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Will people change where they “vote with their feet?”

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Who moves?

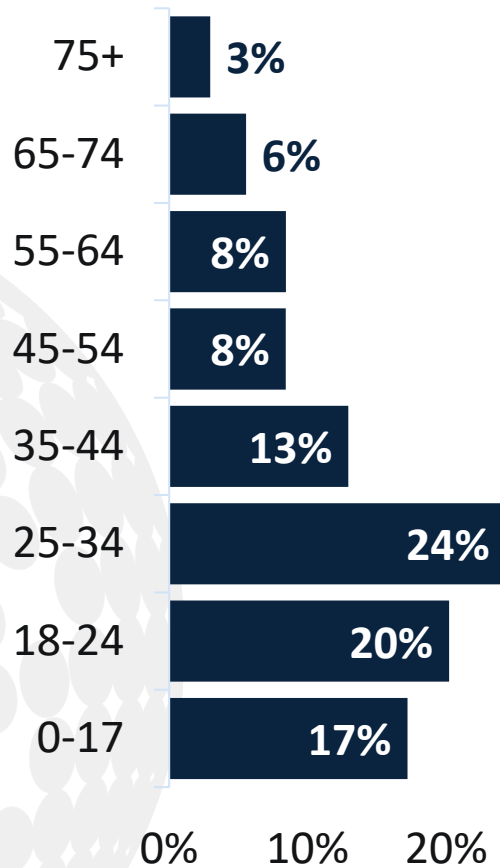


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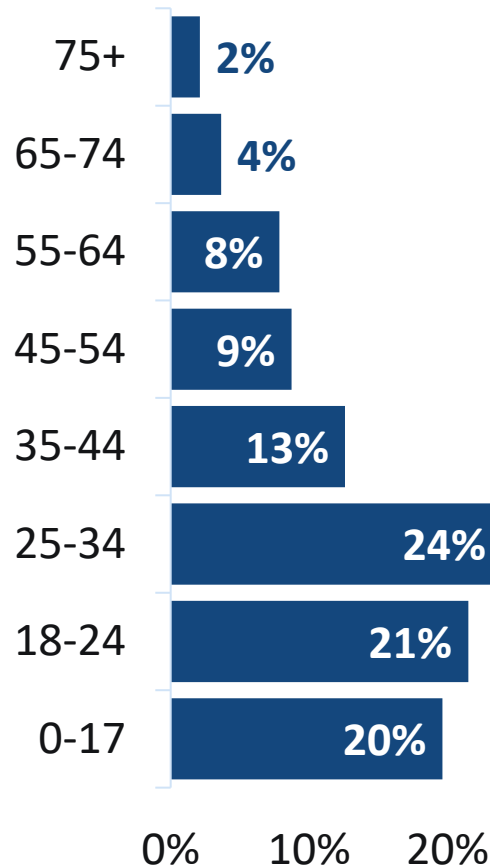
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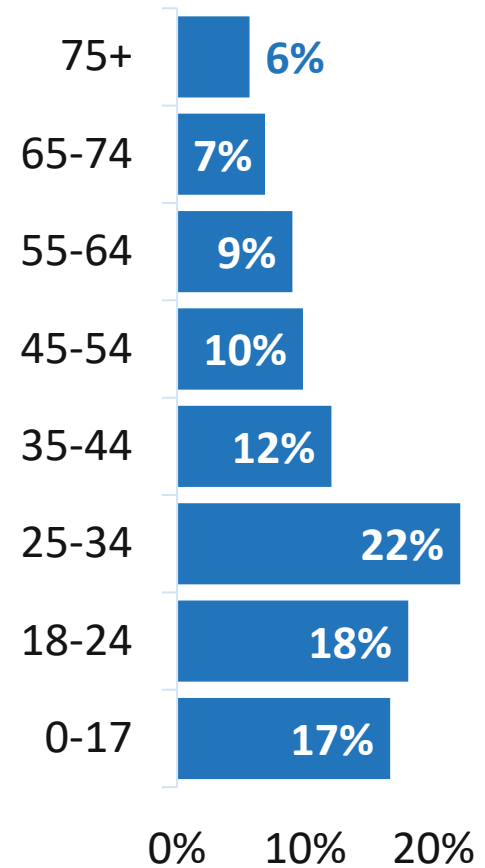
