



2008 Update: Where They Come From, Where They Go

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Families moving to Vermont continue to report higher incomes than people who remain in the state or leave it. The latest data from the Internal Revenue Service show that individual filers and families who relocated to Vermont in 2007 had about 9.3 percent more income per family member than those who left. The new arrivals also had more income per family member—7 percent more—than Vermonters who stayed put last year.

According to the IRS’s report tracking migration patterns from 2006 to 2007, 16,238 people moved out of Vermont last year and 15,073 moved in.¹ The number that left the state was slightly lower than the number that left the previous year. However, the number moving to Vermont dropped about 8 percent.

¹ As an approximation of the number of people coming and going, the IRS tracks the returns filed and the exemptions (primary filers, secondary filers, and dependent children) reported on each return.

As in 2006, the people immigrating to Vermont had higher incomes than those who left. The newcomers reported average adjusted gross income per family member of \$28,570. For people who left, the comparable figure was \$26,141; for non-migrating taxpayers, \$26,697.

People moving here from New Jersey were much better heeled than non-migrating taxpayers. A little more than 500 people moved here from that state last year, with an average income per person of \$46,111. Almost 1,000 people moved here from Connecticut, and they came with about 50 percent more income than Vermonters who stayed put. Newcomers from Massachusetts earned about 20 percent more.

The Vermont migration figures for 2007 are reported below. **Figure 1** compares the total incomes of people moving in and out of the state in 2007. **Figures 2** and **3** show, by state, where Vermonters went when they left and where people lived before they moved into Vermont.

Figure 1. 2007 Aggregate Migration Data

	To Vermont			From Vermont		
	Number of Exemptions	Aggregate Adjusted Gross Income	Average AGI per Exemption	Number of Exemptions	Aggregate Adjusted Gross Income	Average AGI per Exemption
Total - U.S. and Foreign	15,073	\$430,634,000	\$28,570	16,238	\$424,472,000	\$26,141
Total - U.S.	14,597	\$420,742,000	\$28,824	15,860	\$417,562,000	\$26,328
Total - Foreign	476	\$9,892,000	\$20,782	378	\$6,910,000	\$18,280
Non-migrating filers	494,906	\$13,212,519,000	\$26,697	494,906	\$13,212,519,000	\$26,697

Source: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division; Public Assets Institute

2007 Aggregate Migration Data

Figure 2.

From	To Vermont		
	Number of Exemptions	Aggregate Adjusted Gross Income	Average AGI per Exemption
New Hampshire	2,174	\$45,958,000	\$21,140
New York	2,117	\$60,364,000	\$28,514
Massachusetts	1,840	\$59,668,000	\$32,428
Florida	976	\$22,384,000	\$22,934
Connecticut	922	\$36,818,000	\$39,933
California	578	\$17,634,000	\$30,509
New Jersey	515	\$23,747,000	\$46,111
Pennsylvania	491	\$14,214,000	\$28,949
Foreign	476	\$9,892,000	\$20,782
Maine	467	\$10,400,000	\$22,270
Virginia	411	\$12,448,000	\$30,287
North Carolina	329	\$12,124,000	\$36,851
Colorado	288	\$8,566,000	\$29,743
Maryland	281	\$10,339,000	\$36,794
Texas	238	\$7,318,000	\$30,748
Arizona	221	\$4,958,000	\$22,434
Ohio	212	\$5,721,000	\$26,986
Rhode Island	189	\$7,843,000	\$41,497
Michigan	180	\$5,623,000	\$31,239
Illinois	176	\$6,972,000	\$39,614
Georgia	173	\$4,238,000	\$24,497
Washington	161	\$4,214,000	\$26,174
South Carolina	135	\$2,946,000	\$21,822
Oregon	117	\$3,036,000	\$25,949
Wisconsin	114	\$2,553,000	\$22,395
Minnesota	102	\$2,655,000	\$26,029
Utah	99	\$2,462,000	\$24,869
Alaska	78	\$1,734,000	\$22,231
Indiana	75	\$1,579,000	\$21,053
Nevada	73	\$1,915,000	\$26,233
Tennessee	70	\$1,350,000	\$19,286
District Of Columbia	65	\$2,013,000	\$30,969
Montana	64	\$959,000	\$14,984
Louisiana	61	\$1,315,000	\$21,557
New Mexico	58	\$2,257,000	\$38,914
Kentucky	53	\$1,005,000	\$18,962
Missouri	50	\$1,085,000	\$21,700
West Virginia	49	\$883,000	\$18,020
Alabama	48	\$1,176,000	\$24,500
Iowa	43	\$1,406,000	\$32,698
Kansas	42	\$855,000	\$20,357
Hawaii	40	\$912,000	\$22,800
Oklahoma	40	\$852,000	\$21,300
Wyoming	37	\$665,000	\$17,973
Idaho	35	\$1,155,000	\$33,000
Delaware	29	\$772,000	\$26,621
Mississippi	27	\$479,000	\$17,741
Nebraska	20	\$359,000	\$17,950
Arkansas	19	\$524,000	\$27,579
South Dakota	8	\$129,000	\$16,125
North Dakota	7	\$161,000	\$23,000

