Who's Dissatisfied? Race and Ethnic Differences in Residential Dissatisfaction and Migration, 2010-2011*

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#### Abstract

Using longitudinal data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), I examine race and ethnic differences in the likelihood of reporting unfavorable housing, neighborhood, and local services along with whether individuals move upon expressing residential dissatisfaction. The first portion of the analysis looks at the relationship between individual socio-demographic statuses and place characteristics on the residential dissatisfaction of Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics. Housing tenure, duration of residence, home equity, and social and economic characteristics are included as measures of individual statuses. The second section of the analysis focuses on the impact of individual statuses, place characteristics, and residential dissatisfaction on the migration behavior of these race and ethnic groups. Census tract of residence combined with aggregated tract data on neighborhood socioeconomic status and housing supply from the American Community Survey (ACS) serve as place characteristics.


## Introduction

The residential environment, defined broadly as the housing unit, neighborhood, and local community, plays an important role in shaping economic opportunities, health, social relationships, and exposure to crime and disorder (Leventhal and Brooks-Gunn 2000; Diez Roux 2001; Sampson et. al. 2002). Therefore, understanding how frequently individuals move out of neighborhoods lacking in economic opportunities or neighborhood instability has broad ranging policy implications.

A longstanding observation in the social sciences is that race and ethnic minorities frequently live in lower quality housing units and neighborhoods than non-Hispanic Whites, and these vulnerable groups are less likely to escape these circumstances by moving (for example, see South and Deane 1993; South and Crowder 1997; Freeman 2005). However, the recent collapse of the housing market and subsequent economic recession has had widespread impacts on access to credit, homeownership, and rental market prices. Additional historical systemic barriers including discriminatory and predatory lending have impacted homeownership access for minority groups. These impacts have created a rapidly changing housing market, necessitating the need for timely data on the housing and mobility patterns of all groups, and particularly those who might be most impacted by these changes.

Initial evidence suggests that Blacks and Hispanics, who benefited greatly from increased access to credit during the housing boom of the early 2000s, also faired the worst during the housing bust (Kochhar et. al. 2009). However, this evidence is limited to comparisons of homeownership and mobility rates before and after the collapse of the housing market. While these studies are useful, they provide limited information on who wants to move, how frequently they move, and what social demographic, housing, and neighborhood characteristics moderate the relationship between wanting to move and moving. This project uses longitudinal data from the 2008 panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) linked to tract-level data from the 20062010 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates to understand how frequently residentially dissatisfied individuals of differing race and ethnic groups move.

## Research questions

1. Are there differences in reported residential dissatisfaction between Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics?
2. How do the socio-demographic, economic, housing and tract characteristics of dissatisfied householders vary by race and ethnic status?
3. Are there differences in the moving rates of dissatisfied Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics?
4. How do the socio-demographic, economic, housing, and tract characteristics of dissatisfied householders vary by race, ethnicity, and mover status?
5. Which factors are most important for explaining race and ethnic differences in residential dissatisfaction and mobility behavior?

## Data

The 2008 SIPP follows an initial sample of about 50,000 households for a 4-year period provided they remain in non-institutionalized residential settings in the continental U.S. during this time. Respondents are interviewed every 4 months and core data on the characteristics of respondents at the time of the interview, including sex, age, presence of children, race, ethnicity, nativity, education, income, and tenure, are collected. In addition to core characteristics, SIPP also collects detailed information during topical modules, which are typically asked only during one or two interview periods over the course of the panel. Data on residential satisfaction are included in the 2008 Wave 6 Adult Well-Being Topical Module. Data on self-reported homeequity are obtained from the Wave 4 Assets and Liabilities Topical Module. Residence information prior to the start of the SIPP panel is collected in the Wave 2 Migration History Module. Detailed address information is collected for the interview residence during each SIPP interview period. While only state of residence is released in the public use files, this project uses restricted-access information on census tract of current residence linked with aggregated tract information from the 2006-2010 ACS as proxies for residential quality. ${ }^{1}$

[^0]The universe for this project is all non-Hispanic White, non-Hispanic Black, and Hispanic householders who answered the Wave 6 Adult Well-Being Topical Module and had valid residence information on the restricted-access SIPP files that could be coded to the Census tract. ${ }^{2}$ About 3 percent of households were missing tract-level geography; these householders were excluded from the analysis.

Because our analysis focuses so largely on race and ethnicity, correctly defining the groups under analysis is important. Federal surveys now give respondents the option of reporting more than one race, which means that two basic ways of defining a race group are possible. First, a group such as Blacks may be defined as those who report that they are Black and no other race the race-alone or single-race concept. Alternatively, the group may be comprised of those who reported that they were Black, regardless of whether they also reported another race - the race-alone-or-in-combination concept. The body of this paper (text, figures, and tables) uses the racealone concept, and therefore reports data for people who reported that they were White or Black alone. People who reported any of those races in combination with another race, as well as people who reported another race alone, are excluded from the analysis. ${ }^{3}$

Although Hispanics may be of any race, data in this paper for Hispanics do not overlap with data for the Whites and Blacks - in other words, all race/ethnicity categories are mutually exclusive. In the text of this paper, the groups "White alone, non-Hispanic," and "Black alone, nonHispanic" are referred to as "White" and "Black".

