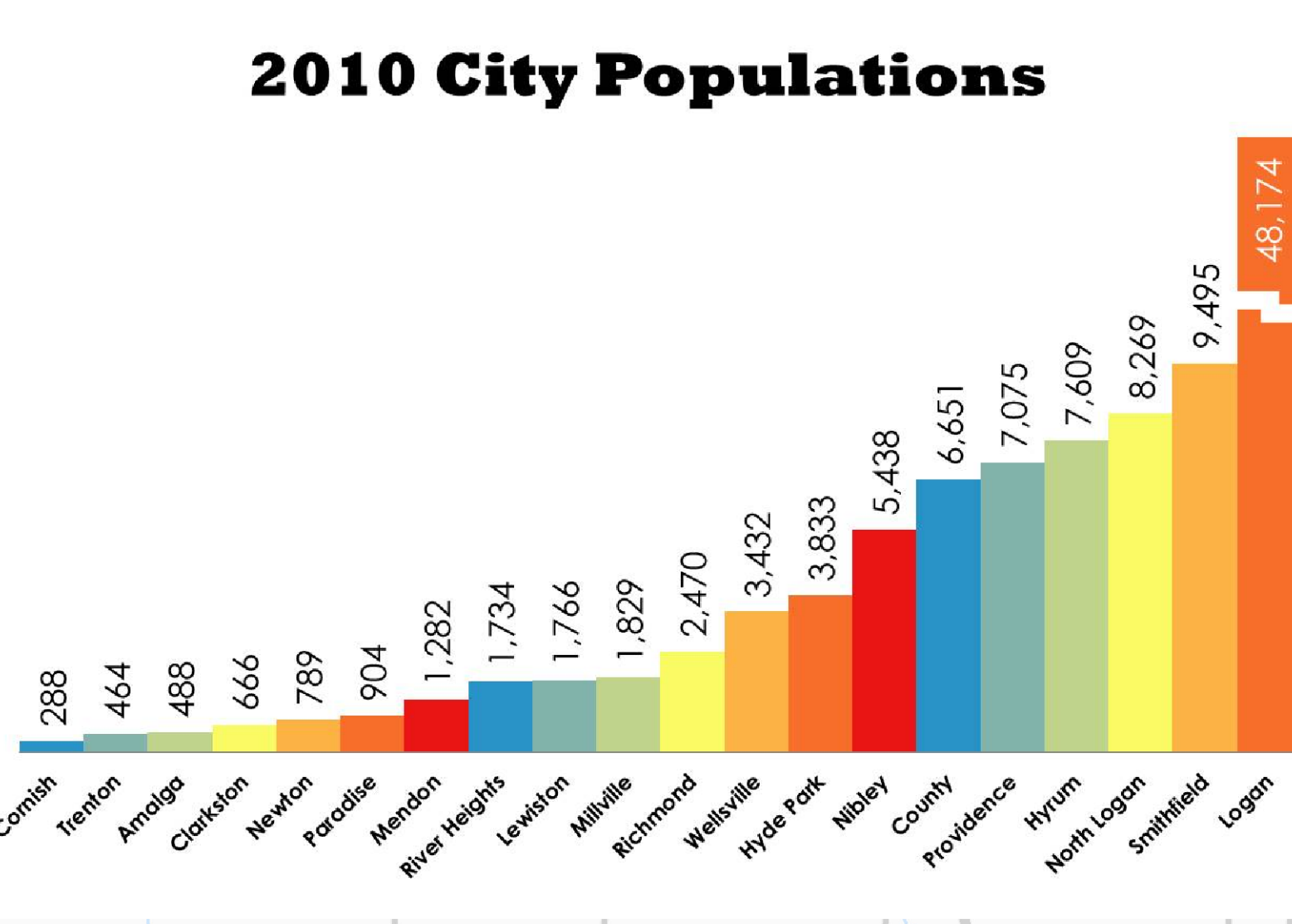
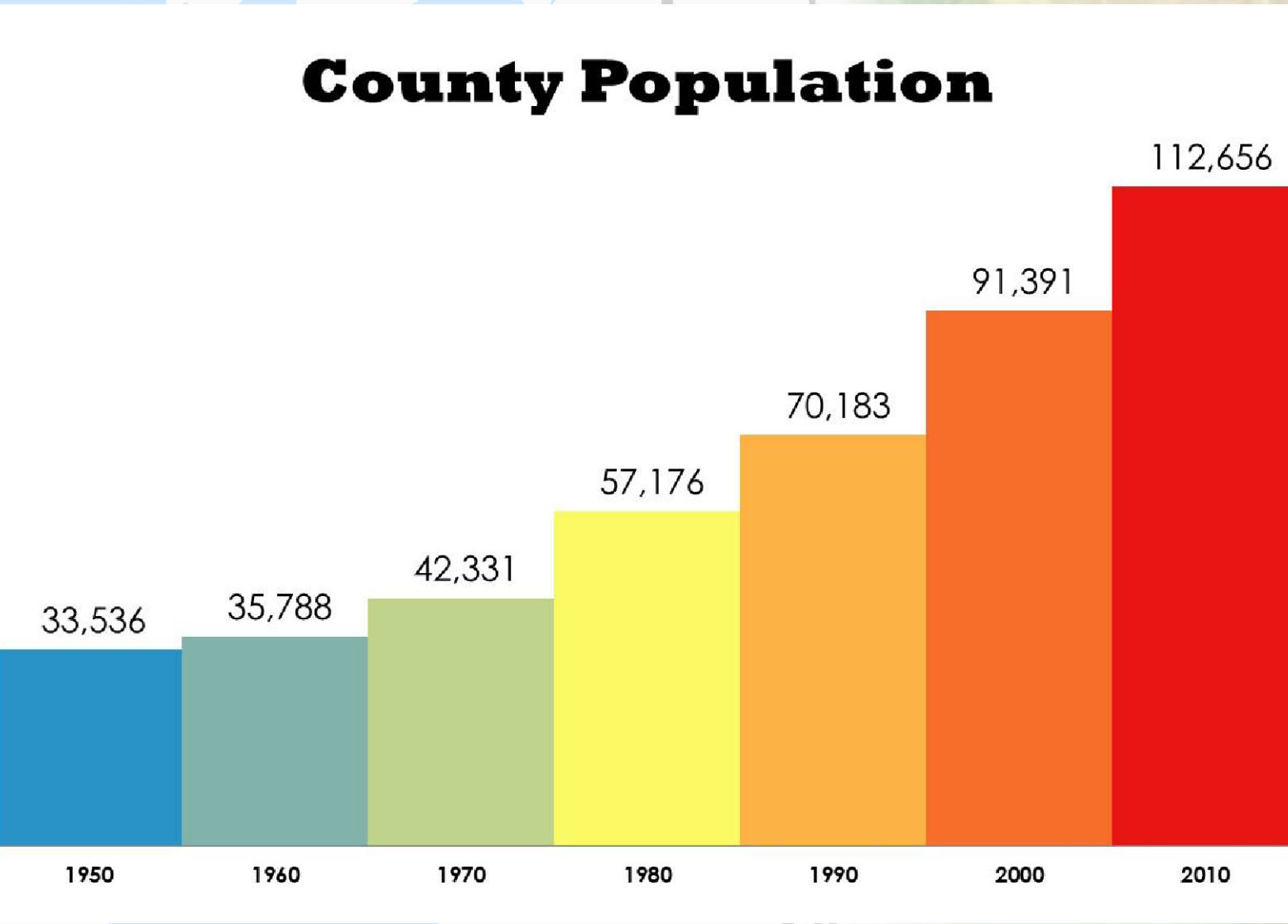


CACHE COUNTY

City, Country, and Mountains

Originally home to the Western Shoshone, Cache Valley gets its name from the fur trappers of the early 1800s. These explorers used this valley, nestled between the Wellsville Mountains and the Bear River Range, for their "caches," a French word for a place to hide goods. Mormon pioneers arrived in the 1850s and founded cities with names tied to their history, like Hyrum and Smithfield, or that reminded them of their old homes back east, like Mendon.



Houses and Farms

Cache Valley has a proud farming heritage. Alfalfa fields blanket large parts of the valley. The area's dairy herds produce milk for great local cheese and ice cream.

However, an ever-growing population needs places to live, work, and shop. Development pressures are pushing the city further into the country. Recently, a tightened supply of new homes is helping to drive home prices to levels never before seen.

This all leads to the quandry of the decade: Which is more important — food to eat or homes to sleep in? Housing without sprawl means density, but density comes with its own challenges.