Figure 3.

To	From Vermont		
	Number of Exemptions	Aggregate Adjusted Gross Income	Average AGI per Exemption
New Hampshire	2,284	\$56,627,000	\$24,793
New York	1,958	\$48,207,000	\$24,621
Massachusetts	1,616	\$42,997,000	\$26,607
Florida	1,397	\$45,498,000	\$32,568
California	706	\$16,336,000	\$23,139
North Carolina	696	\$17,617,000	\$25,312
Maine	596	\$13,351,000	\$22,401
Connecticut	537	\$16,044,000	\$29,877
Virginia	467	\$12,811,000	\$27,433
Pennsylvania	427	\$11,942,000	\$27,967
Foreign	378	\$6,910,000	\$18,280
Texas	374	\$9,035,000	\$24,158
Colorado	345	\$8,269,000	\$23,968
Arizona	336	\$8,852,000	\$26,345
Georgia	314	\$6,557,000	\$20,882
New Jersey	291	\$7,634,000	\$26,234
South Carolina	258	\$9,904,000	\$38,388
Washington	236	\$6,286,000	\$26,636
Ohio	214	\$5,205,000	\$24,322
Utah	204	\$7,240,000	\$35,490
Maryland	191	\$5,831,000	\$30,529
Illinois	177	\$6,367,000	\$35,972
Michigan	168	\$4,589,000	\$27,315
Tennessee	164	\$3,533,000	\$21,543
Rhode Island	153	\$3,222,000	\$21,059
Oregon	140	\$2,835,000	\$20,250
Indiana	117	\$2,146,000	\$18,342
Wisconsin	109	\$2,727,000	\$25,018
Missouri	108	\$2,151,000	\$19,917
Minnesota	105	\$3,930,000	\$37,429
Montana	93	\$2,165,000	\$23,280
Idaho	86	\$1,736,000	\$20,186
Alabama	84	\$1,936,000	\$23,048
New Mexico	81	\$1,751,000	\$21,617
Alaska	74	\$1,283,000	\$17,338
Nevada	73	\$1,929,000	\$26,425
Kentucky	73	\$2,341,000	\$32,068
District Of Columbia	71	\$4,385,000	\$61,761
Kansas	71	\$1,920,000	\$27,042
Hawaii	64	\$1,802,000	\$28,156
Wyoming	55	\$1,265,000	\$23,000
Oklahoma	48	\$805,000	\$16,771
West Virginia	48	\$872,000	\$18,167
Louisiana	44	\$690,000	\$15,682
Mississippi	43	\$1,196,000	\$27,814
Arkansas	42	\$803,000	\$19,119
Delaware	36	\$735,000	\$20,417
Iowa	30	\$565,000	\$18,833
Nebraska	27	\$577,000	\$21,370
South Dakota	23	\$894,000	\$38,870
North Dakota	6	\$164,000	\$27,333

Source: Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Division; Public Assets Institute



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