## Key Variables

Residential dissatisfaction - respondents who answered yes to one of the following questions are considered to be highly dissatisfied with their residential environments: (1.) Are conditions in your home undesirable enough that you would like to move? (2.) Overall, is the threat of crime where you live undesirable enough that you would like to move? (3.) Is your neighborhood undesirable enough that you would like to move? and (4.) Are the public services undesirable enough that you would like to move? For descriptive purposes, this group is called the "wants to move" group. Respondents who did not answer "yes" to one of these questions are classified in the "did not want to move" group, indicating they did not want to move because of residential dissatisfaction. However, those in this group may still be dissatisfied with their residential environments, just not to the extent that they report wanting to move.

Migration Behavior - Respondents who changed residences from the first month of Wave 7 to the fourth month of Wave 9 are considered movers (the one-year period following the Wave 6 Adult Well-Being Topical Module. In the event that a respondent left the survey, data on the reason the respondent left the survey was used to classify the respondent's migration status.

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## Results

Table 1 reports frequencies for Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics, on the four variables that were used to calculate the residential dissatisfaction measure primarily used in this paper: (1.) Are conditions in your home undesirable enough that you would like to move? (2.) Overall, is the threat of crime where you live undesirable enough that you would like to move? (3.) Is your neighborhood undesirable enough that you would like to move? and (4.) Are the public services undesirable enough that you would like to move? The results indicate that White householders reported lower instances of residential dissatisfaction so bad that they wanted to move than Blacks and Hispanics. ${ }^{4}$ For example, Whites were about half as likely to report dissatisfaction so severe they wanted to move for any reason compared to Blacks. Moreover, Black householders were the most likely to indicate dissatisfaction with multiple aspects of their residential environment.

Table 2 reports the demographic and neighborhood characteristics of race and ethnic groups by residential dissatisfaction. The results indicate that there were substantial differences in the characteristics of householders who report wanting to move because of residential dissatisfaction. Across all three groups, female-headed family households were more likely to be found in the "wanted to move for housing, safety, neighborhood, or services" group than the "did not want to move group". The presence of children in a household may both heighten awareness of negative aspects of the residential environment and discourage moving out of concerns for disrupting schooling. 50.7 percent of Blacks and 46.4 percent of Hispanics in the "wanted to move" group had annual household incomes under $\$ 25,000$. Those with lower incomes may not be able to afford to live in higher quality homes and neighborhoods. Hispanics who reported wanting to move because of residential dissatisfaction were more likely to be found in the West than other regions. Metropolitan areas in the West were hit hardest by the housing market collapse, and Hispanics living in these areas may be enduring widespread foreclosures and tightened access to quality rental units. Interestingly, Black homeowners in the "wanted to move" group had longer median residential durations (median months lived in the unit) than those in the "did not want to move" group. While lengthy residential durations alone might indicate satisfaction with the housing unit and neighborhood, the aforementioned finding for Black homeowners is striking and may indicate an inability to escape poor residential circumstances for this group.

Table 2 also provides some evidence of the objective neighborhood conditions around the housing units of race and ethnic groups through reported tract of residence characteristics. The results for this section suggest that Whites in the "wanted to move" group frequently live in Census tracts with more favorable characteristics than Blacks and Hispanics in the "did not want to move group". For example, Whites in the "wanted to move" group live in census tracts with lower poverty, higher median incomes, and fewer vacant units than Blacks in the "did not want to move" group.

[^2]Table 3 reports residential satisfaction by 1-year mobility status and tenure and provides initial evidence for who moves and who does not. It appears that Whites who wanted to move because of residential dissatisfaction did so at higher rates than the overall White population. However, dissatisfied Blacks and Hispanics did so at lower rates than the average group member.

In Tables 4 and 5 I move to the multivariate analysis of wanting to move and actual mobility. Race and ethnicity are includes as controls in models predicting both dissatisfaction and mobility. Tenure status, socio-demographic characteristics, tract characteristics, and region are also included in a series of stepwise regressions as potential explanatory factors.

Table 4 presents the weighted logistic regressions predicting wanting to move. While Blacks and Hispanics were more likely than Whites to report wanting to move because of residential dissatisfaction, this was explained largely by differences in individual and tract characteristics between the groups. That is, after controlling for relevant individual and location characteristics, the results indicate Blacks and Hispanics are less likely to report residential dissatisfaction than are Whites (Model 6). In other words, a Black or Hispanic householder with similar sociodemographic characteristics to a White householder, living in similar census tract, in a similar region of the country, is less likely to report wanting to move than the White householder.

Tables 5 and 6 present the weighted logistic regressions predicting a move. Though individual and locational characteristics explain a significant proportion of race/ethnic differences in reports of wanting to move for residential dissatisfaction, these characteristics did not account for race/ethnic differences in actual moving behavior. After controlling for tenure status, dissatisfied Whites, Blacks and Hispanics are significantly less likely to move than are dissatisfied Whites. This result implies that the socio-demographic and locational characteristics used in this paper are unable to account for differences in mobility rates between dissatisfied Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics.

## Major Findings

The descriptive results suggest that Blacks and Hispanics were far more likely to report dissatisfaction with at least one aspect of their residential environment so severe they wanted to move than are Whites. Yet, dissatisfied Black and Hispanic householders were less likely to move over the course of one calendar year than the average group member. Only dissatisfied Whites had higher mover rates compared to the overall White mover rate.

The multivariate results indicate that the higher reports of residential dissatisfaction among Blacks and Hispanics compared to Whites are the results of differences in socio-demographic and locational characteristics. A Black or Hispanic householder with similar socio-demographic characteristics to a White householder, living in similar census tract, in a similar region of the country, was actually less likely to report severe residential dissatisfaction than the White householder.

However, these socio-demographic and location characteristics did not account for differences in the mover rates of dissatisfied White, Black, and Hispanic householders. Both dissatisfied Black
and Hispanic householders remained significantly less likely to move than dissatisfied White householders after controlling for these factors.

