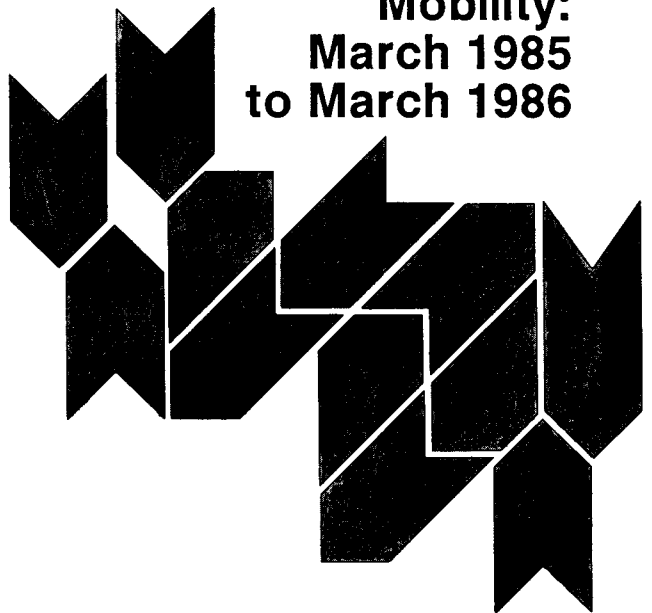


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INTRODUCTION

This report provides detailed statistics on the geographical mobility of Americans. The data were collected in the March 1986 Current Population Survey. In previous years, the migration reports in this series have included an analytical text. However, this year a new approach is being adopted in an attempt to speed the publication of the data. In this new format, the reports will consist primarily of data tables, without any corresponding analytical text. We plan to issue more detailed analysis of these and related migration data from other sources in a new series of subject-specific analytical reports providing in-depth treatment of trends of topical interest.

This publication does, however, include a few highlights of some of the most important changes that have occurred since last year, with particular reference to the rates of movement and changes in regional patterns of population movement. The text tables provided in the report summarize data from the detailed tables on these and additional subjects.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The annual rate of moving declined to 18.6 (± 0.33) percent during the 1985-86 period, down from 20.2 (± 0.35) percent for the previous annual period.
- This decline is due to a drop in the rate of local moving (within the same county) from 13.1 (± 0.29) percent for 1984-85, to 11.3 (± 0.27) percent for 1985-86. Local moving rates were very low during the early part of this decade (between 10.0 and 10.5 percent) before rising to the 1984-85 rate.
- The rate of moving from one State to another remained at about 3.0 (± 0.15) percent per year, while the rate of moving between counties within the same State was 3.7 percent. Since 1980, this latter rate has remained fairly steady, fluctuating around 3.5 percent per year.
- Neither the Midwest nor the South had a significant change in population through internal migration for the 1985-86 period. This was a deviation from the usual pattern of net migration losses for the Midwest and net migration gains for the South. The Northeast continued to have a significant net loss of population due to migration while the West again had a significant net gain. (See previous reports in the P-20 series.)
- Metropolitan areas in the aggregate gained population (+633,000) at the expense of nonmetropolitan areas. However, the central cities of metropolitan areas lost population to both nonmetropolitan areas and the suburbs (-1,366,000 persons), while the suburbs gained population from both of the other types of areas (+1,999,000).

Table A. Annual Geographical Mobility Rates, by Type of Movement: 1980-86

(Numbers in thousands)

Mobility period	Total, 1 year old and over	Total mov- ers	Moved within the United States					Moved from abroad
			Total	Same county (local move)	Different county			
					Total	Same State	Different State	
1985-86	232,998	43,237	42,037	26,401	15,636	8,665	6,971	1,200
1984-85	230,333	46,470	45,043	30,126	14,917	7,995	6,921	1,427
1983-84	228,323	39,379	38,300	23,659	14,641	8,198	6,444	1,079
1982-83	225,874	37,408	36,430	22,858	13,572	7,403	6,169	978
1981-82	223,719	38,127	37,039	23,081	13,959	7,330	6,628	1,088
1980-81	221,641	38,200	36,887	23,097	13,789	7,614	6,175	1,313
PERCENT								
1985-86	100.0	18.6	18.0	11.3	6.7	3.7	3.0	0.5
1984-85	100.0	20.2	19.6	13.1	6.5	3.5	3.0	0.6
1983-84	100.0	17.2	16.8	10.4	6.4	3.6	2.8	0.5
1982-83	100.0	16.6	16.1	10.1	6.0	3.3	2.7	0.4
1981-82	100.0	17.0	16.6	10.3	6.2	3.3	3.0	0.5
1980-81	100.0	17.2	16.6	10.4	6.2	3.4	2.8	0.6

Table B. Selected Characteristics of Persons 1 Year and Older, by Mobility Status and Type of Movement: 1985-86

