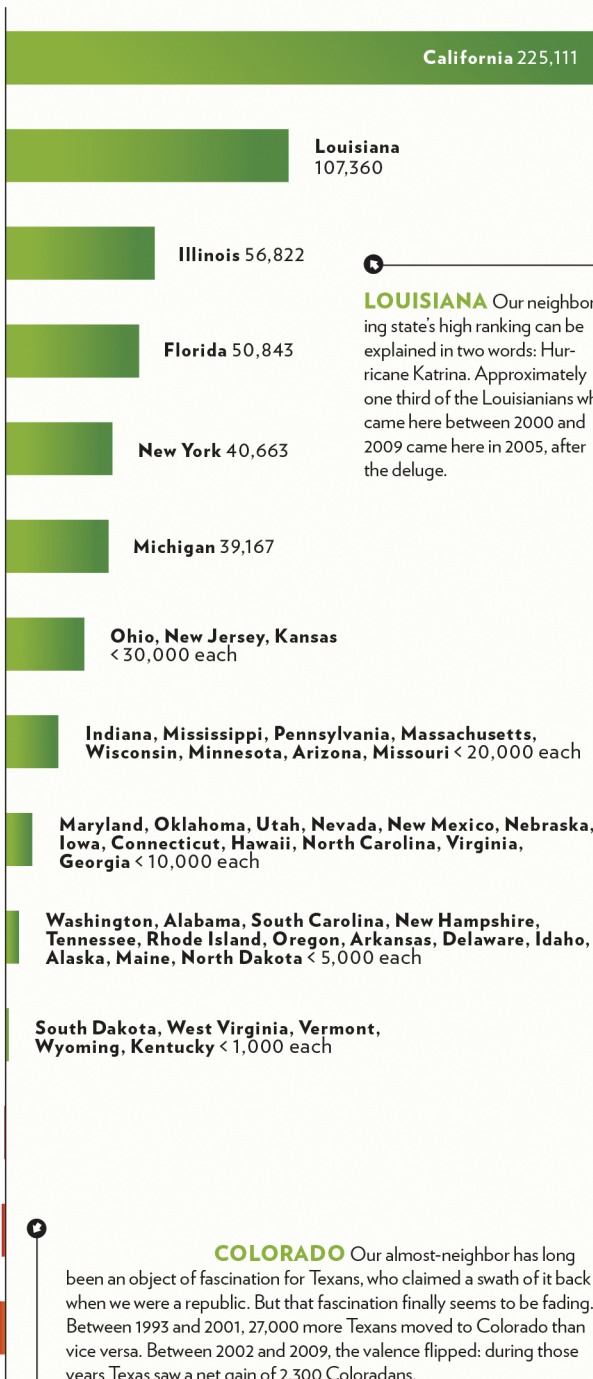


NET DOMESTIC MIGRATION INTO TEXAS, 2000-2009

CALIFORNIA

You probably already knew that Californians are transforming our cities and suburbs. But it's worth noting that they're no more likely than other Americans to come here. About 1.5 percent of California's population moved to Texas between 2000 and 2009, which is hardly unusual; about the same percent of Americans moved to Texas during those years. In fact, residents of some states—Alaska, Kansas, and Hawaii, for example—were much *more* likely to come here. The hitch is that California is the most populous state in the country; 1.5 percent of 38 million people adds up to a lot of new Texans.



LOUISIANA Our neighboring state's high ranking can be explained in two words: Hurricane Katrina. Approximately one third of the Louisianians who came here between 2000 and 2009 came here in 2005, after the deluge.

COLORADO Our almost-neighbor has long been an object of fascination for Texans, who claimed a swath of it back when we were a republic. But that fascination finally seems to be fading. Between 1993 and 2001, 27,000 more Texans moved to Colorado than vice versa. Between 2002 and 2009, the valence flipped: during those years Texas saw a net gain of 2,300 Coloradans.

Source: IRS tax records that were analyzed by the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation. (H/T to the Conservation History Association of Texas for the suggestion.)