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Migrating New York Residents Still Heading for the Exits

Nearly a quarter-million people left New York for other states in the past year, continuing a long-term trend in which the Empire State has been a leading demographic loser.

According to newly released Census Bureau population estimates¹:

- Roughly 12 out of every 1,000 New York residents moved elsewhere in the country between mid-2005 and mid-2006—nearly double the overall rate of out-migration for the slow-growing Northeast region.
- New York's loss of 225,766 people to other states between 2005 and 2006 was exceeded only by the out-migration totals for California and hurricane-ravaged Louisiana.
- More than 1.2 million New York residents have moved to other states since 2000—the biggest such loss experienced by any state.

As shown in Figure 1, an influx of foreign immigrants and the “natural” gain from births largely offset New York's internal migration exodus in the past six years, allowing the population to rise slightly, to about 19.3 million. But the state has been growing at less than one-third the national rate in this decade. As a result, the Empire State is on track to slip from third to fourth in state population rankings within a few years.

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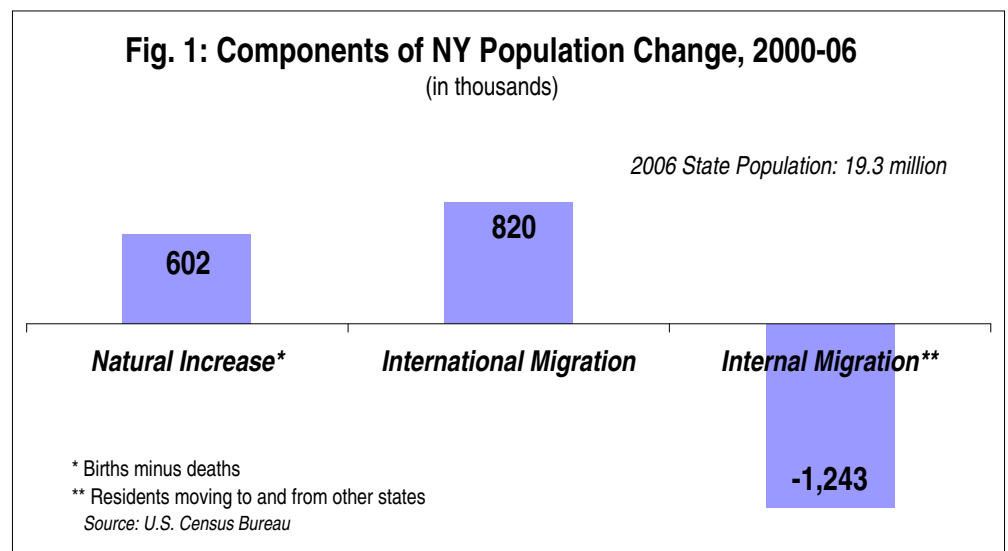


Table 1: Net Internal Migration, All States

	Since 2005...*		Since 2000...*	
	Total	Rate**	Total	Rate**
Alabama	31,600	6.91	42,641	9.42
Alaska	-1,728	-2.59	-3,436	-5.30
Arizona	129,987	21.45	541,283	95.52
Arkansas	19,495	6.98	55,141	20.09
California	-287,684	-7.92	-950,592	-26.98
Colorado	29,819	6.33	80,057	17.63
Connecticut	-16,944	-4.84	-53,125	-15.36
Delaware	5,434	6.41	33,419	40.76
Florida	165,757	9.25	1,221,540	71.56
Georgia	120,953	13.08	378,258	43.00
Hawaii	-3,136	-2.45	-9,275	-7.43
Idaho	22,500	15.54	83,870	60.64
Illinois	-68,661	-5.36	-473,713	-37.49
Indiana	5,011	0.80	-17,818	-2.87
Iowa	115	0.04	-41,489	-14.04
Kansas	-7,370	-2.67	-65,589	-24.04
Kentucky	9,650	2.30	44,188	10.71
Louisiana	-241,201	-54.85	-330,492	-75.48
Maine	927	0.70	36,792	28.31
Maryland	-25,610	-4.57	-13,017	-2.38
Massachusetts	-49,528	-7.70	-289,967	-45.31
Michigan	-65,123	-6.45	-239,349	-23.87
Minnesota	-4,509	-0.88	-26,574	-5.26
Mississippi	-14,854	-5.11	-25,280	-8.78
Missouri	13,338	2.29	37,638	6.57
Montana	6,614	7.04	24,944	26.99
Nebraska	-5,578	-3.16	-31,457	-18.07
Nevada	53,105	21.64	318,182	140.98
New Hampshire	2,170	1.66	40,531	31.72
New Jersey	-72,547	-8.33	-277,900	-32.39
New Mexico	8,784	4.53	22,887	12.12
New York	-225,766	-11.69	-1,242,869	-64.89
North Carolina	104,133	11.88	347,005	40.98
North Dakota	-2,113	-3.33	-21,149	-33.12
Ohio	-48,153	-4.20	-237,819	-20.82
Oklahoma	12,336	3.46	-4,799	-1.36
Oregon	34,332	9.36	108,748	30.49
Pennsylvania	-492	-0.04	-27,718	-2.24
Rhode Island	-12,566	-11.74	-18,742	-17.69
South Carolina	47,950	11.19	167,070	40.04
South Dakota	1,951	2.51	470	0.61
Tennessee	50,383	8.40	160,166	27.28
Texas	218,745	9.42	451,910	20.33
Utah	14,852	5.89	-17,709	-7.39
Vermont	-671	-1.08	2,822	4.57
Virginia	4,216	0.55	124,544	16.89
Washington	43,089	6.79	129,809	21.09
West Virginia	3,979	2.19	12,772	7.04
Wisconsin	-3,089	-0.56	9,224	1.69
Wyoming	2,946	5.76	4,611	9.14

* Base year 2000 census as of April 1; all other estimates as of July 1.

** Migration is measured per 1,000 total population at midpoint of period.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

