

IRS stats allow us to track county comings – and goings

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Do more people move to Dane County from Los Angeles or from Kenosha? The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reports that between 2000 and 2005, a total of 640 people migrated from Los Angeles County to Dane County compared to 561 from Kenosha County. According to the IRS, 99,154 people moved into Dane County and 91,183 moved out during those five years.

The IRS data is based on the year-to-year changes in addresses on individual income tax returns. It provides a good indicator of where new Dane County residents come from and where former county residents moved.

Tracking population

Week One:
Coming to
Dane County

Cook County, Illinois (Chicago), and Milwaukee County ranked first and second, providing more than 8,500 new Dane County residents combined. Almost 18,000 people moved from the seven other counties in the Thrive region (Columbia, Rock, Jefferson, Iowa, Sauk, Dodge and Green Counties).

Data for every county in the U.S. is available from the IRS. An online tool developed by the Charlotte Observer enables users to easily obtain similar data. View it at: <http://enterprise.star-telegram.com/ARCIms/Maps/clt/2007/irsmig.asp>

Moving from there to here ...

Residents who moved to Dane County (2000 to 2005):

County moved from	Number of people	County moved from	Number of people
Cook, Ill.	4,371	Green, Wis.	1,792
Milwaukee, Wis.	4,231	Iowa, Wis.	1,709
Columbia, Wis.	3,918	Hennepin, Minn.	1,393
Rock, Wis.	3,907	Brown, Wis.	1,374
Jefferson, Wis.	2,895	Dodge, Wis.	1,311
Waukesha, Wis.	2,571	Grant, Wis.	1,274
Sauk, Wis.	2,395	La Crosse, Wis.	1,155

SOURCES: IRS and Charlotte Observer