

# ***Origins and Destinations of Pittsburgh Migrants***

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This is a continuation in a series of articles focused on migration in Pittsburgh. Using census data including residence in 1995 and 2000 and various demographic characteristics, it is possible to analyze people moving to and from the Pittsburgh region. This piece presents data the region of birth of in-migrants and out-migrants. Is Pittsburgh an attractive place to people from all over the country, or is it more attractive to people from Pennsylvania and neighboring states? Is Pittsburgh succeeding in attracting foreign immigrants? Where will marketing campaigns be most effective?

**Table 1: Summary data**

Region/State	In	Out	Net Change	Ratio of Inflow/Outflow	Percentage of Total Inflow	Percentage of Total Outflow
Pennsylvania	75,648	129,322	-53,674	0.58	50.6%	62.3%
Northeast ( - PA)	16,536	17,242	-706	0.96	11.1%	8.3%
Midwest	20,059	20,237	-178	0.99	13.4%	9.8%
West	7,145	7,061	84	1.01	4.8%	3.4%
South	20,922	21,264	-342	0.98	14.0%	10.2%
International	9,164	12,345	-3,181	0.74	6.1%	6.0%

The summary data shows, not surprisingly, that the majority of in-migrants were born in Pennsylvania. Because family reasons accounted for 27% percent of all inter-county moves between 1999 and 2000, it makes sense that the majority of in-movers have roots in Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup> However, Pennsylvania-born residents are leaving the region at a faster rate than they are coming into the region. Out-movers from the Northeast (not including Pennsylvania), the Midwest, the West, and the South are all being replaced by in-movers from the same region at a steady rate – the inflow/outflow ratio for all of these regions is close to one. The lowest ratio is for Pennsylvania – nearly two Pennsylvania-born residents leave for every one that arrives. More detailed information on state-level migration is provided in Table 2.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, “Why People Move: Exploring the March 2000 Current Population Survey,” available from <http://landview.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p23-204.pdf>; Internet; accessed 9 April 2004.

**Table 2: Detailed Pittsburgh Migration by Region of Birth**

State	In	Out	Ratio of Inflow/Outflow	Net Change	Percentage of Total Inflow	Percentage of Total Outflow
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>75,648</b>	<b>129,322</b>	0.58	<b>-53674</b>	<b>50.61%</b>	<b>62.33%</b>
<b>Northeast</b>	<b>92,184</b>	<b>146,564</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>-54380</b>	<b>61.67%</b>	<b>70.64%</b>
Connecticut	1,457	1,098	1.33	359	0.97%	0.53%
Maine	349	370	0.94	-21	0.23%	0.18%
Massachusetts	1,842	2,292	0.80	-450	1.23%	1.10%
New Hampshire	260	286	0.91	-26	0.17%	0.14%
New Jersey	3,501	3,211	1.09	290	2.34%	1.55%
New York	8,748	9,428	0.93	-680	5.85%	4.54%
Pennsylvania	75,648	129,322	0.58	-53674	50.61%	62.33%
Rhode Island	219	347	0.63	-128	0.15%	0.17%
Vermont	160	210	0.76	-50	0.11%	0.10%
<b>Midwest</b>	<b>20,059</b>	<b>20,237</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>-178</b>	<b>13.42%</b>	<b>9.75%</b>
Illinois	2,496	2,613	0.96	-117	1.67%	1.26%
Indiana	1,359	2,014	0.67	-655	0.91%	0.97%
Iowa	471	573	0.82	-102	0.32%	0.28%
Kansas	425	453	0.94	-28	0.28%	0.22%
Michigan	2,738	2,600	1.05	138	1.83%	1.25%
Minnesota	863	742	1.16	121	0.58%	0.36%
Missouri	883	1,147	0.77	-264	0.59%	0.55%
Nebraska	267	255	1.05	12	0.18%	0.12%
North Dakota	223	79	2.82	144	0.15%	0.04%
Ohio	9,503	8,728	1.09	775	6.36%	4.21%
South Dakota	138	166	0.83	-28	0.09%	0.08%
Wisconsin	693	867	0.80	-174	0.46%	0.42%
<b>West</b>	<b>7,145</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4.78%</b>	<b>3.40%</b>
Alaska	159	76	2.09	83	0.11%	0.04%
Arizona	411	395	1.04	16	0.27%	0.19%
California	3,343	3,609	0.93	-266	2.24%	1.74%
Colorado	737	749	0.98	-12	0.49%	0.36%
Hawaii	355	290	1.22	65	0.24%	0.14%
Idaho	213	129	1.65	84	0.14%	0.06%
Montana	99	166	0.60	-67	0.07%	0.08%
Nevada	195	166	1.17	29	0.13%	0.08%
New Mexico	207	157	1.32	50	0.14%	0.08%
Oregon	381	333	1.14	48	0.25%	0.16%
Utah	344	203	1.69	141	0.23%	0.10%
Washington	588	733	0.80	-145	0.39%	0.35%
Wyoming	113	55	2.05	58	0.08%	0.03%
<b>South</b>	<b>20,922</b>	<b>21,264</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>-342</b>	<b>14.00%</b>	<b>10.25%</b>
Alabama	630	846	0.74	-216	0.42%	0.41%
Arkansas	215	289	0.74	-74	0.14%	0.14%
Delaware	286	295	0.97	-9	0.19%	0.14%

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District of Columbia	835	977	0.85	-142	0.56%	0.47%
Florida	2,065	1,896	1.09	169	1.38%	0.91%
Georgia	770	1,130	0.68	-360	0.52%	0.54%
Kentucky	751	925	0.81	-174	0.50%	0.45%
Louisiana	530	518	1.02	12	0.35%	0.25%
Maryland	2,655	2,257	1.18	398	1.78%	1.09%
Mississippi	383	340	1.13	43	0.26%	0.16%
North Carolina	1,221	1,827	0.67	-606	0.82%	0.88%
Oklahoma	322	439	0.73	-117	0.22%	0.21%
South Carolina	956	1,059	0.90	-103	0.64%	0.51%
Tennessee	571	745	0.77	-174	0.38%	0.36%
Texas	2,277	1,973	1.15	304	1.52%	0.95%
Virginia	2,698	2,320	1.16	378	1.80%	1.12%
West Virginia	3,757	3,428	1.10	329	2.51%	1.65%
<b>International</b>	<b>9,164</b>	<b>12,345</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>-3181</b>	<b>6.13%</b>	<b>5.95%</b>
Puerto Rico	319	467	0.68	-148	0.21%	0.23%
U.S. Island Areas	86	44	1.95	42	0.06%	0.02%
Europe	1,801	2,554	0.71	-753	1.20%	1.23%
Asia	3,769	5,214	0.72	-1445	2.52%	2.51%
Africa	338	577	0.59	-239	0.23%	0.28%
Oceania	93	129	0.72	-36	0.06%	0.06%
Latin America	1,024	1,568	0.65	-544	0.69%	0.76%
Northern America	369	388	0.95	-19	0.25%	0.19%
Elsewhere	1,365	1,404	0.97	-39	0.91%	0.68%