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Daggett County, Utah

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Daggett County (/ˈ-dæɡɪt/ DAG-it) is a county in the northeastern corner of the U.S. state of Utah. As of the 2020 United States Census, the population was 935, making it the least populous county in Utah. Its county seat is Manila.[1] The county was named for Ellsworth Daggett, the first surveyor-general of Utah.[citation needed] The small community of Dutch John, located near the state line with Colorado and Wyoming, became an incorporated town in January 2016. [citation needed]

Daggett County

Daggett County Courthouse in Manila, May 2008

Location within the U.S. state of Utah

Utah's location within the U.S.

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Country	United States
State	Utah
Founded	January 7, 1918
Named for	Ellsworth Daggett
Seat	Manila
Largest town	Manila
Area	
• Total	721 sq mi (1,870 km²)
• Land	697 sq mi (1,810 km²)
• Water	24 sq mi (60 km²) 3.3%
Population (2020)	
• Total	935
• Density	1.3/sq mi (0.50/km²)
Time zone	UTC−7 (Mountain)
• Summer (DST)	UTC−6 (MDT)
Congressional district	3rd
Website	www.daggettcounty.org

History [edit]

Due to dangerous roads, mountainous terrain, and frequent bad weather preventing travel via a direct route, 19th century residents in the north portion of Uintah County had to travel 400 to 800 miles (640 to 1,290 km) on both stagecoach and rail to conduct business in Vernal, the county seat, a mere 55 miles (89 km) away.[citation needed] The journey involved overland travel to a train station in Wyoming, to either Mack, Colorado, Price, or Salt Lake City, then a stagecoach to Vernal.[citation needed] In the fall 1917 election, the Uintah county voters voted to establish a separate county on the northern slope of the Uinta Mountains.[2] The act establishing the county was approved on January 7, 1918, naming Manila as the county seat.

The boundary between Daggett and Uintah counties was adjusted in 1919, with some territory being returned to Uintah. Daggett County boundaries have remained unchanged since 1919.[3]

Geography [edit]

Daggett County lies at the lower northeastern corner of Utah. Its northern border abuts the south border of the state of Wyoming, and its eastern boundary abuts the western border of the state of Colorado. Its main geographical features are the Uinta Mountains, which comprise its southwestern portion and delineate part of its southern border, and the Green River, which has carved a deep gorge through the east-central part of the county.[4] In 1958, the United States Bureau of Reclamation took advantage of this natural feature to construct the Flaming Gorge Dam, creating the Flaming Gorge Reservoir, which began filling in 1964.

The county terrain slopes to the north and east on the northern flank of the Uintas. The county's highest point is on a mountain crest along its south border, at 12,278 ft (3,742 m) ASL.[5] The county has a total area 721 square miles (1,870 km²), of which 697 square miles (1,810 km²) is land and 24 square miles (62 km²) (3.3%) is water.[6] It is the fourth-smallest county in Utah by area. Over 80% of the land of Daggett County is under federal ownership.

Major highways [edit]

- U.S. Route 191
- Utah State Route 43
- Utah State Route 44
- Utah State Route 1364 (Browns Park Rd)

[4]

Adjacent counties [edit]

- Sweetwater County, Wyoming - north
- Moffat County, Colorado - east
- Uintah County - south
- Duchesne County - southwest
- Summit County - west

Protected areas [edit]

- Ashley National Forest (part)
- Browns Park Waterfowl Area
- Browns Park Waterfowl Management Area
- Clay Basin Wildlife Management Area
- Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area (part)
- Goslin Mountain Wildlife Management Area
- Indian Crossing Campground (BLM)
- Marshall Draw Wildlife Management Area
- Taylors Flat Wildlife Management Area

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Lakes [edit]

- Big Springs
- Browne Lake
- Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge Reservoir
- Chokecherry Spring
- Cow Spring
- Daggett Lake
- Dowds Hole
- Dripping Spring
- East Grindstone Spring
- Fighting Spring
- Flaming Gorge Reservoir (part)
- Ford Spring
- Greens Lakes
  - Greens Lake
  - West Greens Lake
- Grindstone Spring
- Lamb Lakes
  - Bummer Lake
  - Ewe Lake
  - Lamb Lake
  - Mutton Lake
  - Ram Lake
- Long Park Reservoir
- Lower Potter Lake
- One Fish Lake
- Pollen Lake
- Potter Lake (Upper Potter Lake)
- Red Lake
- Servoshery Spring
- Sheep Creek Lake
- Spirit Lake (part)
- Spitzenburg Spring
- Stove Lake
- Tepee Lakes
  - Lower Tepee Lake
  - Upper Tepee Lake
- Weyman Lakes
  - Anson Lake (Lower Anson Lake)
  - Candy Lake
  - Clear Lake
  - Hidden Lake
  - Penguin Lake
  - Sesame Lake
  - Upper Anson Lake
- Youngs Spring

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Demographics [edit]

2020 census [edit]

According to the 2020 United States census[10] and 2020 American Community Survey[11], there were 935 people, 397 households and a population density of 1.3 people per square mile (0.5/km²). Among non-Hispanic or Latino people, the racial makeup was 881 (94.2%) White, 1 (0.1%) African American, 0 (0.0%) Native American, 1 (0.1%) Asian, 2 (0.2%) Pacific Islander, 2 (0.2%) from other races, and 19 (2.0%) from two or more races. 29 (3.1%) people were Hispanic or Latino.

There were 510 (54.55%) males and 425 (45.45%) females, and the population distribution by age was 219 (23.4%) under the age of 18, 455 (48.7%) from 18 to 64, and 261 (27.9%) who were at least 65 years old. The median age was 47.6 years.

