

Why Thousands Are Flocking to Florida in 2026

Latest IRS data reveals the top 3 states sending the most residents (and billions in income) to Florida in 2026. Massive tax savings, lifestyle upgrades, \$20.6B AGI gain, and why Florida ranks #5 in tax competitiveness. Real stats, visuals, and relocation tips inside.

The Sunshine State's Irresistible Pull: America's Top Migration Magnet in 2026

Every day, Americans vote with their feet – and in 2026, they're heading to **Florida** in droves. According to the latest IRS migration data (2022–2023 filings, trends continuing strongly), Florida gained a net **+55,349** income tax filers and a staggering **\$20.6 billion** in adjusted gross income (AGI). That's roughly **\$184,771 per new resident** – proof that high-earners are leading the charge.

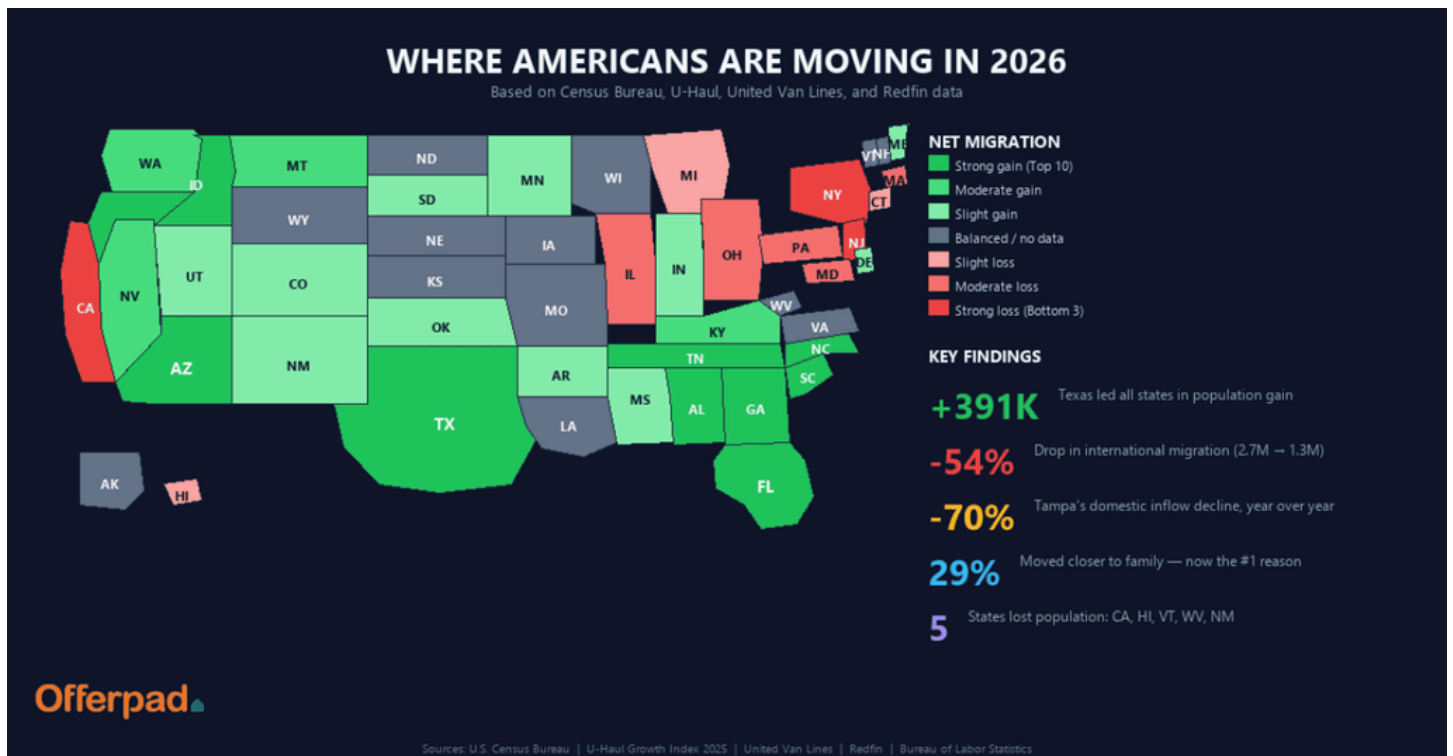
Florida ranks **#5 overall** in the 2026 Tax Foundation State Tax Competitiveness Index (and **#1** in individual income taxes with its 0% rate). No state income tax, no estate tax, homestead protections, and a booming economy make it the ultimate destination for economic freedom.

Here are the **top 3 origin states** by migration volume to Florida, the powerful reasons driving the move, key benefits, fun facts, and visuals to bring it to life.