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## Accuracy of the Estimates

Statistics from surveys are subject to sampling and nonsampling error. All comparisons presented in this report have taken sampling error into account and are significant at the 90percent confidence level unless otherwise noted. This typically means the 90 -percent confidence interval for the differences between the estimates being compared does not include zero.

Nonsampling errors in surveys may be attributed to a variety of sources, such as how the survey is designed, how respondents interpret questions, how able and willing respondents are to provide correct answers and how accurately the answers are coded and classified. The Census Bureau employs quality control procedures throughout the production process including the overall design of surveys, the wording of questions, the review of the work of the interviewers and coders, and the statistical review of reports to minimize these errors. The SIPP weighting procedure uses ratio estimation whereby sample estimates are adjusted to independent estimates of the national population by age, race, sex and Hispanic Origin. This weighting partially corrects for bias due to undercoverage, but biases may still be present when people who are missed by the survey differ from those interviewed in ways other than age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin. How this weighting procedure affects other variables in the survey is not
precisely known. All of these considerations affect comparisons across different surveys or data sources.

For further information on statistical standards and the computation and use of standard errors, go to http://www.census.gov/sipp/source.html or contact Tracy Mattingly of the Census Bureau's Demographic Statistical Methods Division on the internet at Tracy.l.Mattingly@census.gov.
Additional information on the SIPP can be found at the following websites:
<www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/> (the main SIPP website),
<www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/workpapr/wp230.pdf> (SIPP Quality Profile), and <www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/usrguide/sipp2001.pdf> (SIPP User’s Guide).
Table 1: Detailed Residential Dissatisfaction by Race and Ethnicity

| Characteristic | Total |  | Not dissatisfied |  | Residential dissatisfaction. R wants to move for... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Any reason | Multiple reasons |  | Housing reason |  | Sattey reason |  | Neighborhood reason |  | Service reason |  |
|  | Number | Percent |  |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 108,070 | 100.0 | 97,974 | 90.7 | 10,095 | 9.3 | 4,731 | 4.4 | 6,334 | 5.9 | 4,391 | 4.1 | 5,041 | 4.7 | 1,884 | 1.7 |
| Race and Hispanic Origin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White, non-Hispanic, alone | 81,267 | 100.0 | 75,140 | 76.7 | 6,126 | 7.5 | 2,547 | 3.1 | 3,901 | 4.8 | 2,199 | 2.7 | 2,906 | 3.6 | 1,016 | 1.2 |
| Black, non-Hispanic, alone | 13,722 | 100.0 | 11,486 | 11.7 | 2,236 | 16.3 | 1,302 | 9.5 | 1,383 | 10.1 | 1,281 | 9.3 | 1,218 | 8.9 | 569 | 4.1 |
| Hispanic, of any race, alone or in combination | 13,082 | 100.0 | 11,348 | 11.6 | 1,733 | 13.3 | 881 | 6.7 | 1,050 | 8.0 | 910 | 7.0 | 917 | 7.0 | 298 | 2.3 |