There were 392 households in Daggett County with an average size of 2.39 of which 282 (71.9%) were families and 110 (28.1%) were non-families. Among all families, 227 (57.9%) were married couples, 29 (7.4%) were male householders with no spouse, and 26 (6.6%) were female householders with no spouse. Among all non-families, 99 (25.3%) were a single person living alone and 11 (2.8%) were two or more people living together. 115 (29.3%) of all households had children under the age of 18. 323 (82.4%) of households were owner-occupied while 69 (17.6%) were renter-occupied.

The median income for a Daggett County household was $74,931 and the median family income was $100,833, with a per capita income of $27,568. The median income for males that were full-time employees was $69,375 and for females $35,313. 3.3% of the population and 0.0% of families were below the poverty line.

In terms of education attainment, out of the 381 people in Daggett County 25 years or older, 15 (3.9%) had not completed high school, 162 (42.5%) had a high school diploma or equivalency, 148 (38.8%) had some college or associate degree, 39 (10.2%) had a bachelor's degree, and 17 (4.5%) had a graduate or professional degree.

Ancestry [edit]

As of 2016, the largest self-reported ancestry groups in Daggett County, Utah, were:

- 35.4% were of English ancestry
- 9.2% were of Scots-Irish ancestry
- 8.8% were of German ancestry
- 8.3% were of Irish ancestry
- 7.9% were of American ancestry
- 7.2% were of Dutch ancestry
- 5.5% were of Danish ancestry
- 3.3% were of Swedish ancestry
- 2.5% were of Scottish ancestry
- 2.1% were of Italian ancestry
- 1.6% were of Swiss ancestry
- 1.6% were of French ancestry
- 1.5% were of Norwegian ancestry
- 0.7% were of Polish ancestry[16]

Politics and government [edit]

Daggett County is governed by three commissioners, an auditor/HR director, a recorder/treasurer, a clerk, an assessor, and a sheriff, all elected for four-year terms on partisan elections. Judges (elected for a non-partisan retention election every four years. Current officeholders and the year the current term began):[1][2]

- Commission Chairman: Matt Tippets (R) 2022
- Commissioner: Randy Asay (R) 2020
- Commissioner: Jack Lytle (R) 2022
- Auditor/HR Director: Keri Pallesen (R) 2022
- Recorder/Treasurer: Brianne Carter (R) 2020
- Clerk: Brian Raymond (R) 2020
- Assessor: Lesa Asay (R) 2020
- Sheriff: Eric L. Bailey (R) 2022
- Justice Court Judge: Jon Atkyn (appointed 2022)

Daggett County has traditionally voted Republican. In no national election since 1964 has the county selected the Democratic Party candidate (as of 2020).

State elected offices

Position	District	Name	Affiliation	First elected
Senate	26	Ronald Winterton	Republican	2018[17]
House of Representatives	53	Kera Birkeland	Republican	2020[18]
Board of Education	12	James Moss Jr.	Republican	2020[19]

Commerce and transportation [edit]

The few commercial establishments in Daggett County exist to service tourists and users of the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Throughout the county, there is one small general store, several gas stations, five cafes or restaurants, five motelhotels, and a few miscellaneous businesses that offer raft rentals. Some businesses offer guided fishing trips on the Flaming Gorge Reservoir and the Green River. The economy is primarily related to recreation, management of government land, and ranching. There are no railroads within Daggett County.

Communities [edit]

Towns [edit]

- Dutch John
- Manila (county seat)

Map of Daggett County communities

Census-designated places [edit]

- Flaming Gorge

Former communities [edit]

- Bridgeport
- Greendale
- Linwood

See also [edit]

- List of counties in Utah
- National Register of Historic Places listings in Daggett County, Utah
- USS Daggett County (LST-689)

United States presidential election results for Daggett County, Utah[21] [hide]

Year	Republican		Democratic		Third party(ies)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
2020	496	79.74%	111	17.85%	15	2.41%
2016	331	69.39%	77	16.14%	69	14.47%
2012	406	78.08%	94	18.08%	20	3.85%
2008	297	66.89%	131	29.50%	16	3.60%
2004	300	76.15%	108	21.64%	11	2.20%
2000	317	72.87%	104	23.91%	14	3.22%
1996	237	55.43%	131	30.75%	58	13.62%
1992	172	38.91%	122	27.60%	148	33.48%
1988	272	66.02%	132	32.04%	8	1.94%
1984	290	56.38%	227	43.24%	2	0.38%
1980	290	69.88%	109	26.27%	16	3.86%
1976	217	58.45%	131	35.29%	17	4.66%
1972	204	72.86%	50	17.86%	26	9.29%
1968	152	52.23%	97	33.33%	42	14.43%
1964	112	39.72%	170	**60.28%**	0	0.00%
1960	196	44.95%	239	**54.82%**	1	0.23%
1956	202	53.13%	90	46.88%	0	0.00%
1952	90	51.14%	86	48.86%	0	0.00%
1948	69	41.82%	95	**57.58%**	1	0.61%
1944	75	43.35%	98	**56.65%**	0	0.00%
1940	96	37.50%	160	**62.50%**	0	0.00%
1936	79	37.50%	126	**61.54%**	2	0.96%
1932	50	52.98%	79	**46.47%**	1	0.59%
1928	107	77.54%	31	22.46%	0	0.00%
1924	97	74.05%	26	19.85%	8	6.11%
1920	94	73.44%	32	25.00%	2	1.56%

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