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Demographia State Domestic Migration 2000-2007



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STATE DOMESTIC MIGRATION: 2000-2007

The U.S. Bureau of the Census released annual state population and migration estimates today (27 December 2007). This document provides detailed data and observations on the trends in domestic migration.

Domestic migration occurs when a person moves from one place in the United States to another. In this case, a domestic migrant moves from one state or the District of Columbia to another.

Moving to More Affordable States

There is continued net domestic migration to the more affordable (responsive planning) states from prescriptive planning states.¹ This is evident in comparing the change in annual migration rates in 2007 compared to 2000-2001.

In 2000-2001, the responsive planning states had a net domestic migration loss of 48,000. By 2006-2007, there was a net domestic migration gain of 452,000.

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Among the prescriptive planning states, the higher cost states experienced an increase in net domestic migration loss from 246,000 to 677,000 between 2000-1 and 2006-7.

Among the prescriptive planning states, the “safety valve” states experience a reduction in net domestic migration gain from 295,000 in 2000-1 to 225,000 in 2006-7.² Net domestic migration gain peaked at 503,000 in 2004-5 (Figure)

Overall, between 2000 and 2007, there was a strong movement away from the more unaffordable states.

The higher cost prescriptive planning states experienced a net domestic migration loss of 3,752,000.

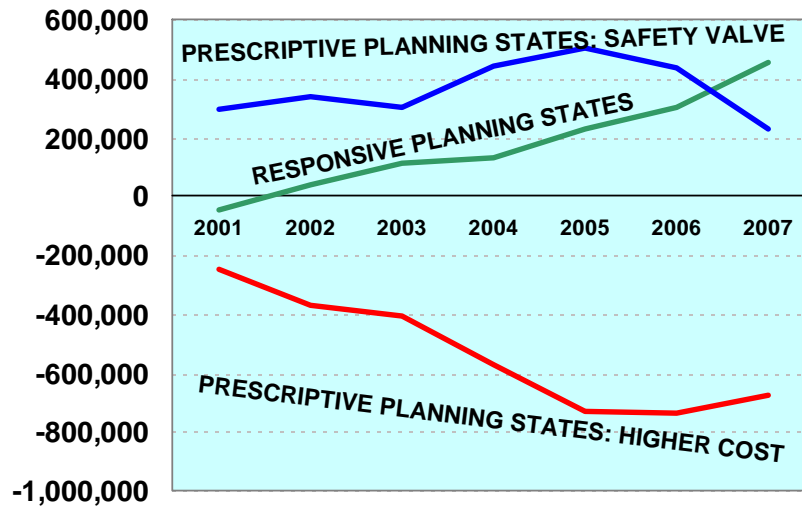
The safety value prescriptive planning states experience a net domestic migration gain of 2,538,000.

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The responsive planning states experienced a net domestic migration gain of 1,214,000.

Annual State Net Domestic Migration 2000-2006 BY LAND USE PLANNING SYSTEM



Texas Emerges as the Top Destination

In 2006-7, Texas had the largest domestic migration gain, at 140,000. Texas had emerged as the top destination in 2005-6, principally due to the exodus of Katrina refugees from Louisiana (220,000). However, the Texas net domestic gain remained strong in 2006-7, at an annual rate more than tripling the 2000-1 migration gain. Texas has gained 580,000 domestic migrants since 2000. Between 2000 and 2005 Florida strongly led Texas in domestic migration gains, with 1,050,000, compared to the Texas figure of 210,000.

New York Losses Exceed Katrina's Louisiana

New York lost 1,400,000 million domestic migrants between 2000 and 2007. This is nearly equal to the population of the city Philadelphia. Perhaps most stunningly, New York also had the highest rate of domestic migration loss, at -7.4 percent, exceeding even that of Louisiana and its hundreds of thousands of residents driven out in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The End of Migration to Florida?

Perhaps the most significant news from the new data is that Florida's domestic migration gains have nearly come to an end. During the first 6 years of the decade, Florida gained an average of more than 200,000 domestic migrants annually. In 2006-7, this figure declined to 35,000. Florida's overall growth rate has also declined. Until 2006, it looked possible that Florida would grow quickly enough to replace New York as the nation's

third largest state after California and Texas. This would not occur if the growth rate of the last year continues.

Another #1 for California

California became the nation's largest state in the late 1960s, passing New York, which had been the largest state since 1810. In the last two years, California has also displaced New York as the leader in net domestic migration loss (in 2006 and 2007). Since 2000, California has lost 1,200,000 domestic migrants, a population approximately equal to that of the city of San Diego.

Moving from Florida to North & South Carolina?

