

DATA BYTES

Mobility in the Denver Metro Region

As part of our mission to transform data into actionable information that improves the social sector's ability to serve low-income communities, Shift Research Lab develops and maintains web-based technology tools that provide free data and analysis on social issues. We continuously update these tools with the most current information available from our data partners. To highlight new data that is added, we are releasing Shift Data Bytes—an ongoing series of data snapshots.

Every year, Shift acquires American Community Survey data sets from the US Census. In the Our Changing Denver Region Series, we analyze these data sets to examine how communities across metro Denver are evolving. We are currently updating the first chapter of the series, Who We Are & Where We Live, with 2011-2016 data. The updated report and accompanying storymap will explore demographic shifts related to total population, age, household types, race and ethnicity. This Data Byte provides additional insight into what the new data shows us about mobility in the region.

MOBILITY:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Shift tracks mobility based on where families move within a given year. Overall, the number of residents moving throughout the region between 2015 and 2016* remains flat, but variation exists across racial and ethnic groups, which provides more insight into how the region has changed over time.

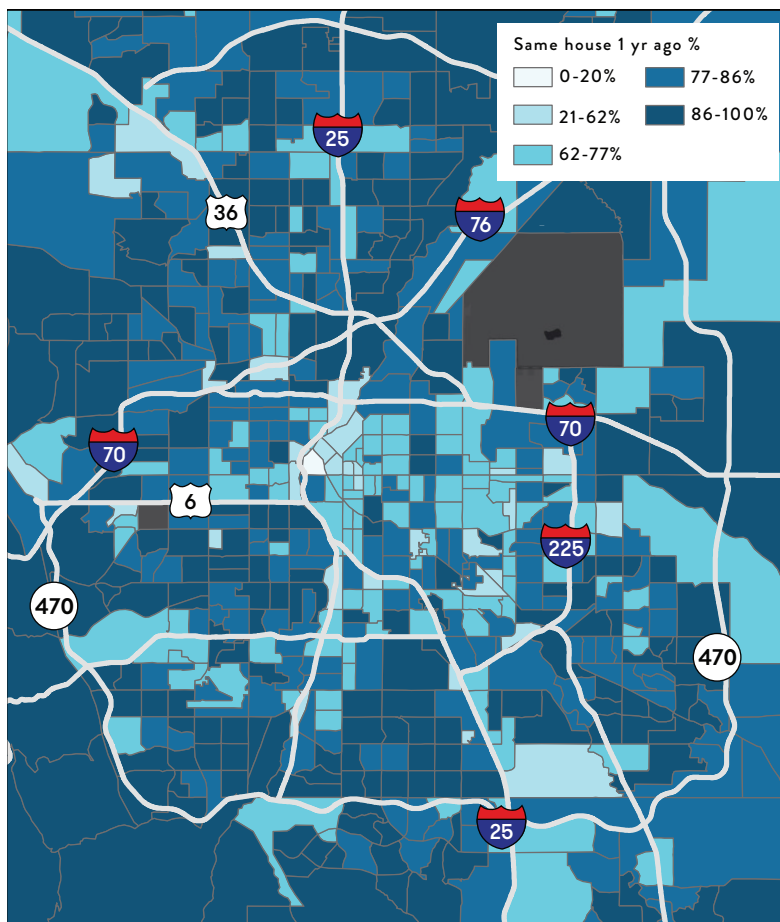
WHITE MIGRATION

In the map to the right, which shows white migration, movement is concentrated in the urban core, with less than 62 percent of the population remaining in the same house from 2015-2016. In contrast, the periphery of the region remains relatively stable, with white households in the southwest counties of Jefferson and Douglas experiencing more than 86 percent stability.

KEY FINDINGS

- Compared to their white counterparts, hispanic populations have higher regional mobility rates.
- White populations migrate to the Denver region from other states at twice the rate of the hispanic population.

WHITE MIGRATION - (2015-2016)



HISPANIC MIGRATION

Compared to their White counterparts, Hispanic populations have higher regional mobility rates. The map to the left shows a concentration of Hispanic migration in the urban core that extends into the southeast of the region. Although there is less overall Hispanic stability, there are stable pockets on the western and northern periphery of the region.

OUT OF STATE MOBILITY

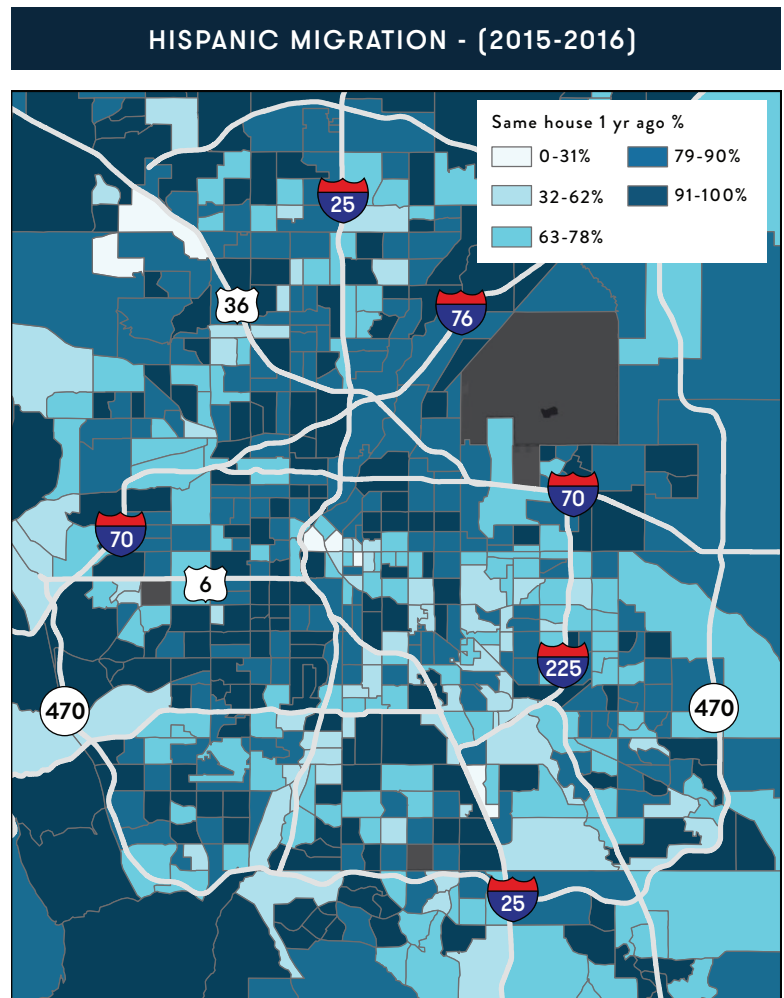
The data shows that white populations moved to Colorado from other states at twice the rate of Hispanic populations.

4%

of the White population migrated from out of state

2%

percent of the Hispanic population migrated from out of state.



* DATA 101: HOW SHIFT DEFINES MOBILITY

The American Community Survey (ACS) mobility data represents the mobility of a household from the previous year during any given year within the five year period of the survey.

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