# Demographic monitor: county-to-county migration, 2010

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## montgomery county

People moving in and out of Montgomery County in 2010 resulted in a net increase in the population and changed the mix of residents' characteristics, including age, race, and ethnicity. In 2010, the County experienced a net population gain of 5,258, with 65,756 people, including those from abroad, moving into the County to offset the 60,498 people who moved out. Over half of the new County residents, 35,220 in-movers, previously lived outside of Maryland, which is more than twice the number of people who moved from another part of the state (15,211). Montgomery also attracted about the same number of people moving from foreign countries as those moving from other parts of Maryland; about 1 in 5 of the new residents. The largest group relocating from abroad came from Asia (5,680 people, 37 percent) followed by Europe (3,263, 21 percent), and Central America (2,275, 15 percent). Foreign in-migration canceled the County's negative domestic migration among US residents (-10,029 net), where more people left Montgomery (60,460) than moved in (50,431) from elsewhere in the nation.

In the Washington region, the top sources for Montgomery County in-movers were Prince George's County (8,623), and Washington, D.C. (5,685). While net movement with Prince George's was negligible (-310 people), migration from Washington, D.C. netted 1,957 new County residents. Five other jurisdictions, Baltimore City, Fairfax, Howard, Frederick, and Arlington Counties, each contributed over 1,000 new residents. The local jurisdictions that attracted the most residents from Montgomery County were Prince George's County (8,933), Washington, D.C. (3,728), Frederick (3,290) and Fairfax (2,602) Counties. Within the Washington region, more residents moved to other local jurisdictions (-27,025) from Montgomery County than the County attracted from surrounding localities (23,397), resulting in a net loss of -3,628 residents.

Over 126,000 people moved in and out of Montgomery County in one year, changing the mix of residents and contributing to the population's growth. One in seven people was a new County resident in 2010.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MIGRATION FLOWS (2010)** 

	In-migration		Out-migration		Net migration
Total migration	65,756	100%	60,498	100%	5,258
Domestic (within U.S.)	50,431	77%	60,460	100%	(10,029)
Within Maryland	15,211	23%	20,584	34%	(5,373)
Inter-state	35,220	54%	39,876	66%	(4,656)
Foreign*	15,325	23%	38	0%	15,287

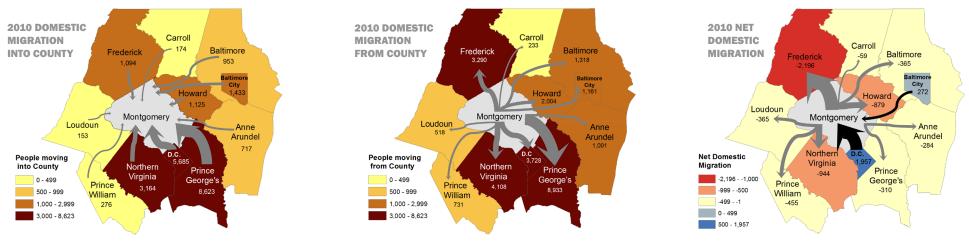
\* Foreign out-migration only captures the migration from United States to Puerto Rico. Source: 2006-2010 American Community Survey, County-to-County Migration.

# region

In the Washington region, the number of in-movers to total population, or the in-mover rate, for Montgomery County at 14 percent ranked in the middle of the rates ranging from the most mobile, Arlington County (22 percent) and the City of Alexandria (22 percent), to the most stable, Frederick and Howard Counties (both 13 percent). While many local areas experienced negative net domestic migration among U.S. residents, only two jurisdictions, Baltimore City (-14,233) and Washington, D.C. (-10,530) had a greater net loss than Montgomery (-10,029). Localities with large gains in domestic migration include Baltimore (8,916), Anne Arundel (6,269), Loudoun (2,134), and Prince William (1,672) Counties. Montgomery led the region in the number of in-movers from abroad (15,325) followed by Fairfax County (15,059), Washington, D.C. (7,920) and Prince George's County (7,109).

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Source: 2006-2010 American Community Survey, County-to-County Migration.

# migration patterns: age and ethnicity

The propensity to move varies with age and an individual's stage in life. Those aged 20 to 39 years, and their associated school age children, are the most likely to move. Young adults seeking job opportunities and social life, or young families seeking larger homes and good school districts are the most mobile groups. In Montgomery County, 54 percent of in-movers and 47 percent of out-movers were between ages 20 and 39 in 2010. Not only did this group account for the largest migration flows, it contributed substantial net gains of 7,548 new residents.