| Characteristic | Total |  |  |  | White |  |  |  | Black |  |  |  | Hispanic |  |  |  |
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|  | Not diss |  | Diss |  | Not diss |  | Diss |  | Not diss |  | Diss |  | Not diss |  | Diss |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 97,974 | 100.00 | 10,095 | 100.00 | 75,140 | 100.00 | 6,126 | 100.00 | 11,486 | 100.00 | 2,236 | 100.00 | 11,348 | 100.00 | 1,733 | 100.00 |
| Tenure |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Renter | 28,915 | 29.51 | 5,666 | 56.13 | 17,852 | 23.76 | 2,807 | 45.81 | 5,648 | 49.17 | 1,663 | 74.39 | 5,415 | 47.72 | 1,196 | 69.02 |
| Owner | 69,060 | 70.49 | 4,429 | 43.88 | 57,289 | 76.24 | 3,320 | 54.19 | 5,838 | 50.83 | 573 | 25.61 | 5,933 | 52.28 | 537 | 30.98 |
| Positive equity | 5,297 | 5.41 | 610 | 6.04 | 3,846 | 6.71 | 406 | 12.22 | 674 | 11.54 | 78 | 13.68 | 778 | 13.11 | 126 | 23.40 |
| Negative equity | 63,762 | 65.08 | 3,819 | 37.84 | 53,443 | 93.29 | 2,914 | 87.78 | 5,164 | 88.46 | 494 | 86.32 | 5,155 | 86.89 | 411 | 76.60 |
| Median duration of residence in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Renter |  | 28.00 |  | 28.00 |  | 25.00 |  | 27.00 |  | 30.00 |  | 28.00 |  | 33.00 |  | 35.00 |
| Owner |  | 124.00 |  | 110.00 |  | 129.00 |  | 116.00 |  | 120.00 |  | 149.00 |  | 84.00 |  | 81.00 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 to 24 years | 3,061 | 3.12 | 599 | 5.93 | 2,141 | 2.85 | 322 | 5.26 | 416 | 3.62 | 163 | 7.29 | 504 | 4.44 | 113 | 6.53 |
| 25 to 34 years | 14,256 | 14.55 | 2,355 | 23.33 | 9,911 | 13.19 | 1,320 | 21.54 | 1,943 | 16.92 | 531 | 23.77 | 2,401 | 21.16 | 504 | 29.08 |
| 35 to 44 years | 17,627 | 17.99 | 2,080 | 20.61 | 12,285 | 16.35 | 1,198 | 19.55 | 2,364 | 20.58 | 423 | 18.91 | 2,978 | 26.24 | 460 | 26.53 |
| 45 to 54 years | 21,484 | 21.93 | 2,342 | 23.20 | 16,223 | 21.59 | 1,473 | 24.04 | 2,644 | 23.02 | 503 | 22.48 | 2,618 | 23.07 | 367 | 21.18 |
| 55 to 64 years | 18,358 | 18.74 | 1,591 | 15.76 | 14,891 | 19.82 | 1,027 | 16.76 | 2,028 | 17.66 | 384 | 17.18 | 1,439 | 12.68 | 180 | 10.40 |
| 65 years and over | 23,189 | 23.67 | 1,128 | 11.17 | 19,689 | 26.20 | 787 | 12.84 | 2,091 | 18.20 | 232 | 10.38 | 1,409 | 12.42 | 109 | 6.28 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 51,304 | 52.37 | 6,128 | 60.71 | 38,913 | 51.79 | 3,527 | 57.57 | 7,044 | 61.33 | 1,553 | 69.45 | 5,347 | 47.12 | 1,049 | 60.50 |
| Male | 46,670 | 47.64 | 3,967 | 39.30 | 36,227 | 48.21 | 2,600 | 42.43 | 4,442 | 38.67 | 683 | 30.55 | 6,001 | 52.88 | 685 | 39.50 |
| Nativity and Citizenship |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Native-bom | 87,311 | 89.12 | 8,798 | 87.15 | 71,255 | 94.83 | 5,821 | 95.01 | 10,125 | 88.15 | 2,026 | 90.60 | 5,930 | 52.26 | 952 | 54.90 |
| Foreign-born | 10,663 | 10.88 | 1,298 | 12.85 | 3,885 | 5.17 | 306 | 4.99 | 1,361 | 11.85 | 210 | 9.40 | 5,418 | 47.74 | 782 | 45.10 |
| Citizen | 5,622 | 5.74 | 571 | 5.66 | 2,621 | 3.49 | 181 | 2.95 | 848 | 7.38 | 103 | 4.59 | 2,154 | 18.98 | 288 | 16.59 |
| Non-citizen | 5,041 | 5.15 | 727 | 7.20 | 1,264 | 1.68 | 125 | 2.04 | 513 | 4.47 | 108 | 4.81 | 3,264 | 28.76 | 494 | 28.51 |
| Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maried | 50,848 | 51.90 | 3,985 | 39.47 | 40,788 | 54.28 | 2,700 | 44.06 | 3,649 | 31.77 | 489 | 21.88 | 6,412 | 56.50 | 796 | 45.93 |
| Widowed | 11,053 | 11.28 | 660 | 6.54 | 9,101 | 12.11 | 438 | 7.16 | 1,307 | 11.38 | 150 | 6.70 | 645 | 5.68 | 72 | 4.16 |
| Divorced/Separated | 18,332 | 18.71 | 2,555 | 25.31 | 13,700 | 18.23 | 1,561 | 25.49 | 2,651 | 23.08 | 589 | 26.36 | 1,982 | 17.46 | 404 | 23.32 |
| Never married | 17,740 | 18.11 | 2,895 | 28.68 | 11,552 | 15.37 | 1,427 | 23.29 | 3,879 | 33.77 | 1,007 | 45.06 | 2,309 | 20.35 | 461 | 26.58 |
| Household Type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Family household - maried couple | 49,254 | 50.27 | 3,810 | 37.74 | 39,833 | 53.01 | 2,597 | 42.39 | 3,358 | 29.23 | 453 | 20.28 | 6,063 | 53.43 | 759 | 43.81 |
| Family household - male | 4,480 | 4.57 | 631 | 6.25 | 2,785 | 3.71 | 336 | 5.48 | 707 | 6.16 | 127 | 5.66 | 987 | 8.70 | 169 | 9.77 |
| Family household - female | 11,301 | 11.53 | 2,371 | 23.49 | 6,391 | 8.50 | 981 | 16.01 | 2,991 | 26.04 | 880 | 39.37 | 1,919 | 16.91 | 510 | 29.44 |
| Non-fmily household - male | 14,949 | 15.26 | 1,304 | 12.92 | 11,647 | 15.50 | 846 | 13.81 | 1,992 | 17.34 | 337 | 15.06 | 1,310 | 11.54 | 121 | 7.00 |
| Non-fmily household - female | 17,748 | 18.11 | 1,927 | 19.09 | 14,285 | 19.01 | 1,335 | 21.79 | 2,414 | 21.02 | 428 | 19.14 | 1,049 | 9.24 | 164 | 9.46 |


