DO NEW MEXICANS HAVE TO LEAVE THE STATE FOR THEIR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING?

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THIS PRESENTATION ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING MAJOR QUESTIONS:

- Are New Mexicans economically better off when they leave or when they stay in the state?
- Does place of residence matter?
- Does education matter? To whom?
THIS PRESENTATION ANALYZED DATA FROM:

✓ THE 2000 US CENSUS PUBLIC USE MICRO SAMPLE DATA (PUMS)
✓ SUMMARY FILE 3 (USED TO CONSTRUCT THE MAPS)

DEFINITIONS:

• **MIGRATION** IS DEFINED AS THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES.
  ✓ MIGRATION CAN BE SHORT DISTANCE OR LONG DISTANCE.
  ✓ IT MAY BE LOCAL OR DOMESTIC.
  ✓ IT MAY BE ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES.
  ✓ MIGRATION MAY BE TEMPORARY OR FOR A SHORT TIME OR COULD BE PERMANENT.

• **LEAVERS** ARE INDIVIDUALS BORN IN NEW MEXICO BUT WERE RESIDENTS OF OTHER US STATES IN 2000.

• **STAYERS** ARE INDIVIDUALS BORN IN NEW MEXICO WHO WERE STILL IN NM IN 2000.

• **IN-MIGRANTS** ARE INDIVIDUALS BORN IN OTHER US STATES WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF NM IN 2000.

• **IMMIGRANTS** ARE FOREIGN BORN INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF NM IN 2000.
WHERE ARE THE NEW MEXICANS

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WHERE DO NEW MEXICANS GO WHEN THEY LEAVE THE STATE?

![Chart showing racial and ethnic distribution of New Mexico leavers by region.](chart.png)
MEDIAN AGE, BY MIGRATION STATUS, RACE/ETHNICITY AND SEX

![Graph showing median age by migration status, race/ethnicity, and sex](image-url)
AGE SEX DISTRIBUTION OF MIGRANTS TO NEW MEXICO

US IN-MIGRANTS

IMMIGRANTS (FOREIGN BORN)
AGE COMPOSITION OF LEAVERS

![Bar Chart]

- **<30**
  - Lifetime: 100.0%
  - Recent: 100.0%
- **30 to 39**
  - Lifetime: 10.0%
  - Recent: 30.0%
- **40 to 49**
  - Lifetime: 20.0%
  - Recent: 40.0%
- **50 & older**
  - Lifetime: 10.0%
  - Recent: 50.0%

Comparison of lifetime and recent age composition of leavers.
RACE COMPOSITION OF LEAVERS

- Anglo
- White Hispanic
- Black
- American Indian
- Asian/NHP
- 2 or more

Life time
Recent
MEDIAN PERSONAL INCOME, BY MIGRATION STATUS
POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64

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MEDIAN PERSONAL INCOME, BY REGION OF RESIDENCE
POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64
MEDIAN PERSONAL INCOME OF LEAVERS COMPARED TO STAYERS, BY REGION OF RESIDENCE

POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64
# Median Income of Stayers and Leavers, by Occupation

## Population Aged 20 to 64

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<tr>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>STAYER</th>
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### MEDIAN INCOME OF STAYERS AND LEAVERS, BY OCCUPATION

**Population aged 20 to 64**

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POVERTY STATUS

% POOR (185% and Below) BY MIGRATION STATUS

POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64

![Chart showing the poverty status by migration status for population aged 20 to 64. The chart indicates that immigrants have the highest percentage of poverty (185% and below) compared to stayers, leavers, and in-migrants.]
% POOR (185% and Below), BY MIGRATION STATUS

POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64

Migration Status

Percent

NM Resident
Stayer
Returnee
Leaver
Recent
Lifetime
% NOT POOR (300% and Above), BY MIGRATION STATUS
POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64

Migration Status
- NM Resident
- Stayer
- Returnee
- Leaver
- Recent
- Lifetime

Percent
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
70
80
90
100

Not Poor (300% and Above) by Migration Status
% POOR (185% and Below), BY REGION OF RESIDENCE
POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64

Region of Residence

New Mexico (Stayer)
Northeast
Midwest
South
West
% NOT POOR (300% and Above), BY REGION OF RESIDENCE

POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64
POVERTY STATUS BY MIGRATION STATUS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
POPULATION AGED 20 TO 64

% Not Poor (300% and Over)  % Poor (185% and Below)
WHERE ARE THE NEAR POOR OR BETTER?

DATA ARE FROM CENSUS 2000 SUMMARY FILE 3
SUMMARY

- Once New Mexicans leave, the odds of them returning is very small
  - 5% of those who leave eventually return
  - 8 of 10 NM born residents who leave NM relocate in the Western US

- In general, leavers have a higher educational attainment and income
  - New Mexicans with post graduate education are most likely to leave
  - Leavers at all educational levels have higher incomes for all trades
  - Leavers of the same race and with the same education earn significantly more
  - Leavers at all education levels are less likely to be poor
SUMMARY

- PLACE OF RESIDENCE MATTERS

- STAYERS OR NEW MEXICANS WHO LIVE IN NEW MEXICO ARE ECONOMICALLY WORSE OFF THAN THOSE WHO LIVE ELSEWHERE IN THE US

- NEW MEXICANS WHO MOVED TO THE NORTHEAST REGION ARE ECONOMICALLY BETTER OFF THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS WHO LIVE IN OTHER US REGIONS

- IN GENERAL, NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN LARGE URBAN AREAS ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE POOR THAN THOSE WHO LIVE IN RURAL AREAS
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