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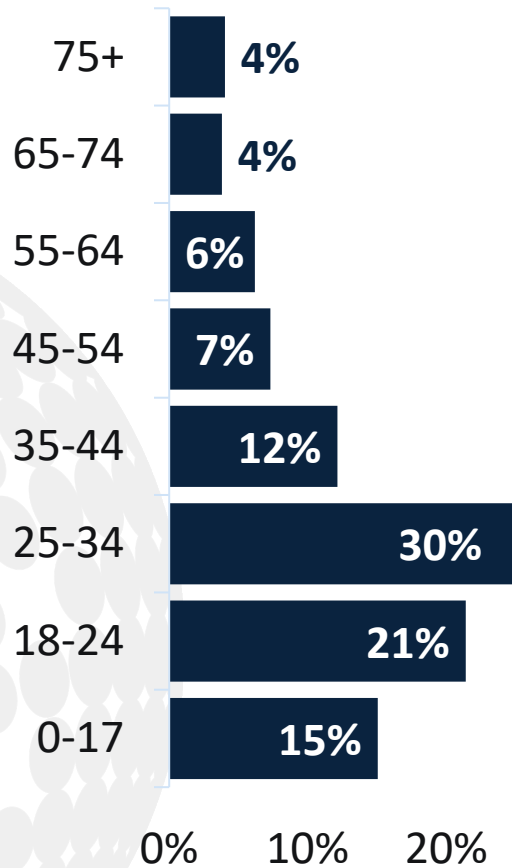
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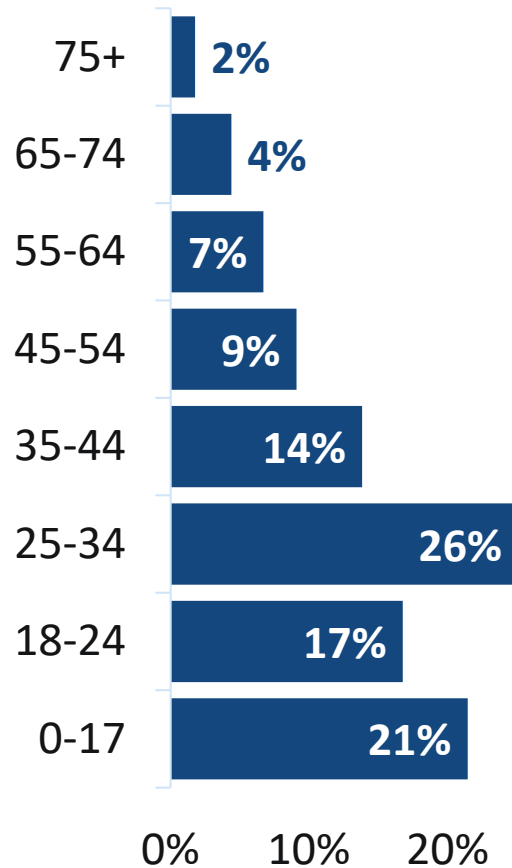
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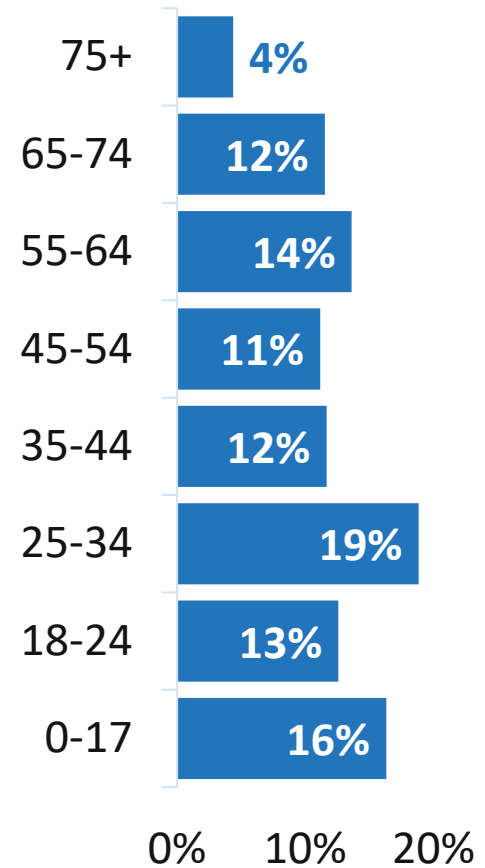
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PULL
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Examples of factors associated with migration