| Characteristic | Total |  |  |  | White |  |  |  | Black |  |  |  | Hispanic |  |  |  |
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|  | Not diss |  | Diss |  | Not diss |  | Diss |  | Not diss |  | Diss |  | Not diss |  | Diss |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Own Children Under 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not present | 69,912 | 71.36 | 6,155 | 60.97 | 56,041 | 74.58 | 4,103 | 66.97 | 7,971 | 69.39 | 1,331 | 59.55 | 5,901 | 52.00 | 720 | 41.56 |
| Age 0-5 | 6,057 | 6.18 | 969 | 9.60 | 4,348 | 5.79 | 585 | 9.56 | 645 | 5.61 | 181 | 8.10 | 1,064 | 9.38 | 203 | 11.70 |
| Age 6-17 | 16,195 | 16.53 | 1,951 | 19.32 | 11,303 | 15.04 | 1,011 | 16.50 | 2,050 | 17.85 | 474 | 21.20 | 2,842 | 25.04 | 466 | 26.89 |
| Age 0-5 and 6-17 | 5,809 | 5.93 | 1,020 | 10.11 | 3,448 | 4.59 | 427 | 6.97 | 820 | 7.14 | 249 | 11.15 | 1,541 | 13.58 | 344 | 19.86 |
| Annual Household Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under \$25,000 | 25,485 | 26.01 | 4,003 | 39.65 | 17,486 | 23.27 | 2,064 | 33.69 | 4,365 | 38.00 | 1,135 | 50.75 | 3,634 | 32.02 | 804 | 46.40 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 26,226 | 26.77 | 2,832 | 28.05 | 19,095 | 25.41 | 1,687 | 27.53 | 3,436 | 29.92 | 632 | 28.29 | 3,695 | 32.56 | 512 | 29.56 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 17,566 | 17.93 | 1,571 | 15.56 | 13,870 | 18.46 | 1,095 | 17.87 | 1,722 | 14.99 | 245 | 10.98 | 1,974 | 17.39 | 230 | 13.29 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 11,255 | 11.49 | 760 | 7.53 | 9,366 | 12.46 | 568 | 9.27 | 917 | 7.98 | 96 | 4.29 | 972 | 8.57 | 96 | 5.55 |
| \$100,000 or more | 17,444 | 17.80 | 930 | 9.22 | 15,324 | 20.39 | 713 | 11.64 | 1,047 | 9.11 | 127 | 5.70 | 1,074 | 9.46 | 90 | 5.19 |
| Employment Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed | 62,792 | 64.09 | 6,405 | 63.45 | 47,756 | 63.56 | 4,018 | 65.59 | 7,084 | 61.68 | 1,291 | 57.73 | 7,952 | 70.08 | 1,096 | 63.22 |
| Currently non-employed, worked in the previous year | 5,158 | 5.26 | 669 | 6.62 | 3,609 | 4.80 | 329 | 5.37 | 872 | 7.59 | 178 | 7.97 | 677 | 5.96 | 161 | 9.30 |
| Crently non-employed, did not work in the previous year | 30,024 | 30.64 | 3,022 | 29.93 | 23,775 | 31.64 | 1,779 | 29.03 | 3,530 | 30.73 | 767 | 34.29 | 2,719 | 23.96 | 476 | 27.49 |
| Educational Attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than a high school degree | 10,039 | 10.25 | 1,556 | 15.42 | 4,981 | 6.63 | 570 | 9.30 | 1,519 | 13.22 | 351 | 15.68 | 3,539 | 31.18 | 636 | 36.67 |
| High school | 23,784 | 24.28 | 2,529 | 25.06 | 17,849 | 23.75 | 1,453 | 23.71 | 2,968 | 25.84 | 579 | 25.90 | 2,967 | 26.14 | 498 | 28.71 |
| Some college | 33,999 | 34.70 | 4,105 | 40.67 | 26,177 | 34.84 | 2,663 | 43.47 | 4,567 | 39.76 | 986 | 44.09 | 3,255 | 28.68 | 456 | 26.33 |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 30,152 | 30.78 | 1,905 | 18.87 | 26,133 | 34.78 | 1,441 | 23.52 | 2,432 | 21.17 | 320 | 14.33 | 1,587 | 13.99 | 144 | 8.28 |
| Metropolitan Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-metropolitan | 17,226 | 17.58 | 1,407 | 13.94 | 14,927 | 19.87 | 1,065 | 17.39 | 1,151 | 10.02 | 200 | 8.94 | 1,147 | 10.11 | 142 | 8.20 |
| Metropolitan | 80,749 | 82.42 | 8,688 | 86.06 | 60,213 | 80.13 | 5,061 | 82.61 | 10,335 | 89.98 | 2,036 | 91.06 | 10,201 | 89.89 | 1,591 | 91.80 |
| Region of Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 18,070 | 18.44 | 1,889 | 18.71 | 14,767 | 19.65 | 1,259 | 20.55 | 1,649 | 14.35 | 361 | 16.16 | 1,655 | 14.58 | 269 | 15.50 |
| Midwest | 22,574 | 23.04 | 2,200 | 21.79 | 19,575 | 26.05 | 1,528 | 24.93 | 2,001 | 17.43 | 514 | 22.99 | 997 | 8.79 | 158 | 9.14 |
| South | 37,250 | 38.02 | 3,559 | 35.25 | 26,094 | 34.73 | 1,875 | 30.60 | 6,837 | 59.53 | 1,186 | 53.04 | 4,319 | 38.06 | 498 | 28.73 |
| West | 20,080 | 20.50 | 2,448 | 24.25 | 14,705 | 19.57 | 1,465 | 23.92 | 998 | 8.69 | 175 | 7.81 | 4,377 | 38.57 | 808 | 46.63 |
| Aggregated tract-level characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent age 65+ |  | 13.44 |  | 11.98 |  | 14.29 |  | 13.11 |  | 11.58 |  | 11.01 |  | 10.96 |  | 9.23 |
| Percent non-Hispanic white |  | 66.77 |  | 52.89 |  | 77.62 |  | 69.78 |  | 36.85 |  | 26.66 |  | 37.33 |  | 28.76 |
| Percent unemployed (16+ in the labor force population) |  | 8.04 |  | 10.21 |  | 7.08 |  | 8.51 |  | 11.15 |  | 14.13 |  | 9.25 |  | 11.37 |
| Median income |  | 56590.57 |  | 46441.42 |  | 60735.95 |  | 50967.15 |  | 45744.55 |  | 37811.69 |  | 49274.39 |  | 40560.08 |
| Percent owner-occupied (all occupied-units) |  | 67.50 |  | 57.13 |  | 71.86 |  | 63.19 |  | 57.50 |  | 49.10 |  | 57.56 |  | 48.76 |
| Percent vacant units (all housing units) |  | 10.52 |  | 11.86 |  | 10.07 |  | 10.96 |  | 12.94 |  | 15.55 |  | 9.80 |  | 10.68 |
| Median year housing units built post-1978 |  | 0.41 |  | 0.31 |  | 0.43 |  | 0.35 |  | 0.36 |  | 0.26 |  | 0.38 |  | 0.24 |
| Percent in poverty (18+ population) |  | 12.03 |  | 16.72 |  | 10.02 |  | 13.44 |  | 17.11 |  | 22.20 |  | 15.99 |  | 21.24 |
| Percent foreign-born |  | 11.75 |  | 14.86 |  | 9.22 |  | 11.22 |  | 12.29 |  | 12.98 |  | 25.70 |  | 26.84 |
| Percent less than 18 years old |  | 24.01 |  | 25.16 |  | 23.20 |  | 23.82 |  | 25.48 |  | 26.74 |  | 26.72 |  | 28.72 |