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total, 1 year and over	Nonmovers	Moved within the United States					Moved from abroad
			Total	Same county (local move)	Different county			
					Total	Same State	Different State	
Number								
Age:								
Total, 1 year and over	232,998	189,760	42,037	26,401	15,636	8,665	6,971	1,200
1 to 4 years	14,370	10,410	3,867	2,555	1,312	697	616	94
5 to 9 years	17,113	13,575	3,464	2,320	1,144	622	522	73
10 to 14 years	16,687	14,017	2,599	1,756	843	443	400	72
15 to 19 years	18,274	15,122	3,024	1,840	1,184	607	577	128
20 to 24 years	19,948	12,689	7,030	4,419	2,611	1,497	1,114	229
25 to 29 years	21,619	14,340	7,100	4,406	2,693	1,516	1,177	179
30 to 34 years	20,434	15,709	4,595	2,937	1,657	858	799	130
35 to 44 years	32,508	27,230	5,111	3,167	1,944	1,086	858	167
45 to 54 years	22,662	20,317	2,284	1,383	901	530	371	62
55 to 64 years	22,061	20,385	1,640	861	779	516	263	36
65 to 74 years	16,879	16,103	756	424	333	163	170	20
75 years and over	10,442	9,864	568	332	235	129	106	11
Sex:								
Male	113,124	91,405	21,085	13,115	7,970	4,422	3,548	634
Female	119,873	98,355	20,952	13,286	7,666	4,243	3,423	566
Race:								
White	197,949	161,560	35,588	21,826	13,762	7,709	6,052	801
Black	27,972	22,732	5,119	3,686	1,433	721	712	120
Other races	7,077	5,468	1,330	889	441	235	207	279
Educational attainment:								
Total 18 years and over	173,718	142,243	30,586	18,832	11,754	6,608	5,146	890
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	20,513	17,938	2,388	1,641	747	489	258	187
High school: 1 to 4 years	90,698	74,611	15,723	10,168	5,555	3,204	2,351	363
College: 1 to 4 years	50,431	39,893	10,277	5,906	4,371	2,405	1,966	261
5 years or more	12,076	9,801	2,197	1,117	1,080	510	570	78
Labor force status:								
Total 16 years and over	181,034	148,553	31,541	19,429	12,112	6,808	5,304	940
Civilian labor force	116,087	91,995	23,631	14,929	8,702	5,063	3,639	461
Employed	107,381	85,802	21,196	13,460	7,736	4,598	3,138	383
Unemployed	8,706	6,193	2,435	1,469	966	465	501	78
Armed Forces	1,090	571	419	155	264	55	210	100
Not in the labor force	63,857	55,987	7,491	4,345	3,146	1,690	1,456	379
Region of residence:								
Northeast	48,747	42,498	6,050	3,759	2,291	1,330	961	198
Midwest	57,808	47,792	9,858	6,312	3,546	2,015	1,531	158
South	79,453	63,552	15,559	9,524	6,035	3,238	2,797	342
West	46,990	35,918	10,570	6,807	3,763	2,082	1,681	502
Percent								
Age:								
Total, 1 year and over	100.0	81.4	18.0	11.3	6.7	3.7	3.0	0.5
1 to 4 years	100.0	72.4	26.9	17.8	9.1	4.9	4.3	0.7
5 to 9 years	100.0	79.3	20.2	13.6	6.7	3.6	3.1	0.4
10 to 14 years	100.0	84.0	15.6	10.5	5.1	2.7	2.4	0.4
15 to 19 years	100.0	82.8	16.5	10.1	6.5	3.3	3.2	0.7
20 to 24 years	100.0	63.6	35.2	22.2	13.1	7.5	5.6	1.1
25 to 29 years	100.0	66.3	32.8	20.4	12.5	7.0	5.4	0.8
30 to 34 years	100.0	76.9	22.5	14.4	8.1	4.2	3.9	0.6
35 to 44 years	100.0	83.8	15.7	9.7	6.0	3.3	2.6	0.5
45 to 54 years	100.0	89.7	10.1	6.1	4.0	2.3	1.6	0.3
55 to 64 years	100.0	92.4	7.4	3.9	3.5	2.3	1.2	0.2
65 to 74 years	100.0	95.4	4.5	2.5	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.1
75 years and over	100.0	94.5	5.4	3.2	2.3	1.2	1.0	0.1
Sex:								
Male	100.0	80.8	18.6	11.6	7.0	3.9	3.1	0.6
Female	100.0	82.0	17.5	11.1	6.4	3.5	2.9	0.5
Race:								
White	100.0	81.6	18.0	11.0	7.0	3.9	3.1	0.4
Black	100.0	81.3	18.3	13.2	5.1	2.6	2.5	0.4
Other races	100.0	77.3	18.8	12.6	6.2	3.3	2.9	3.9

Table B. Selected Characteristics of Persons 1 Year and Older, by Mobility Status and Type of Movement: 1985-86—Continued

