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## U.S. Census Bureau Releases County-to-County Migration Flows for Pennsylvania

MIDDLETOWN, Pa –The U.S. Census Bureau has released today, the County-to County Migration Flows for Pennsylvania. This data, collected from the long form questionnaire from Census 2000, documents migratory patterns from 1995 to 2000. This data shows that the number of people moving into Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2000 was 668,753 while the number of people moving out of the state was 800,049. In Pennsylvania, the 5-year net migration (in-migrants minus out-migrants) was -131,296. Pennsylvania lost 11.4 people per 1,000 residents from 1995 to 2000.

The most common trend among most county-to-county migration flows in Pennsylvania is that the most popular locations for movers are neighboring counties. The three most visible exceptions to this trend were Centre County, Erie County and Crawford County. The most popular counties of in-migration to Centre County, home of the Pennsylvania State University, were Allegheny (2,563 in-migrants), Bucks (1,517 in-migrants) and Montgomery (1,456 in-migrants) counties. Erie County, the commonwealth's most northwestern county, received more in-migrants from Allegheny County (2,173 in-migrants) than from any other county. Crawford County sent more out-migrants to Cumberland County (2,439 out-migrants) than to any other county.

Pennsylvania's largest county, Philadelphia, had the state's highest in-migration of people, 135,266, and the highest out-migration of people, -229,424, giving Philadelphia County a net migration of -94,158. Over 40 percent of Philadelphia's in-migration came from other counties within Pennsylvania. Delaware County, directly south of Philadelphia, had the most people moving into Philadelphia, 13,295. Another southeastern county, Montgomery, saw 12,183 people migrate into Philadelphia between 1995 and 2000. The state that had the highest in-migration to Philadelphia was New Jersey. New Jersey had 18,968 people migrate into Philadelphia, with Camden County providing 4,366 of the total. California had 5,716 people migrate into Philadelphia, with Los Angeles County sending 2,194.

Looking at Philadelphia's out-migration, 108,497 of the 229,424 people that migrated out of Philadelphia stayed within Pennsylvania. Philadelphia out-migrated 34,136 people to Montgomery County, the most of any county in the state, followed by Delaware County, 23,495. New Jersey was the state of choice for people leaving Philadelphia between 1995 and 2000. The number of people that out-migrated to New Jersey from Philadelphia was 34,127, with 11,427 of those migrating to Camden County. The next most popular state for Philadelphians to move to was Florida with 12,039. Broward County being the most popular place, 1,475. New York (9,455), Virginia (6,993) and Maryland (6,646) finished third through fifth, respectively.

Cameron County had the lowest in-migration of people of any county in Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2000. There were only 636 people moving into the county with 425 migrating from other counties in Pennsylvania.

Cameron County also had the lowest out-migration of people of any county in Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2000. The county had 825 people migrate out of the county with 603 of them moving to other counties in Pennsylvania.

So what county did most Pennsylvanians move to between 1995 and 2000? New Castle County, Delaware was the most popular with an in-migration of 21,219 Pennsylvanians. The second most popular choice was Camden County, New Jersey with 16,519. Maricopa County, Arizona had an in-migration of over 11,000 Pennsylvanians while Los Angeles County, California had almost 8,800. Table 1 provides a list of out-of-state counties that Pennsylvanians out-migrated to from 1995 to 2000.

**Table 1: Most Popular Out-of –State Choices for Pennsylvania Out-Migrants, 2000**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Number of Movers</b>
New Castle County, DE	21,219
Camden County, NJ	16,519
Burlington County, NJ	13,281
Maricopa County, AZ	11,020
New York County, NY	10,869
Gloucester County, NJ	8,946
Los Angeles County, CA	8,788
Montgomery County, MD	7,690
Broward County, FL	7,644
Palm Beach County, FL	7,165
Baltimore County, MD	7,025
Fairfax County, VA	6,932

New Castle County, DE, with an out-migration of 14,227 was the county with most number of people moving into Pennsylvania (excluding Pennsylvania counties). Next was Kings County, New York with 13,346. Los Angeles County, California ranked number 11<sup>th</sup> with 8,248 out-migrants to Pennsylvania. Cook County, Illinois had 6,009, San Diego County, California had 5,497 and Broward County, Florida had 4,959. Table 2 provides the top twelve non-Pennsylvania counties with the highest migration into Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2000.

**Table 2: Top 12 Out-of-State Counties for In-Migration to Pennsylvania, 2000**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Number of Movers</b>
New Castle, County, DE	14,227
Kings County, NY	13,346
Camden County, NJ	11,202
Queens County, NY	10,762
New York County, NY	9,996
Bronx County, NY	8,887
Burlington County, NJ	8,885
Baltimore County, MD	8,506
Middlesex County, NJ	8,458
Mercer County, NJ	8,395
Los Angeles County, CA	8,248
Suffolk County, NY	7,756

Additional reports released last week by the U.S. Census bureau document the geographic variation in migratory patterns among census regions, divisions and states. The most popular state-to-state origination point for Pennsylvania immigrants was its northern neighbor New York, which had 112,214 persons move to Pennsylvania between 1995 and 2000. The commonwealth's eastern (New Jersey; 110,436 persons) and southern (Maryland; 53,036 persons) neighbors were the next two most popular origination points for immigrants. Two warm-weather states, Florida (44,123 persons) and California (34,494 persons), rounded out the top five origination points for Pennsylvania immigrants between 1995 and 2000. Florida was also the top location for persons moving out of Pennsylvania between 1995 and 2000, receiving 92,385 persons (Table 3). New Jersey (88,202 persons) and New York (67,213 persons) were the next most popular locations. This followed the same trends of the 1990 Census, which measured migration between the years of 1985 and 1990.

