Migration doesn’t come from the long form anymore.

More timely doesn’t mean more accurate – but we have more sources.
Finding Migration Data

• The Official Source
  ○ http://www.irs.gov/uac/SOI-Tax-Stats-County-to-County-Migration-Data-Files

• Easier to Use unofficial source
  ○ http://interactive.taxfoundation.org/About/

• The Census Flows Mapper
  ○ http://flowsmapper.geo.census.gov/flowsmapper/flowsmapper.html

• Wisconsin’s Program
  ○ http://www.netmigration.wisc.edu/
SOI Tax Stats - County-to-County Migration
Data Files

State and county migration statistics will continue to be produced and posted on this site. Statistics for 1990 through 2010 are currently available. Statistics for 2011 will be posted as soon as they are completed. In addition, work is underway at IRS and the Bureau of the Census to develop additional migration statistics that take advantage of improved data that have recently become available.

Data files are available for download in two formats:

- Generic ASCII data files (.dat file extension) - These require a record layout to read.
- Comma Separated Values files (.csv file extension) - Data items are separated by commas, where each new line represents a new row.

Documentation
Migration Data Users Guide

Record layouts—Required for .dat files

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Census Flows Mapper - Beta

The Census Flows Mapper is a web mapping application intended to provide users with a simple interface to view, save, and print state-to-county migration flows maps of the United States. The data are from the 2006-2010 American Community Survey.

Please click on the image or link below to launch the application.

Launch the Census Flows Mapper

Application Requirements:

- To view this application, you will need the Adobe Flash Player, which is available for free from Adobe.

- To save and print a map, you will need the Adobe® Reader®, which is also available for free from Adobe.
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Million Americans move from one county to another. These rates vary by age, race, and ethnicity and with local economic conditions over time. Still, individual age-specific migration trends tend to be consistent over geographic stories about local places. This website makes it easy to compare these patterns by providing reliable estimates of net migration rates by age, race, Hispanic-origin, and sex for all U.S. counties in 2000 to 2010.

Charts make it easy to compare migration patterns within a single county or to compare patterns in two counties for the same decade. Maps show how counties compare to one another. The data can be downloaded as migration data as well as census data for

This website useful. Please contact us with any

For more about these data and the methods used to

Reference:

The Three Factors of Demography

- Birth
- Death
- Migration
We lack precise timely measurements of Migration

- Tax returns are consistent and timely
  - The problem is that not everyone files, and folks move from dependent to taxpayer status

- American Community Survey data is consistent and timely
  - The problem is that the survey methodology includes a high margin of error, and that increases in rural communities.
  - Another problem is that moving targets are more difficult to hit.
• County to County Migration Flows ACS
  ◦  http://www.census.gov/hhes/migration/data/acs/county_to_county_mig_2006_to_2010.html

• Complete, cumbersome, and a high MOE

• Census Flows Mapper
  ◦  http://flowsmapper.geo.census.gov/flowsmapper/flowsmapper.html
  ◦  Fast, visible, but a high MOE
We really do need the IRS

• Their Website
  ○ http://www.irs.gov/uac/SOI-Tax-Stats-County-to-County-Migration-Data-Files

• Official, Reliable, and Cumbersome

• The Tax Foundation’s site
  ○ http://interactive.taxfoundation.org/migration/

• The Missouri Answer
  ○ http://mcde.missouri.edu/cgi-bin/broker?PROGRAM=websas.irmsig_menu.sas&SERVICE=appdev&st=29
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- http://flowsmapper.geo.census.gov/flowsmapper/flowsmapper.html
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