

Most who move from Dane County don't go very far

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According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 91,183 people moved out of Dane County between 2000 and 2005. That compares to the 99,154 people who moved into the county and 358,716 who stayed within the county during the five-year period.

The IRS estimates are based on the addresses listed on individual income tax returns and include the person(s) filing the taxes and all dependents included on the return. Although the IRS only accounts for migration of people who file income tax returns, it does provide a good indicator of where people are moving.

Tracking population

Week Three:
Where people
move to

The IRS data includes a list of the top 250 destinations for people moving out of Dane County. For example, 1,928 former Dane County residents moved to 19 Florida counties included in the top 250 destinations. That compares to 22,730 who moved to other counties within the eight-county Thrive region and 5,690 who moved to

Illinois. Information on every Wisconsin county is available from the IRS. A free interactive map and data for every county in the U.S. (including the data used in this article) is available free at: <http://enterprise.star-telegram.com/ARCIms/Maps/clt/2007/irsmig.asp?pick>.

Where they're going

The top 10 counties that Dane County residents have moved to between 2000 and 2005, according to IRS data:

County moved to	Number of people
Columbia, WI	6,226
Rock, WI	4,845
Milwaukee, WI	3,913
Cook, IL	3,198
Jefferson, WI	2,938
Green, WI	2,802
Sauk, WI	2,680
Iowa, WI	2,072
Waukesha, WI	1,971
Hennepin, MN	1,804