Table 3: Tract-level characteristics by Tenure, Race and Ethnicity, and Residential Dissatisfaction

Owner

| Owner |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Characteristic | Total |  | White |  | Black |  | Hispanic |  |
|  | Not diss | Diss | Not diss | Diss | Not diss | Diss | Not diss | Diss |
| Aggregated tract-level characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent age 65+ | 13.97 | 12.51 | 14.47 | 13.24 | 11.86 | 11.06 | 11.14 | 9.53 |
| Percent non-Hispanic white | 72.09 | 60.42 | 79.13 | 71.92 | 37.65 | 23.53 | 37.89 | 28.68 |
| Percent unemployed (16+ in the labor force population) | 7.44 | 9.46 | 6.91 | 8.20 | 10.98 | 15.16 | 9.00 | 11.12 |
| Median income | 60823 | 51206 | 62921 | 53946 | 49297 | 42156 | 51874 | 43917 |
| Percent owner-occupied (all occupied-units) | 73.98 | 68.23 | 75.60 | 69.81 | 65.84 | 62.61 | 66.22 | 64.42 |
| Percent vacant units (all housing units) | 10.06 | 11.32 | 9.86 | 10.69 | 12.53 | 15.92 | 9.47 | 10.26 |
| Median year housing units built post-1978 | 0.44 | 0.39 | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.34 | 0.43 | 0.38 |
| Percent in poverty (18+ population) | 10.15 | 13.67 | 9.18 | 11.94 | 15.09 | 19.15 | 14.69 | 18.55 |
| Percent foreign-born | 9.93 | 11.35 | 8.39 | 9.53 | 10.56 | 9.77 | 24.18 | 24.23 |
| Percent less than 18 years old | 24.12 | 25.54 | 23.61 | 24.58 | 25.78 | 27.20 | 27.43 | 29.71 |


| Renter |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Characteristic | Total |  | White |  | Black |  | Hispanic |  |
|  | Not diss | Diss | Not diss | Diss | Not diss | Diss | Not diss | Diss |
| Aggregated tract-level characteristics |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent age 65+ | 12.68 | 11.56 | 13.70 | 12.95 | 11.30 | 10.99 | 10.77 | 9.09 |
| Percent non-Hispanic white | 58.83 | 47.45 | 72.76 | 67.25 | 36.02 | 27.74 | 36.72 | 28.80 |
| Percent unemployed (16+ in the labor force population) | 8.70 | 10.86 | 7.61 | 8.86 | 11.33 | 13.78 | 9.53 | 11.48 |
| Median income | 50084 | 42389 | 53723 | 47444 | 42072 | 36316 | 46426 | 39053 |
| Percent owner-occupied (all occupied-units) | 55.50 | 49.26 | 59.85 | 55.35 | 48.89 | 44.45 | 48.08 | 41.73 |
| Percent vacant units (all housing units) | 11.15 | 12.42 | 10.75 | 11.27 | 13.36 | 15.42 | 10.17 | 10.87 |
| Median year housing units built post-1978 | 0.35 | 0.25 | 0.37 | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.23 | 0.33 | 0.18 |
| Percent in poverty ( $18+$ population) | 14.87 | 19.11 | 12.73 | 15.22 | 19.19 | 23.26 | 17.42 | 22.45 |
| Percent foreign-born | 15.21 | 16.61 | 11.88 | 13.22 | 14.08 | 14.08 | 27.36 | 28.01 |
| Percent less than 18 years old | 23.28 | 25.13 | 21.87 | 22.93 | 25.17 | 26.58 | 25.94 | 28.27 |