The Top 3 States Sending Residents (and Wealth) to Florida

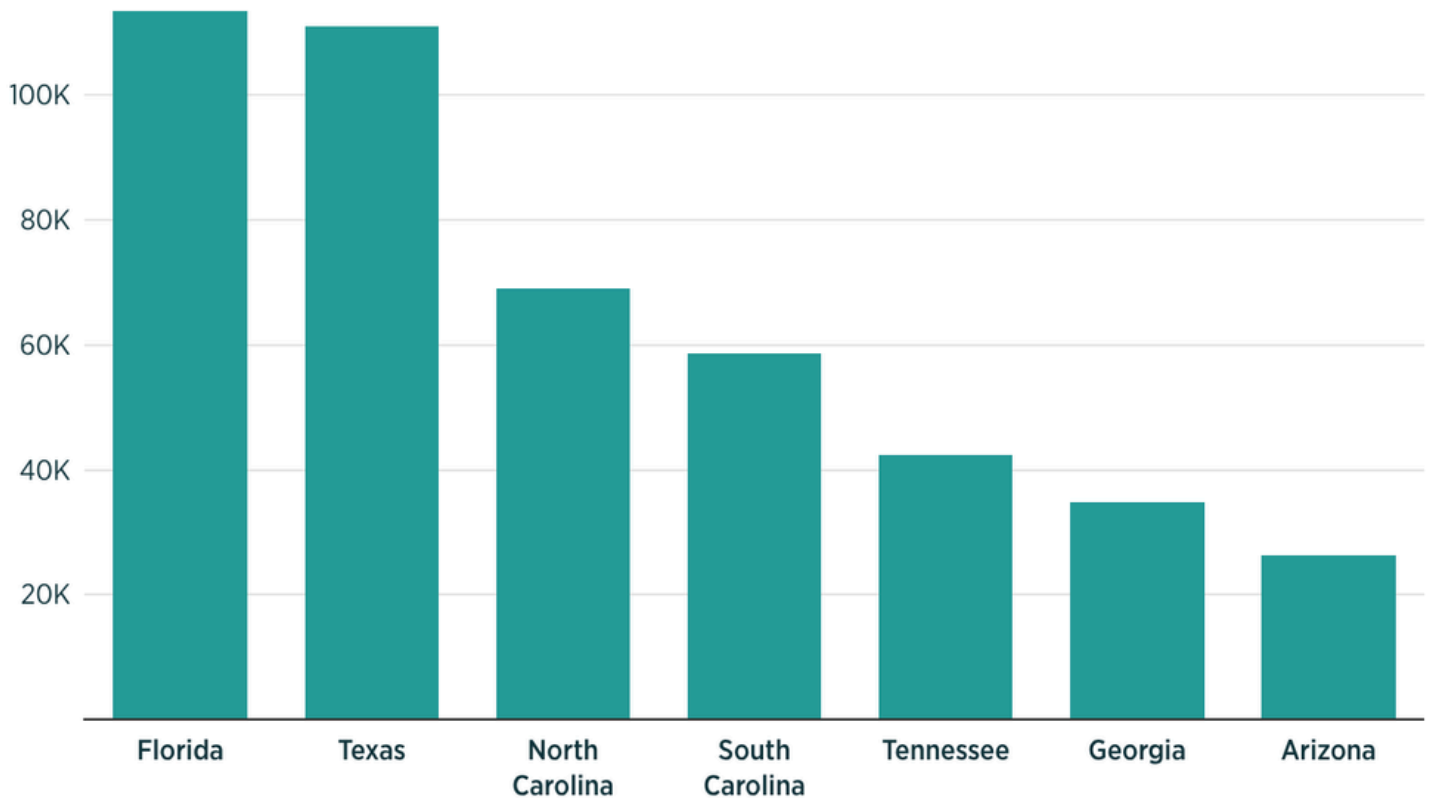
1. **New York** – Consistent leader with tens of thousands relocating annually (often 30k–70k+ in peak periods). High combined state + NYC taxes push professionals and families south.
2. **New Jersey** – Strong second, with significant outflows driven by high property and income taxes (up to 10.75%).
3. **California** – Major contributor (tens of thousands yearly), fleeing 13.3% top income tax, housing costs, and regulations.

Florida attracts **higher-than-average income** movers and are all losing billions in AGI while Florida gains.



Visual Data: The Wealth Migration in Action

AGI Inflow Chart Example (Florida leads dramatically):



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Florida's **\$20.6B** net AGI gain dwarfs others — a clear illustration of wealth flowing to low-tax states.

Why Are People Coming to Florida? Benefits, Stats & Fun Facts

1. Massive Tax Savings

- **0% state income tax** vs. up to 13.3% (CA), 10.9%+ (NY), 10.75% (NJ).
- Example: \$300k earner from NY/NJ/CA saves **\$25k-\$35k+** yearly; \$500k+ households often save **\$40k-\$55k+**.
- No estate/inheritance tax. Homestead exemption + Save Our Homes cap (3% annual increase limit) protects primary residences. Florida's overall tax structure crushes high-tax origins.

2. Better Value & Housing

- More home for your money — often 40–60% lower prices than equivalent coastal NY/CA properties, with more space and amenities.

3. Lifestyle Upgrade

- 300+ days of sunshine, beaches, and outdoor living.
- Record tourism and a vibrant economy (4th largest in the U.S.).
- **Fun Fact:** Florida gained massive cumulative net income inflows (~\$137B from 2019–2023). A new high-income taxpayer arrives frequently on net.



4. Economic Opportunity

- Business-friendly environment. No tax on retirement income or Social Security.
- Strong growth in finance (Miami), tech, healthcare, tourism, and remote work.
- **Fun Fact:** High-AGI movers (\$200k+) made up a huge portion of Florida's gains — over 45% in some snapshots.

Honest Challenges: Insurance costs and growth-related traffic exist — mitigate with fortified homes, policy shopping, and choosing established areas. The net upside (tax + lifestyle) wins for most.

Pro Tip: Secure domicile properly (driver's license, voter registration, 183+ days) and consult a tax advisor.

Are You Ready to Write Your Florida Freedom Story?

The data is clear: Florida is winning the Great Migration with tax freedom, sunshine, and opportunity.

- Schedule a **free relocation strategy session** with our experts.
- **State Income Tax Savings.**
- Browse listings in your ideal neighborhood today.

Sources: IRS SOI 2022-2023 data, Tax Foundation 2026 Index. Individual results vary — consult professionals.



Special Opportunity for Serious Buyers

By working with me and my team, you'll gain access to **off-market properties** that never hit the public MLS. I work with motivated sellers all over Florida who don't want to actively market their homes with open houses and showings – but **are willing to sell if the right offer comes along**. These are often the best opportunities for buyers who want a smoother, more private transaction with less competition.



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