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New Census Bureau Migration Data Detail Specific County-to-County Moves for Every County in Arizona

The U.S. Census Bureau reported today on five of the top counties where residents of Maricopa County were most likely to have moved from and to over a one-year period between 2007 and 2011.

Among Maricopa County residents, 169,888, or 4.5%, lived in a different county one year earlier. The top five counties they were most likely to have come from were: Pinal County, Los Angeles County, CA, Pima County, San Diego County, CA and Clark County, NV. Among the 162,107 who moved away from Maricopa County during the course of the year, their most common destinations were Pinal County, Pima County, Los Angeles County, CA, Coconino County and Clark County, NV.

This information is based on statistics from the American Community Survey, which shows how many U.S. residents moved from one county to another during the course of a year. Today's release includes a set of [2007-2011 statistical tables](#) that present information on movers by educational attainment, individual income and household income. These statistics can also be easily explored using the [Census Flows Mapper](#), an interactive mapping application that allows users to visualize movers by educational attainment and income.

Among people with a graduate or professional degree, five of the largest inflows to Maricopa County were from Asia, Pinal County, Pima County, Europe and Northern America. Five of the largest outflows were to Pinal County, Pima County, King County, WA, Los Angeles County, CA and Yavapai County.

Similar statistics are available for every county in Arizona and nationwide through the tables released today. Additionally, more findings are available in a [working paper](#) also released today, and users can find more information about how to use the flow tables and mapping tool in a [PowerPoint tutorial](#).

Find Your Ideal Place with Census Bureau's Newest App

People considering a move can now easily access and explore information on U.S. towns and cities with [dwellr](#), the newest Census Bureau mobile app. Powered by American Community Survey statistics, dwellr can pull up a list of U.S. locations that match users' preferences for such variables as city size, geographic region, job type and income.

About the American Community Survey

The American Community Survey provides a wide range of important statistics about all communities in the country. It gives communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Retailers, homebuilders, police departments, and town and city planners are among the many private- and public-sector decision makers who count on these annual results.

Ever since Thomas Jefferson directed the first census in 1790, the census has collected detailed characteristics about our nation's people. Questions about jobs and the economy were added 20 years later under James Madison, [who said](#) such information would allow Congress to "adapt the public measures to the particular circumstances of the community," and over the decades allow America "an opportunity of marking the progress of the society." The Census Bureau uses information collected over five years from the American Community Survey in order to have more accurate and reliable statistics for areas with populations smaller than 20,000. Statistics for larger areas are also included with this release, making comparisons across large and small geographies possible.