There has been much talk of the "half-backs," Northerners who move to Florida and then move "halfway" back to North Carolina or South Carolina. Since 2000, North Carolina has gained approximately 500,000 domestic migrants and South Carolina has gained 225,000. In each case, the 2006-7 domestic migration gain was approximately three times the 2000-1 gain. The halfbacks have also discovered Tennessee, which has gained more than 200,000 domestic migrants and has had a similar increase in rate since 2000-1.

Michigan to Fall Under 10 Million?

Michigan could become the first large state to ever exceed 10 million population and then to fall back below 10 million. Michigan's population fell from 10,102,000 to 10,072,000 between 2006 and 2007. Should that rate continue, Michigan would fall to under 10,000,000 by the 2010 census.

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Houston Central Business District*

STATE DOMESTIC MIGRATION DATA: 2000-2007

	Population: July 1, 2007	Population: July 1, 2000	Growth	Domestic Migration: 2000-2007	Annual Rate Based on 2000 Population	Domestic Migration: 2000-2007	Rate Based on 2000 Population	Domestic Migration: 2006-2007	Rate Based on 2006 Population	Prescriptive Planning?
United States	301,621,157	282,194,308	6.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
BY REGION										
Northeast	54,680,626	53,667,649	1.9%	(2,218,054)	-0.6%	(227,541)	-0.4%	(335,725)	-0.6%	
Midwest	66,388,795	64,496,645	2.9%	(1,400,179)	-0.3%	(173,236)	-0.3%	(223,176)	-0.3%	
South	110,454,786	100,567,977	9.8%	3,227,337	0.5%	282,311	0.3%	545,543	0.5%	
West	70,096,950	63,462,037	10.5%	390,896	0.1%	118,466	0.2%	13,358	0.0%	
BY STATE & DC										
Alabama	4,627,851	4,451,887	4.0%	59,843	0.2%	(8,779)	-0.2%	18,427	0.4%	NO
Alaska	683,478	627,462	8.9%	(5,125)	-0.1%	(2,887)	-0.5%	(2,805)	-0.4%	NO
Arizona	6,338,755	5,167,260	22.7%	655,354	1.7%	56,238	1.1%	90,402	1.5%	YES
Arkansas	2,834,797	2,678,397	5.8%	62,982	0.3%	(278)	-0.0%	8,323	0.3%	NO
California	36,553,215	34,004,051	7.5%	(1,223,992)	-0.5%	(40,508)	-0.1%	(263,035)	-0.7%	YES
Colorado	4,861,515	4,328,252	12.3%	132,566	0.4%	44,805	1.0%	33,438	0.7%	YES
Connecticut	3,502,309	3,411,990	2.6%	(78,064)	-0.3%	(7,149)	-0.2%	(19,377)	-0.6%	YES
Delaware	864,764	786,463	10.0%	39,573	0.7%	3,202	0.4%	5,224	0.6%	NO
District of Columbia	588,292	571,799	2.9%	(43,431)	-1.1%	(4,273)	-0.7%	(3,141)	-0.5%	YES
Florida	18,251,243	16,049,316	13.7%	1,286,175	1.1%	159,392	1.0%	35,301	0.2%	YES
Georgia	9,544,750	8,230,919	16.0%	484,919	0.8%	55,390	0.7%	94,004	1.0%	NO
Hawaii	1,283,388	1,211,586	5.9%	(20,583)	-0.2%	(6,506)	-0.5%	(9,673)	-0.8%	YES
Idaho	1,499,402	1,299,578	15.4%	100,415	1.1%	7,237	0.6%	19,569	1.3%	NO
Illinois	12,852,548	12,439,219	3.3%	(551,311)	-0.6%	(69,632)	-0.6%	(60,265)	-0.5%	YES
Indiana	6,345,289	6,091,735	4.2%	(16,431)	-0.0%	(6,445)	-0.1%	(505)	-0.0%	NO
Iowa	2,988,046	2,928,246	2.0%	(50,248)	-0.2%	(13,247)	-0.5%	(2,947)	-0.1%	NO
Kansas	2,775,997	2,692,890	3.1%	(67,315)	-0.4%	(13,816)	-0.5%	(2,550)	-0.1%	NO
Kentucky	4,241,474	4,049,049	4.8%	63,791	0.2%	(1,271)	-0.0%	17,357	0.4%	NO
Louisiana	4,293,204	4,469,044	-3.9%	(335,216)	-1.1%	(33,843)	-0.8%	28,854	0.7%	NO
Maine	1,317,207	1,277,225	3.1%	31,390	0.3%	6,273	0.5%	(717)	-0.1%	YES
Maryland	5,618,344	5,310,916	5.8%	(54,415)	-0.1%	8,961	0.2%	(36,270)	-0.6%	YES
Massachusetts	6,449,755	6,363,190	1.4%	(305,690)	-0.7%	(18,269)	-0.3%	(35,121)	-0.5%	YES
Michigan	10,071,822	9,955,417	1.2%	(359,758)	-0.5%	(25,315)	-0.3%	(94,420)	-0.9%	NO
Minnesota	5,197,621	4,934,185	5.3%	(34,997)	-0.1%	7,521	0.2%	(6,025)	-0.1%	YES
Mississippi	2,918,785	2,848,424	2.5%	(30,039)	-0.2%	(9,279)	-0.3%	2,473	0.1%	NO
Missouri	5,878,415	5,606,140	4.9%	41,079	0.1%	1,356	0.0%	6,205	0.1%	NO
Montana	957,861	903,329	6.0%	30,446	0.5%	(287)	-0.0%	6,463	0.7%	NO
Nebraska	1,774,571	1,713,322	3.6%	(36,717)	-0.3%	(8,337)	-0.5%	(4,869)	-0.3%	NO
Nevada	2,565,382	2,018,494	27.1%	364,683	2.4%	47,986	2.4%	41,338	1.7%	YES
New Hampshire	1,315,828	1,240,442	6.1%	35,682	0.4%	10,896	0.9%	(2,389)	-0.2%	YES

