Iowa County has highest out-migration rate to Dane County

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Tax returns from the IRS reveal that 4,231 people (income tax filers and their dependents) moved from Milwaukee County to Dane County between 2000 and 2005. That compares to 3,918 moving from Columbia County during the same period.

Because of the significant population difference between Columbia and Milwaukee counties, comparing the out-migration rates for each county provides some valuable perspective.

In this example, the out-migration rate is simply the number of people moving to Dane County per 1,000 residents in their county of origin. The 3,918 Columbia County residents who moved to Dane County between 2000 and 2005 is equivalent to 73 people per 1,000 Columbia County residents.

That compares to only four people per 1,000 Milwaukee County residents moving to Dane County during the same five-year period.

The following table includes the out-migration rates for several counties that typically rank highly in the number of residents moving to Dane County.

The impact of a move

County moving from	Residents per 1,000 moving to Dane County	County moving from	Residents per 1,000 moving to Dane County
Iowa	74	La Crosse	11
Columbia	73	Eau Claire	9
Green	53	Waukesha	7
Sauk	43	Milwaukee	4
Jefferson	38	Hennepin (Minn.)	1
Rock	25	Cook (Ill.)	1
Dodge	15		

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