Of the in-movers ages 20 to 34 years, known as the Millennial Generation, almost one quarter previously lived in either Prince George's County (3,950) or Washington, D.C. (2,958) in 2010. About 15 percent of the new Millennial residents moved to Montgomery County from abroad, notably from Asia (1,692), Europe (982), and Central America (975). When Millennials left Montgomery County in 2010, they typically relocated to Prince George's County (-3,489) or Washington, D.C. (-2,126). Other attractive places for young, former residents include Frederick (-1,387), Fairfax (-1,078), and Howard (-1,038) Counties.

Montgomery County attracted more families with children ages 5 to 17 (7,884) than it lost (5,803) for a net gain of 2,081 school age children in 2010. The striking departure of 7,773 18- to 19-year olds includes those likely leaving home for college, resulting in the largest net loss of 5,980 people among all the age groups.

Migration activity decreased steadily with age as the in and out flows dropped in tandem starting with the 40 to 44 age group (3,778 in-movers and 2,762 out-movers) to those age 60 to 64 (1,471 in-movers and 1,828 out-movers) in 2010. Net migration was minimal among these older age groups, with the number of in-movers roughly approximating the number of out-movers in each 5-year cohort between ages 40 and 64. Migration dropped even more sharply among young retirees ages 65 to 74; fewer than 900 people in each 5-year cohort crossed the County border with negligible net population change. Overall migration activity accelerated among people ages 75 and up, especially among in-movers (1,606). This uptick, which resulted in a net gain of 564 people in the 75+ age group, may reflect seniors relocating to be closer to their families or to senior housing located in Montgomery County.

### **MONTGOMERY'S MILLENNIAL MIGRATION, AGES 20 TO 34 (2010)**

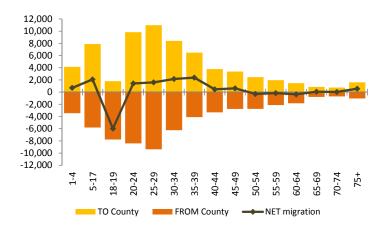
Coming from:	in-migrants	% of 20-34	Leaving to:	out-migrants	% of 20-34
Prince George's	3,950	13.5%	Prince George's	3,489	14.5%
Washington, D.C.	2,958	10.1%	Washington, D.C.	2,126	8.8%
Asia	1,692	5.8%	Frederick	1,387	5.8%
Europe	982	3.4%	Fairfax	1,078	4.5%
Central America	975	3.3%	Howard	1,038	4.3%
Baltimore City	859	2.9%	Baltimore City	706	2.9%
Baltimore, MD	713	2.4%	Arlington	706	2.9%
Africa	704	2.4%	Baltimore	546	2.3%
Fairfax	561	1.9%	Anne Arundel	461	1.9%
Howard	542	1.9%	Harris, TX	453	1.9%
Total age 20-34	29,207			24,038	

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Migration trends in Montgomery also varied by ethnicity, with net gains occurring in populations of Asians, blacks, and Hispanics, and a loss in the non-Hispanic white population in 2010. Of the County's 65,756 in-movers, 43 percent were non-Hispanic white, 23 percent black, 16 percent Asian and 16 percent Hispanic. Non-Hispanic whites had the largest migratory flows with 28,114 incoming and 30,785 leaving, resulting in a net loss of -2,671 people. In 2010, 15,307 blacks moved into the County for a net gain of 2,770 new residents. The Asian population had the highest net gain, 3,827 people, and the lowest percentage of out-movers, 11 percent. Hispanic in-movers numbered about the same as Asians (10,430 and 10,537, respectively), but more Hispanics left the County (8,634) in 2010 resulting in a net increase of 1,796 people, the lowest gain among the groups.

In 2010, 15,325 people moved into Montgomery from foreign countries of which 31 percent was non-Hispanic white, 27 percent Asian, 24 percent Hispanic, and 17 percent black. Foreign out-migration is not reported because the data source, the American Community Survey, is limited to households in the United States and its territories.

#### **TOTAL MIGRATION (2010)**



#### **RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF MOVERS (2010)**

	in-migration		out-migration		net migration
Total migrants	65,756	100.0%	60,498	100.0%	5,258
Race :					
White	32,424	49.3%	35,916	59.4%	-3,492
Black or African American	15,307	23.3%	12,537	20.7%	2,770
Asian	10,537	16.0%	6,710	11.1%	3,827
Other including two or more races	7,488	11.4%	5,335	8.8%	2,153
Hispanic or Latino Origin:*					
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	28,114	42.8%	30,785	50.9%	-2,671
Not white alone, not Hispanic or Latino	27,212	41.4%	21,079	34.8%	6,133
Hispanic or Latino	10,430	15.9%	8,634	14.3%	1,796
* Those of Hispanic origin may be of any race					

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