

Net Population Migration Trends: 2011-2014 A Comparison of Sangamon County with Three Benchmark Regions October 8, 2015

The Internal Revenue Service has released new data related to in- and out-migration for all U.S. counties. The data is based upon income tax filings.

While further analysis of the data is warranted, *the results support previous SSCRPC analysis concerning regional population declines*. The data indicates that:

- From 2011 to 2014, Sangamon County had a *net loss of 2,497 people* due to out-migration alone.
- The trend over the past few years *shows a steepening curve toward out-migration*, with a loss of 350 in 2011-2012, 878 in 2012-2013, and 1,269 in 2013-2014.
- To consider the amplitude of the shift toward net out-migration toward, the county *lost 2.6 times more people to out-migration* in 2013-2014 than it did in 2011-2012. This is not representative of a marginal change.

The data also indicates that based upon 2013-2014 Adjusted Gross Income:

- The county *lost \$69,514,000 in personal wealth* due to out-migration in that year alone.
- *Those moving into the county have lower incomes than those moving out*. In-migrants average per tax return in 2013-14 was \$48,026, compared to out-migrants \$56,413.
- This is a difference of \$8,387 per in- and out-migrant, or about a 17.5% shift.

All of these results have implications for both economic growth and local tax revenue capacity.

In terms of where the migrants are going to and coming from, slightly more Sangamon County in-migrants are coming to Sangamon from within Illinois, than our out-migrants are leaving Illinois.

Somewhat similar results are found for Champaign, Peoria and McLean Counties, although the Champaign results show a more consistent loss over the periods considered, while McLean’s shows the greatest loss in the most recent tax year. Even though other central Illinois counties are experiencing the same trends, this does not resolve local problems arising from continuing net out-migration.

A graphic presentation of the data for Sangamon County is below, with the other three counties displayed on the following page. Data represents tax exemptions, which approximate total persons in households.

Charts courtesy of Governing.com (<http://www.governing.com/gov-data/census/county-migration-flows-tax-returns-data.html>).

Sangamon County, IL, Net Migration Trends



2013-2014 Total Migration



2013-2014 Adj. Gross Income

In-Migration Total: \$169,677,000
 Outmigration Total: \$239,191,000
 In-Migration Average Per Tax Return: \$48,026
 Outmigration Average Per Tax Return: \$56,413

Differnet State Migration



Same State Migration



Champaign County, IL, Net Migration Trends



2013-2014 Total Migration



2013-2014 Adj. Gross Income

In-Migration Total: \$178,508,000
 Outmigration Total: \$310,358,000
 In-Migration Average Per Tax Return: \$44,761
 Outmigration Average Per Tax Return: \$61,384

Differnet State Migration



Same State Migration



McLean County, IL, Net Migration Trends



2013-2014 Total Migration



2013-2014 Adj. Gross Income

In-Migration Total: \$158,313,000
 Outmigration Total: \$282,593,000
 In-Migration Average Per Tax Return: \$49,013
 Outmigration Average Per Tax Return: \$60,969

Differnet State Migration



Same State Migration



Peoria County, IL, Net Migration Trends



2013-2014 Total Migration



2013-2014 Adj. Gross Income

In-Migration Total: \$188,171,000
 Outmigration Total: \$319,731,000
 In-Migration Average Per Tax Return: \$49,349
 Outmigration Average Per Tax Return: \$64,345

Differnet State Migration



Same State Migration