A look at the net migration statistics for Pennsylvania shows that over fifty percent of migrants were between the ages of 20 and 29. Between 1995 and 2000, there were only two age groupings that experienced a positive net migration. The 5 to 9 age group had a net gain of 49 people and the age 15 to 19 age group had a net gain of 2,754 people. The total net migration for ages 5 to 19 was a positive 1,275. In the 65 and over age group, Pennsylvania has a net migration loss of 15,884 people.

For more information on Pennsylvania's migration data, please contact the State Capital Office of the Pennsylvania State Data Center at 717.772.2710.

Table 3: In, Out and Net Migration, Pennsylvania with All Other States: 2000

Area	Number of In-Migrations to PA	Number of Out-Migrations from PA	Net Migration	Area	Number of In-Migrations to PA	Number of Out-Migrations from PA	Net Migration
Alabama	3,692	5,149	-1,457	Montana	1,235	1,710	-475
Alaska	1,771	1,485	286	Nebraska	1,677	1,889	-212
Arizona	7,372	16,663	-9,291	Nevada	2,406	6,171	-3,765
Arkansas	1,583	2,243	-660	New Hampshire	3,729	4,248	-519
California	34,494	39,185	-4,691	New Jersey	110,436	88,202	22,234
Colorado	7,276	12,152	-4,876	New Mexico	2,112	2,967	-855
Connecticut	14,554	11,182	3,372	New York	112,214	67,213	45,001
Delaware	16,659	28,317	-11,658	North Carolina	18,001	43,273	-25,272
District of Columbia	4,493	4,330	163	North Dakota	988	651	337
Florida	44,123	92,385	-48,262	Ohio	33,883	43,250	-9,367
Georgia	12,118	26,931	-14,813	Oklahoma	2,927	3,485	-558
Hawaii	2,314	2,116	198	Oregon	2,789	3,518	-729
Idaho	1,168	1,333	-165	<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>3,387,963</b>	<b>3,387,963</b>	-
Illinois	14,617	15,850	-1,233	Rhode Island	2,504	4,001	-1,497
Indiana	8,126	11,155	-3,029	South Carolina	7,500	21,249	-13,749
Iowa	2,331	2,679	-348	South Dakota	611	622	-11
Kansas	3,129	3,350	-221	Tennessee	6,810	11,094	-4,284
Kentucky	4,032	6,934	-2,902	Texas	19,427	24,996	-5,569
Louisiana	3,074	3,346	-272	Utah	2,767	2,789	-22
Maine	3,354	3,883	-529	Vermont	1,837	2,400	-563
Maryland	53,036	51,466	1,570	Virginia	32,231	47,014	-14,783
Massachusetts	17,088	20,190	-3,102	Washington	6,355	8,076	-1,721
Michigan	10,634	13,926	-3,292	West Virginia	10,415	13,702	-3,287
Minnesota	3,771	5,166	-1,395	Wisconsin	3,855	5,942	-2,087
Mississippi	2,028	2,668	-640	Wyoming	617	909	-292
Missouri	4,590	6,594	-2,004				

Table 4: Net Migration by Age, Pennsylvania: 2000

Geographic Area	Population 5 years and over	Same residence (non movers)	Different residence 5 years ago					From abroad
			Total movers	Moved Within PA	Domestic migration			
					In-migrants	Out-migrants	5-year net migration	
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	<b>11,555,538</b>	<b>7,333,591</b>	<b>4,221,947</b>	<b>3,387,963</b>	<b>668,753</b>	<b>800,049</b>	<b>-131,296</b>	<b>165,231</b>
5 to 9 years	826,549	451,826	374,723	306,409	55,442	55,393	49	12,872
10 to 14 years	867,276	559,575	307,701	251,854	44,431	45,959	-1,528	11,416
15 to 19 years	841,522	536,424	305,098	230,139	58,766	56,012	2,754	16,193
20 to 24 years	753,907	291,609	462,298	351,380	87,010	116,653	-29,643	23,908
25 to 29 years	728,258	208,542	519,716	411,228	82,541	119,943	-37,402	25,947
30 to 34 years	822,603	335,053	487,550	391,354	76,271	86,873	-10,602	19,925
35 to 39 years	959,613	532,668	426,945	341,699	69,627	73,436	-3,809	15,619
40 to 44 years	1,005,518	669,400	336,118	272,180	52,100	57,581	-5,481	11,838
45 to 49 years	911,652	671,788	239,864	196,379	35,814	43,122	-7,308	7,671
50 to 54 years	789,771	612,055	177,716	144,355	28,177	37,280	-9,103	5,184
55 to 59 years	617,035	493,794	123,241	99,275	20,397	27,038	-6,641	3,569
60 to 64 years	511,577	419,690	91,887	74,369	14,578	21,276	-6,698	2,940
65 to 69 years	483,416	404,528	78,888	64,884	12,105	18,695	-6,590	1,899
70 to 74 years	490,569	414,972	75,597	64,455	9,352	13,856	-4,504	1,790
75 to 79 years	422,296	348,139	74,157	64,653	8,250	10,496	-2,246	1,254
80 to 84 years	291,596	225,968	65,628	57,733	6,650	8,563	-1,913	1,245
85 years and over	232,380	157,560	74,820	65,617	7,242	7,873	-631	1,961

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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