

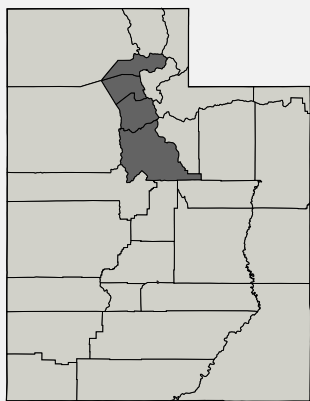
2025 Population Data Amendments FAQ

This document shares information about HB 379 - Population Data Amendments, which passed in the 2025 Utah General Legislative Session.

- Q: What is new?** **A:** In the 2025 General Legislative Session, the Legislature passed [HB 379](#). This bill makes local Utah Population Committee (UPC) population estimates the standard source throughout most of the state code.
- Q: How do cities get involved?** **A:** Cities should continue to submit their building permits to the entities that request them. Construction Monitor, the Ivory-Boyer Database, and Census Building Permit Survey.
- Q: Can a city contest the new estimates?** **A:** At this time, the Census Bureau Challenge Program is the only way for communities to challenge their estimates. There is not currently a way for communities to challenge the UPC estimates.
- Q: When are new estimates released?** **A:** The UPC full suite of city-level estimates will be released in early summer. The Census Bureau releases their city-level estimates in mid-May.
- Q: What do the estimates show?** **A:** Estimates are for the total total resident population for the community in July 1 of the most recent completed year. (In 2025, this will be July 1, 2024).
- Q: Where can I find these estimates?** **A:** [On the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute website.](#)

City-Level Data Sources

The new law combines locally produced estimates for the communities in the four largest Wasatch Front counties (Davis, Weber, Salt Lake, and Utah) and adjusted Census Bureau estimates for the other 25 counties.



Both UPC and Census Bureau estimates use local building permit information as the main data input. Cities play a vital role by reporting these data to the Census Building Permit Survey, Ivory-Boyer Construction Database, or Construction Monitor.

The Utah Population Committee (UPC), led by the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, produces state, county, and Wasatch Front city-level estimates.

Membership of UPC is [defined in state statute](#) and involves local data experts.

UPC Adjustment Process

The details of the UPC process to adjust the Census Bureau estimates to local controls are as follows:

Step 1: Create County Raking (Adjustment) Factor:

The factor is the ratio of the UPC county estimate to the Census Bureau county estimate.

$$\frac{\text{UPC County Estimate}}{\text{Census Bureau County Estimate}} = \text{County Raking Factor}$$

Step 2: Create Adjusted Subcounty Estimates:

For the 25 non-Wasatch Front counties, this factor will be applied to all communities in the county.

County Raking Factor	×	Census Bureau City Population Estimate within that county	=	Adjusted City Population Estimate
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This process creates a complete set of city-level estimates for the entire state that are consistent with the UPC state and county totals.