New Jersey	8,685,920	8,431,951	3.0%	(377,159)	-0.7%	(32,054)	-0.4%	(69,160)	-0.8%	YES
New Mexico	1,969,915	1,820,861	8.2%	24,955	0.2%	(9,374)	-0.5%	8,530	0.4%	NO
New York	19,297,729	18,996,571	1.6%	(1,449,169)	-1.1%	(166,026)	-0.9%	(189,765)	-1.0%	YES
North Carolina	9,061,032	8,079,777	12.1%	490,907	0.8%	46,437	0.6%	111,963	1.3%	NO
North Dakota	639,715	641,236	-0.2%	(19,531)	-0.4%	(6,769)	-1.1%	(1,136)	-0.2%	NO
Ohio	11,466,917	11,364,143	0.9%	(301,848)	-0.4%	(37,657)	-0.3%	(51,842)	-0.5%	NO
Oklahoma	3,617,316	3,454,058	4.7%	11,901	0.0%	(9,506)	-0.3%	13,578	0.4%	NO
Oregon	3,747,455	3,431,096	9.2%	136,376	0.6%	13,700	0.4%	26,811	0.7%	YES
Pennsylvania	12,432,792	12,285,564	1.2%	(44,416)	-0.1%	(24,016)	-0.2%	(7,377)	-0.1%	NO
Rhode Island	1,057,832	1,050,807	0.7%	(30,249)	-0.4%	2,188	0.2%	(10,031)	-0.9%	YES
South Carolina	4,407,709	4,023,628	9.5%	228,133	0.8%	14,431	0.4%	53,993	1.2%	NO
South Dakota	796,214	755,713	5.4%	2,516	0.0%	(1,717)	-0.2%	1,910	0.2%	NO
Tennessee	6,156,719	5,703,415	7.9%	217,129	0.5%	11,728	0.2%	48,665	0.8%	NO
Texas	23,904,380	20,948,843	14.1%	582,078	0.4%	41,118	0.2%	141,280	0.6%	NO
Utah	2,645,330	2,244,431	17.9%	30,709	0.2%	(6,144)	-0.3%	24,657	1.0%	NO
Vermont	621,254	609,909	1.9%	(379)	-0.0%	616	0.1%	(1,788)	-0.3%	YES
Virginia	7,712,091	7,104,992	8.5%	155,205	0.3%	15,901	0.2%	2,959	0.0%	YES
Washington	6,468,424	5,911,652	9.4%	155,491	0.4%	17,367	0.3%	31,009	0.5%	YES
West Virginia	1,812,035	1,807,050	0.3%	7,802	0.1%	(7,020)	-0.4%	2,553	0.1%	NO
Wisconsin	5,601,640	5,374,399	4.2%	(5,618)	-0.0%	822	0.0%	(6,732)	-0.1%	YES
Wyoming	522,830	493,985	5.8%	9,601	0.3%	(3,161)	-0.6%	6,654	1.3%	NO
Responsive Planning	141,733,410	132,955,006	6.6%	1,214,376	0.1%	(48,249)	-0.0%	452,231	0.3%	NO
Prescriptive Planning	159,887,747	149,239,302	7.1%	(1,214,376)	-0.1%	48,249	0.0%	(452,231)	-0.3%	YES
Higher Cost States	122,516,488	116,661,484	5.0%	(3,752,374)	-0.5%	(246,434)	-0.2%	(677,092)	-0.6%	YES
Safety Valve States	37,371,259	32,577,818	14.7%	2,537,998	1.1%	294,683	0.9%	224,861	0.6%	YES

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