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristic	Total, 1 year and over	Nonmovers	Moved within the United States					Moved from abroad
			Total	Same county (local move)	Different county			
					Total	Same State	Different State	
Percent—Continued								
Educational attainment:								
Total 18 years and over	100.0	81.9	17.6	10.8	6.8	3.8	3.0	0.5
Elementary: 0 to 8 years	100.0	87.4	11.6	8.0	3.6	2.4	1.3	0.9
High school: 1 to 4 years	100.0	82.3	17.3	11.2	6.1	3.5	2.6	0.4
College: 1 to 4 years	100.0	79.1	20.4	11.7	8.7	4.8	3.9	0.5
5 years or more	100.0	81.2	18.2	9.2	8.9	4.2	4.7	0.6
Labor force status:								
Total 16 years and over	100.0	82.1	17.4	10.7	6.7	3.8	2.9	0.5
Civilian labor force	100.0	79.2	20.4	12.9	7.5	4.4	3.1	0.4
Employed	100.0	79.9	19.7	12.5	7.2	4.3	2.9	0.4
Unemployed	100.0	71.1	28.0	16.9	11.1	5.3	5.8	0.9
Armed Forces	100.0	52.4	38.4	14.2	24.2	5.0	19.3	9.2
Not in the labor force	100.0	87.7	11.7	6.8	4.9	2.6	2.3	0.6
Region of residence:								
Northeast	100.0	87.2	12.4	7.7	4.7	2.7	2.0	0.4
Midwest	100.0	82.7	17.1	10.9	6.1	3.5	2.6	0.3
South	100.0	80.0	19.6	12.0	7.6	4.1	3.5	0.4
West	100.0	76.4	22.5	14.5	8.0	4.4	3.6	1.1

Table C. Movement Between Regions: 1985-86, 1984-85, and 1983-84

(Numbers in thousands)

Region moved from	All movers	Region moved to			
		Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1985-86:					
Total movers	3,778	502	1,011	1,355	910
Northeast	752	(X)	119	451	182
Midwest	996	88	(X)	559	349
South	1,320	265	676	(X)	379
West	710	149	216	345	(X)
1984-85:					
Total movers	3,647	482	842	1,329	994
Northeast	691	(X)	124	400	167
Midwest	1,053	142	(X)	582	329
South	1,169	269	402	(X)	498
West	734	71	316	347	(X)
1983-84:					
Total movers	3,540	487	820	1,399	834
Northeast	578	(X)	124	355	99
Midwest	1,102	105	(X)	624	373
South	973	252	359	(X)	362
West	887	130	337	420	(X)

X Not applicable.

Table D. Annual Immigration, Outmigration, and Net Migration for Regions: 1980-86

(Numbers in thousands)

Period	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
1980-81:				
Immigrants	464	650	1,377	871
Outmigrants	706	1,056	890	710
Net migration	-242	-406	+487	+161
1981-82:				
Immigrants	473	793	1,482	931
Outmigrants	685	1,163	1,012	819
Net migration	-212	-370	+470	+112
1982-83:				
Immigrants	439	661	1,211	880
Outmigrants	625	947	973	645
Net migration	-186	-286	+238	+235
1983-84:				
Immigrants	487	820	1,399	834
Outmigrants	578	1,102	973	887
Net migration	-91	-282	+426	-53
1984-85:				
Immigrants	482	842	1,329	994
Outmigrants	691	1,053	1,169	734
Net migration	-209	-211	+160	+260
1985-86:				
Immigrants	502	1,011	1,355	910
Outmigrants	752	996	1,320	710
Net migration	-250	+15	+35	+200

Table E. Movement between Central Cities, Suburbs, and Nonmetropolitan Areas: 1985-86

(Numbers in thousands)

Movement from--	To central cities	To suburbs	To nonmetro areas
Central cities	(X)	5,001	753
Suburbs	3,427	(X)	1,053
Nonmetro areas	961	1,478	(X)

X Not applicable.

Table F. Immigrants, Outmigrants, and Net Migration for Central Cities, Suburbs, and Nonmetropolitan Areas: 1985-86

(Numbers in thousands)

Area	In-migrants	Out-migrants	Net migration
Metropolitan areas	10,867	10,234	+633
Central cities	4,388	5,754	-1,366
Suburbs	6,479	4,480	+1,999
Nonmetropolitan areas	1,806	2,439	-633

Table Finding Guide--Subjects, by Type of Mobility and Table Number

Subject	Detailed mobility	General mobility	Mobility for MSA's	Mobility for central cities	Regional mobility
General and Social Characteristics					
Age	4	5,6,13,18,24,27	9,11,14,16,22,28,32,34, 36,37,38	10,12,15,17,23,30,33	6,7,40,41
Race	1,35,39	2,3,43	2,3,8,25,29,34,36, 37,38,43	26,31,42	2,3,7,8,39,40,42
Hispanic origin	1		25,29,37,38	26,31	
Years of school completed		24	22,25,37,38	23,26	40,41
Marital status		27	32	33	
Household relationship			8,9	10	8
Families	35	13,18,21	11,14,16,19,34,36,37,38	12,15,17,20	40,41
Own children		18,21	14,16,19	15,17,20	
Unrelated individuals			36		
Economic Characteristics					
Employment status		27	28,29,37,28	30,31	40,41
Occupation			28,29	30,31	40,41
Income		18	16,32,37,38	17,33	
Public assistance	35		34,37,38		
Poverty status			36		40,41