Table 4: 1-Year Mobility Status and Tenure by Race and Ethnicity

|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | Owner |  |  |  |  |  | Renter |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 111,480 | 100.0 | 100,716 | 90.3 | 10,764 | 9.7 | 74,554 | 100.0 | 71,500 | 95.9 | 3,054 | 4.1 | 36,926 | 100.0 | 29,216 | 79.1 | 7,710 | 20.9 |
| White, alone | 83,461 | 100.0 | 75,994 | 91.1 | 7,467 | 8.9 | 61,444 | 100.0 | 58,960 | 95.8 | 2,484 | 4.2 | 22,017 | 100.0 | 17,034 | 77.4 | 4,983 | 22.6 |
| Black, alone | 14,316 | 100.0 | 12,547 | 75.3 | 1,769 | 24.7 | 6,529 | 100.0 | 6,283 | 96.1 | 246 | 3.9 | 7787.12 | 100.0 | 6,264 | 80.4 | 1,523 | 19.6 |
| Hispanic, of any race, alone or in combination | 13,704 | 100.0 | 12,176 | 77.7 | 1,528 | 22.3 | 6,582 | 100.0 | 6,257 | 94.8 | 324 | 5.2 | 7122.24 | 100.0 | 5,919 | 83.1 | 1,204 | 16.9 |


|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | Owner |  |  |  |  |  | Renter |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 10,488 | 100.0 | 8,540 | 81.4 | 1,948 | 18.6 | 4,499 | 100.0 | 4,132 | 91.8 | 367 | 8.2 | 5,989 | 100.0 | 4,408 | 73.6 | 1,581 | 26.4 |
| White, alone | 6,339 | 100.0 | 5,128 | 80.9 | 1,211 | 19.1 | 3,369 | 100.0 | 3,062 | 90.9 | 306 | 9.1 | 2,970 | 100.0 | 2,066 | 69.6 | 904 | 30.4 |
| Black, alone | 2,362 | 100.0 | 1,849 | 78.3 | 513 | 21.7 | 583 | 100.0 | 549 | 94.1 | 34 | 5.9 | 1778.74 | 100.0 | 1,300 | 73.1 | 478 | 26.9 |
| Hispanic, of any race, alone or in combination | 1,787 | 100.0 | 1,563 | 87.5 | 224 | 12.5 | 547 | 100.0 | 521 | 95.2 | 26 | 4.8 | 1239.98 | 100.0 | 1,042 | 84.0 | 198 | 16.0 |


|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | Owner |  |  |  |  |  | Renter |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  | Total |  | Stayer |  | Mover |  |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 100,992 | 100.0 | 92,176 | 91.3 | 8,816 | 8.7 | 70,055 | 100.0 | 67,367 | 96.2 | 2,687 | 3.8 | 30,937 | 100.0 | 24,808 | 80.2 | 6,129 | 19.8 |
| White, alone | 77,122 | 100.0 | 70,866 | 91.9 | 6,256 | 8.1 | 58,075 | 100.0 | 55,898 | 96.3 | 2,178 | 3.7 | 19,047 | 100.0 | 14,968 | 78.6 | 4,079 | 21.4 |
| Black, alone | 11,954 | 100.0 | 10,697 | 89.5 | 1,256 | 10.5 | 5,945 | 100.0 | 5,734 | 96.4 | 211 | 3.6 | 6,008 | 100.0 | 4,963 | 82.6 | 1,045 | 17.4 |
| Hispanic, of any race, alone or in combination | 11,917 | 100.0 | 10,613 | 89.1 | 1,304 | 10.9 | 6,035 | 100.0 | 5,736 | 95.1 | 298 | 4.9 | 5,882 | 100.0 | 4,877 | 82.9 | 1,005 | 17.1 |

Table 5: Weighted Logistic Regressions Predicting Residential Dissatisfaction

| Covariates | Dependent: Residential Dissatisfaction ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Point Estimate | 95 Percent C.I (Odds ratios) |  |
| Demographic (person-level) |  |  |  |
| Age (ref 15-24): |  |  |  |
| 25-34 | 1.17 | 1.05 | 1.30 |
| 35-44 | 1.00 | 0.90 | 1.12 |
| 45-54 | 1.06 | 0.95 | 1.18 |
| 55-64 | 0.94 | 0.84 | 1.06 |
| 65+ | 0.49 | 0.43 | 0.55 |
| Female (ref - male) | 1.27 | 1.21 | 1.33 |
| Race and Hispanic origin (ref - non-Hispanic white) |  |  |  |
| Non-hispanic black (ref - non-Hispanic white) | 0.90 | 0.84 | 0.96 |
| Hispanic (ref - non-Hispanic white) | 0.80 | 0.74 | 0.86 |
| Nativity and Citizenship (ref - native-born) |  |  |  |
| Foreign-born, Citizen (ref - native-born) | 0.80 | 0.72 | 0.88 |
| Foreign-born, Non-citizen (ref - native-born) | 0.76 | 0.70 | 0.84 |
| Married (ref - not married) | 0.91 | 0.87 | 0.96 |
| Presence of Children (ref - no children present) |  |  |  |
| Child between the ages of 0 and 5, only | 1.38 | 1.27 | 1.51 |
| Child between the ages of 6 and 17, only | 1.17 | 1.10 | 1.24 |
| Children ages 0 to 5 and ages 6 to 17 | 1.36 | 1.24 | 1.48 |
| College degree (ref - less than college degree) | 0.73 | 0.69 | 0.77 |
| Household income (ref - less than \$25,000) |  |  |  |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 0.85 | 0.81 | 0.90 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 0.83 | 0.78 | 0.89 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 0.69 | 0.63 | 0.75 |
| \$100,000 or more | 0.65 | 0.59 | 0.71 |
| Tenure |  |  |  |
| Renter (ref - owner) | 1.89 | 1.79 | 1.99 |
| Owner, negative home-equity (ref - owner) | 1.52 | 1.38 | 1.67 |
| Objective neighborhood (tract-level) |  |  |  |
| Percent non-Hispanic white | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.99 |
| Percent unemployed | 1.03 | 1.02 | 1.03 |
| Percent owner-occupied (all occupied-units) | 0.99 | 0.99 | 1.00 |
| Median year units built post 1978 | 0.81 | 0.77 | 0.85 |
| Percent vacant units (all housing units) | 1.01 | 1.01 | 1.01 |
| Percent of population age 17 and under | 1.02 | 1.01 | 1.02 |
| Region and metro status |  |  |  |
| Nonmetro (ref - metro) | 0.69 | 0.62 | 0.77 |
| Micropolitan (ref - metro) | 0.98 | 0.90 | 1.05 |
| Region (ref - North) |  |  |  |
| Midwest | 1.00 | 0.93 | 1.07 |
| South | 0.91 | 0.85 | 0.98 |
| West | 1.08 | 1.01 | 1.16 |
| Somer's D | 0.46 |  |  |

1. Sample includes all White, Black, and Hispanic, householders eligible for the adult well-being module with address information.

