

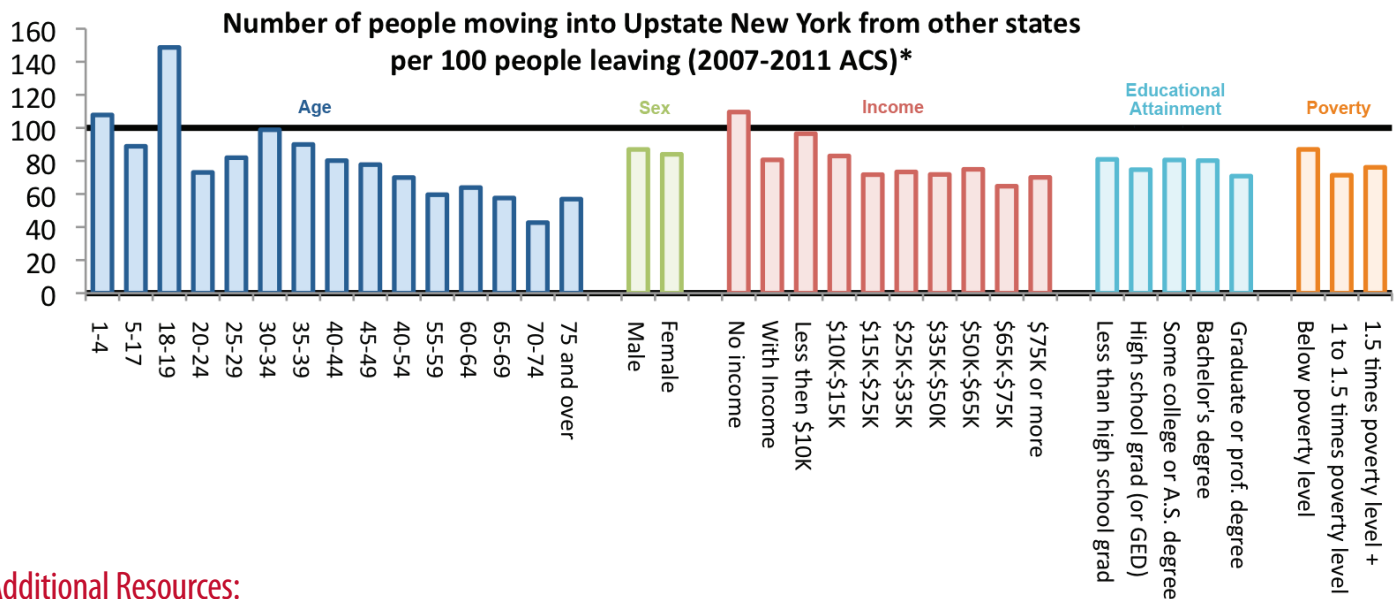
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Characteristics of movers to and from Upstate New York

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According to recent American Community Survey data, more people moved out of Upstate New York to another state than moved in (2007-2011). In fact, only 85.5 persons moved in for every 100 who left. While this out-migration trend has caused concern, the characteristics of those entering and leaving the region have also attracted attention. The chart below examines net migration along a variety of movers' characteristics, including age, sex, income, educational attainment, and poverty status. For example, for every 100 people age 70-74 who move out of the Upstate region, only 43 move in (a net decrease in this age group). In comparison, 149 people in the 18-19 year old age group move to Upstate for every 100 that move away (a net increase). These migration patterns - not to mention their net effects on the region's human capital - present challenges and opportunities for Upstate communities and the region as a whole. In the May Issue of the NY Minute, we will examine where Upstate New Yorkers are moving to, and where recent arrivals to Upstate have moved from.



Additional Resources:

Characteristics of interstate migrants, upstate and downstate New York (Cornell PAD):

<http://pad.human.cornell.edu/NYMinutes/NYMinute55stats.cfm>

NYS 2012 County and Economic Development Regions Population Estimates (Cornell PAD):

<http://pad.human.cornell.edu/papers/downloads/Vintage%202012%20report.pdf>

Census: Record 1 In 3 Counties Now Dying Off, Hit By Aging Population, Weakened Local Economies:

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/census-record-1-3-us-counties-are-now-dying>

Interactive Map on U.S. County-to-County Migration, 2011:

<http://www.forbes.com/special-report/2011/migration.html>

Census Bureau page on migration:

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/migration/>

*Upstate is defined in this case to include all counties north of Westchester and Rockland.

