%	5	0.24%
1924	989	53.34%	578	31.18%	287	15.48%
1920	1,056	57.49%	741	40.34%	40	2.18%
1916	842	38.38%	1,291	58.84%	61	2.78%
1912	671	39.75%	602	35.66%	415	24.59%
1908	945	56.02%	714	42.32%	28	1.66%
1904	869	58.17%	593	39.69%	32	2.14%
1900	682	51.90%	629	47.87%	3	0.23%
1896	205	16.24%	1,057	83.76%	0	0.00%

Communities [edit]

Cities [edit]

- Beaver (county seat)
- Milford

Towns [edit]

- Minersville

Map of Beaver County municipalities

Unincorporated communities [edit]

- Adamsville
- Cook Corner
- Greenville
- Manderfield
- North Creek[26]

Former communities [edit]

- Arago City
- Blueacre
- Cunningham Hill
- Frisco
- Lincoln
- Murdock
- Nada
- Newhouse
- Shaunlee
- Shenandoah City
- Smyths
- Sulphurdale
- Three Creeks
- Upton
- Yellow Banks[8]

Recreation [edit]

- The American Discovery Trail traverses the county running through both Beaver and Milford.
- Elk Mountain is home to the Eagle Point Ski area.
- Rock Corral Recreation Area, an area of geologic interest managed by the BLM

Education [edit]

There is one school district, Beaver School District.[26]

See also [edit]

- Utah portal
- List of counties in Utah
- National Register of Historic Places listings in Beaver County, Utah

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