Table 6: Weighted Logistic Regressions Predicting Mover Status

| Covariates | Dependent: Moved ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Point Estimate | 95 Percent C.I (Odds ratios) |  |
| Demographic (person-level) |  |  |  |
| Age (ref 15-24): |  |  |  |
| 25-34 | 0.73 | 0.67 | 0.80 |
| 35-44 | 0.52 | 0.47 | 0.57 |
| 45-54 | 0.35 | 0.32 | 0.39 |
| 55-64 | 0.30 | 0.27 | 0.34 |
| 65+ | 0.31 | 0.28 | 0.34 |
| Female (ref - male) | 1.09 | 1.04 | 1.14 |
| Race and Hispanic origin (ref- dissatisfied non-Hispanic white) |  |  |  |
| Dissatisfied Non-hispanic black (ref- dissatisfied non-Hispanic white) | 0.73 | 0.64 | 0.84 |
| Dissatisfied Hispanic (ref- dissatisfied non-Hispanic white) | 0.43 | 0.36 | 0.50 |
| Satisfied Non-hispanic white (ref- dissatisfied non-Hispanic white) | 0.54 | 0.50 | 0.58 |
| Satisfied Non-hispanic black (ref- dissatisfied non-Hispanic white) | 0.41 | 0.37 | 0.45 |
| Satisfied Hispanic (ref- dissatisfied non-Hispanic white) | 0.50 | 0.45 | 0.55 |
| Nativity and Citizenship (ref - native-born) |  |  |  |
| Foreign-born, Citizen (ref - native-born) | 0.88 | 0.79 | 0.97 |
| Foreign-born, Non-citizen (ref - native-born) | 0.88 | 0.80 | 0.96 |
| Married (ref - not married) | 0.81 | 0.77 | 0.85 |
| Presence of Children (ref - no children present) |  |  |  |
| Child between the ages of 0 and 5, only | 0.99 | 0.91 | 1.08 |
| Child between the ages of 6 and 17, only | 0.85 | 0.80 | 0.92 |
| Children ages 0 to 5 and ages 6 to 17 | 0.89 | 0.81 | 0.97 |
| College degree (ref - less than college degree) | 0.99 | 0.93 | 1.04 |
| Household income (ref - less than \$25,000) |  |  |  |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 0.86 | 0.82 | 0.91 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 0.83 | 0.77 | 0.89 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 0.78 | 0.71 | 0.86 |
| \$100,000 or more | 0.84 | 0.77 | 0.92 |
| Tenure |  |  |  |
| Renter (ref - owner) | 4.37 | 4.13 | 4.63 |
| Owner, negative home-equity (ref - owner) | 1.26 | 1.12 | 1.42 |
| Objective neighborhood (tract-level) |  |  |  |
| Percent non-Hispanic white | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Percent unemployed | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.01 |
| Percent owner-occupied (all occupied-units) | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Median year units built post 1978 | 1.20 | 1.14 | 1.26 |
| Percent vacant units (all housing units) | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.01 |
| Percent of population age 17 and under | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.01 |
| Region and metro status |  |  |  |
| Nonmetro (ref - metro) | 0.81 | 0.73 | 0.90 |
| Micropolitan (ref - metro) | 0.86 | 0.80 | 0.94 |
| Region (ref - North) |  |  |  |
| Midwest | 1.46 | 1.35 | 1.58 |
| South | 1.57 | 1.46 | 1.69 |
| West | 1.49 | 1.38 | 1.61 |
| Somer's D | 0.53 |  |  |

1. Sample includes all White, Black, and Hispanic, householders eligible for the adult well-being module with address information.
Note: Move period is 1 year.

[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The ACS is designed to be a nationally representative yearly survey with an initial sample of about 3 million addresses. Data is collected monthly, over the course of 1 year, and then combined into one file and weighted to independent subcounty population estimates for July 1st of the survey year. Estimates fromthe ACS data are produced for single-year, three-year, and five-year time periods, with many of the same characteristics released for each period. The five-year file produces representative estimates for all Census geographies on a number population and housing characteristics.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The Wave 6Adult Well-Being Topical Module was adminis tered fromMay to August 2010.
    ${ }^{3}$ Use of the single-race populations does notimply that it is the preferred method of presenting or analyzing data. The U.S. Census Bureauses a variety of approaches. For further information, see the Census 2000 Brief Overview of Race and Hispanic Origin: 2000 (C2KBR/01-1) at <www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/c2kbr01-1.pdf>.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ The estimates in this paper (which may be shown in text, figures, or tables) are based on responses froma sample of the population and may differ from the actual values because of sampling variability or other factors. As a result, apparent differences between the estimates for two or more groups may notbe statistically significant. All comparative statements have undergonestatistical testing and are significant at the 90 percent confidence level unless otherwise noted.