Type of Migrant	Pull	Push	Network/Other
Economic	Labor recruitment Low cost of living High wages	Unemployment Low wages High cost of living	Job and wage information flows
Non-economic	Family unification Seeking safety	Fleeing persecution Climate change	Communication Transportation Assistance Desire for change Amenities/weather

Source: Adapted from PRB. 2008. "Managing Migration: The Global Challenge."

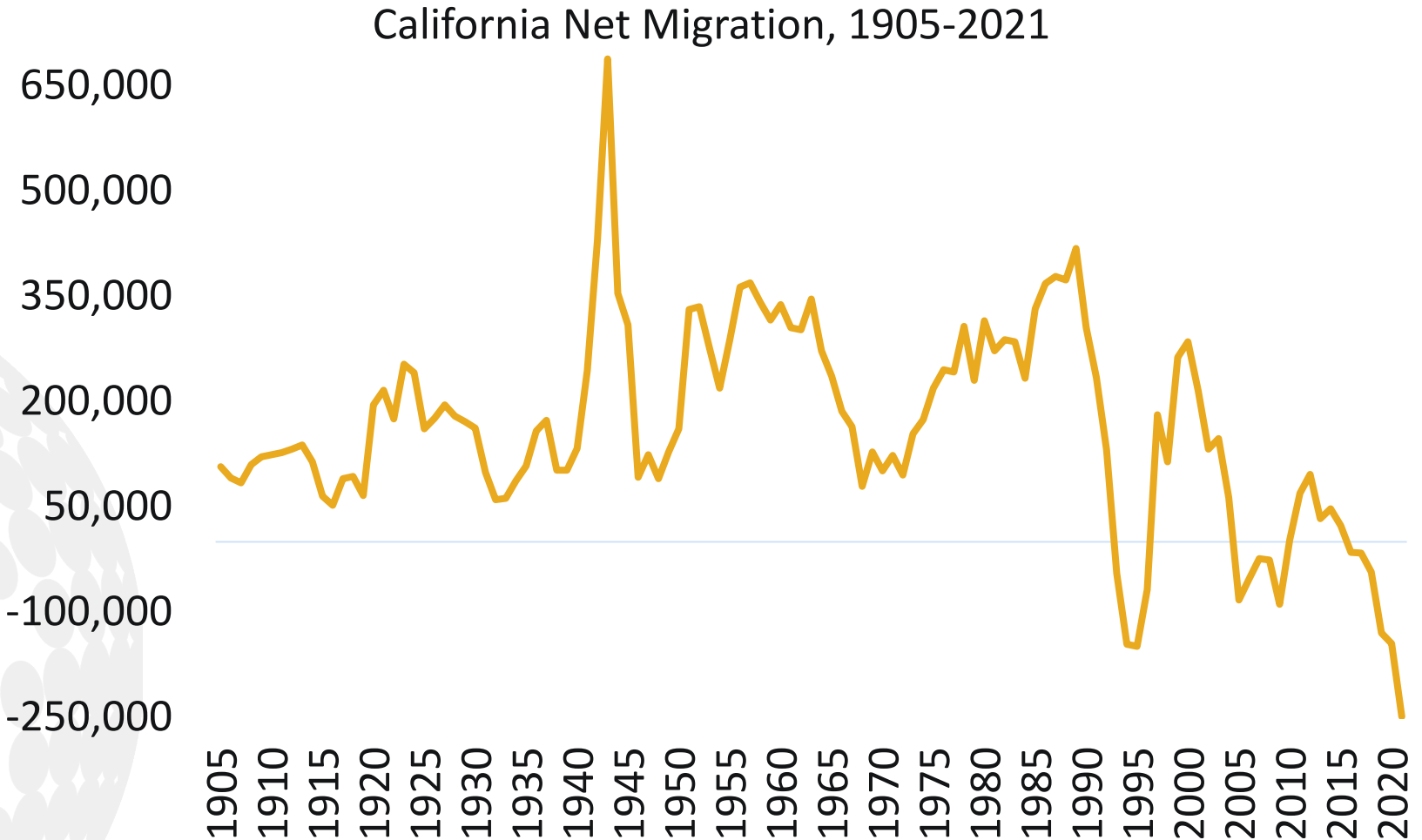
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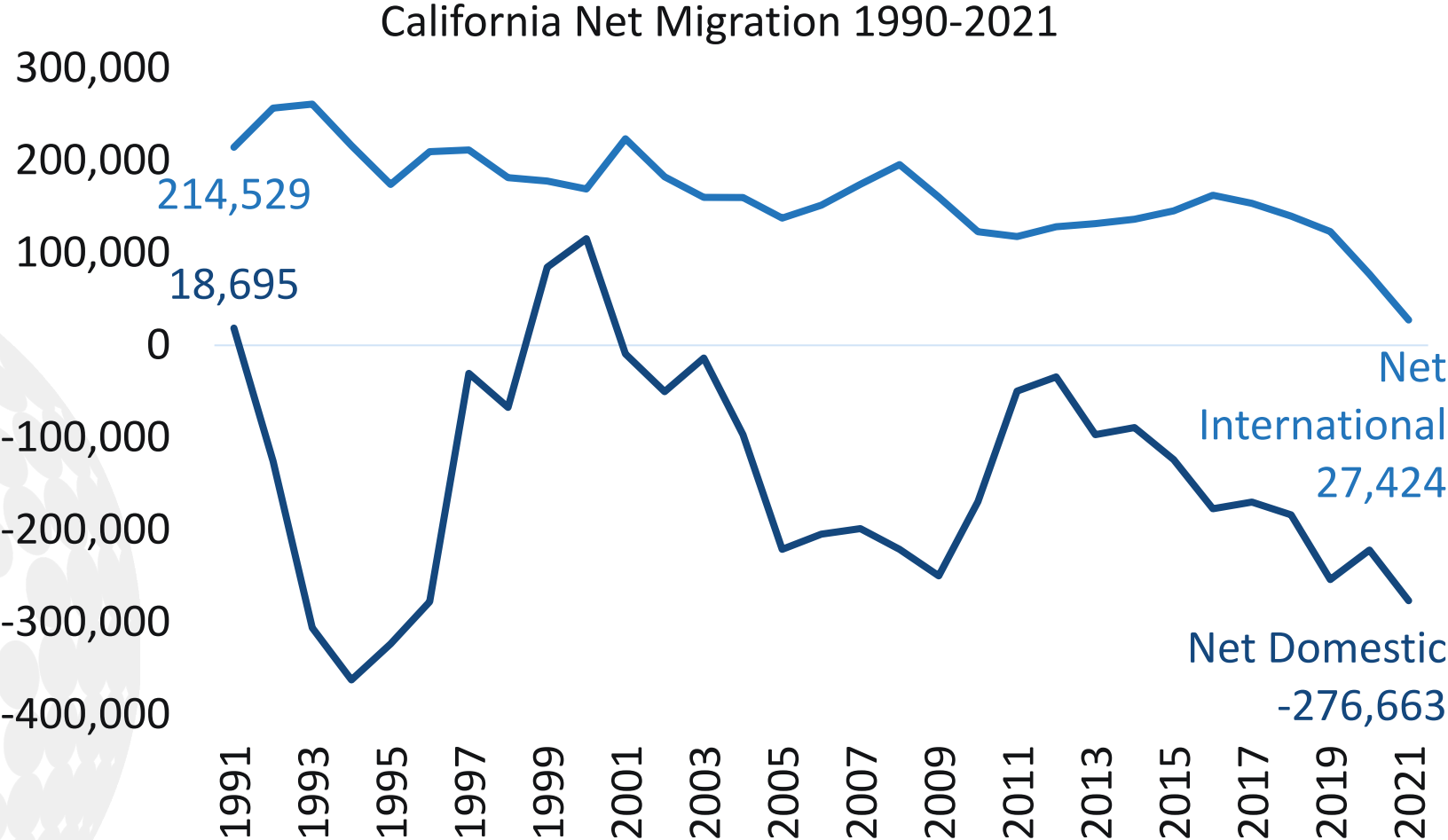
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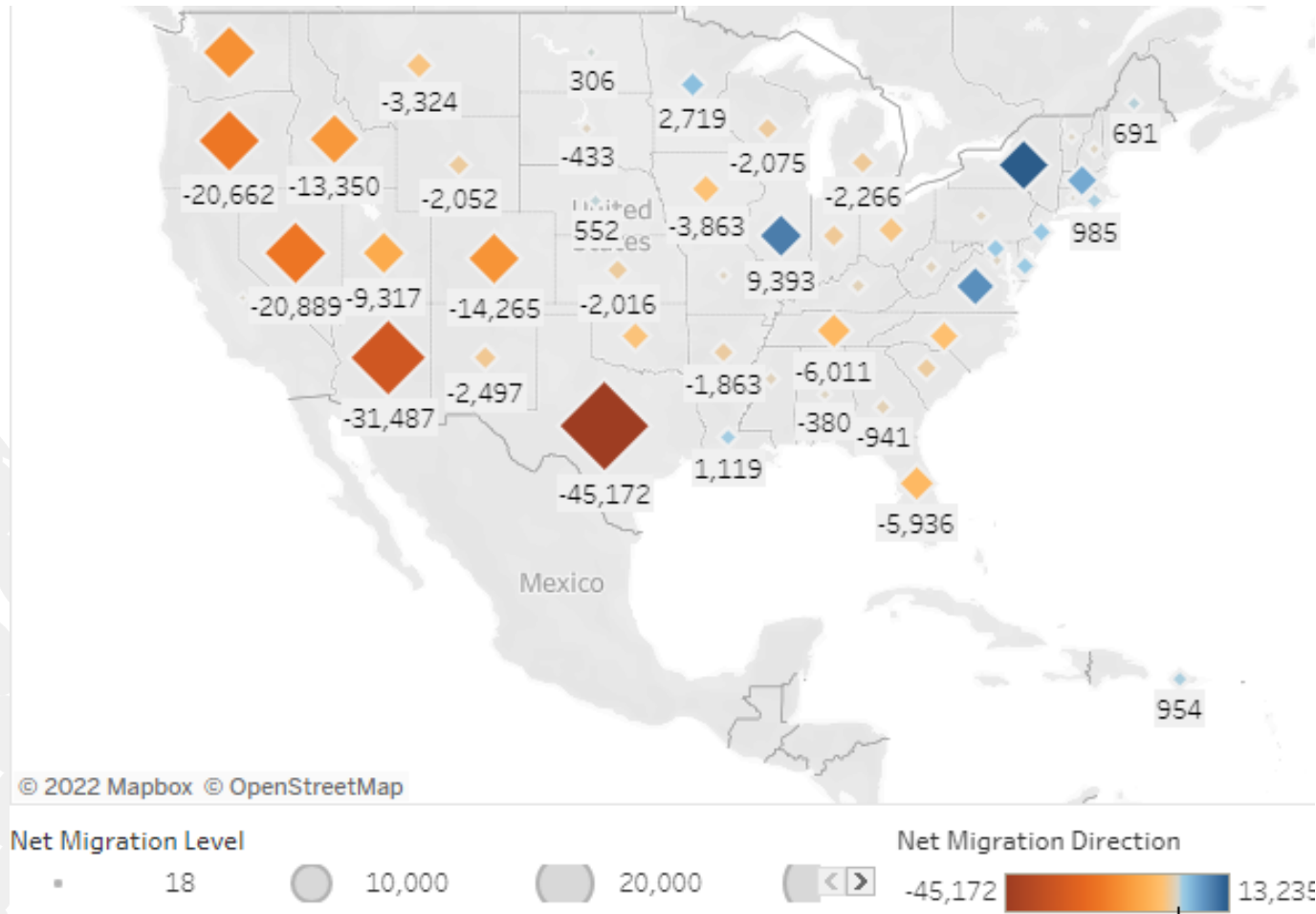
Net domestic migration negative for two decades. International migration levels fell starting in 2017.



Source: California Department of Finance. E-6 Population Estimates and Components of Change by County.

Where are people going to? Coming from?

California Net Migration With Other U.S. States, 2019

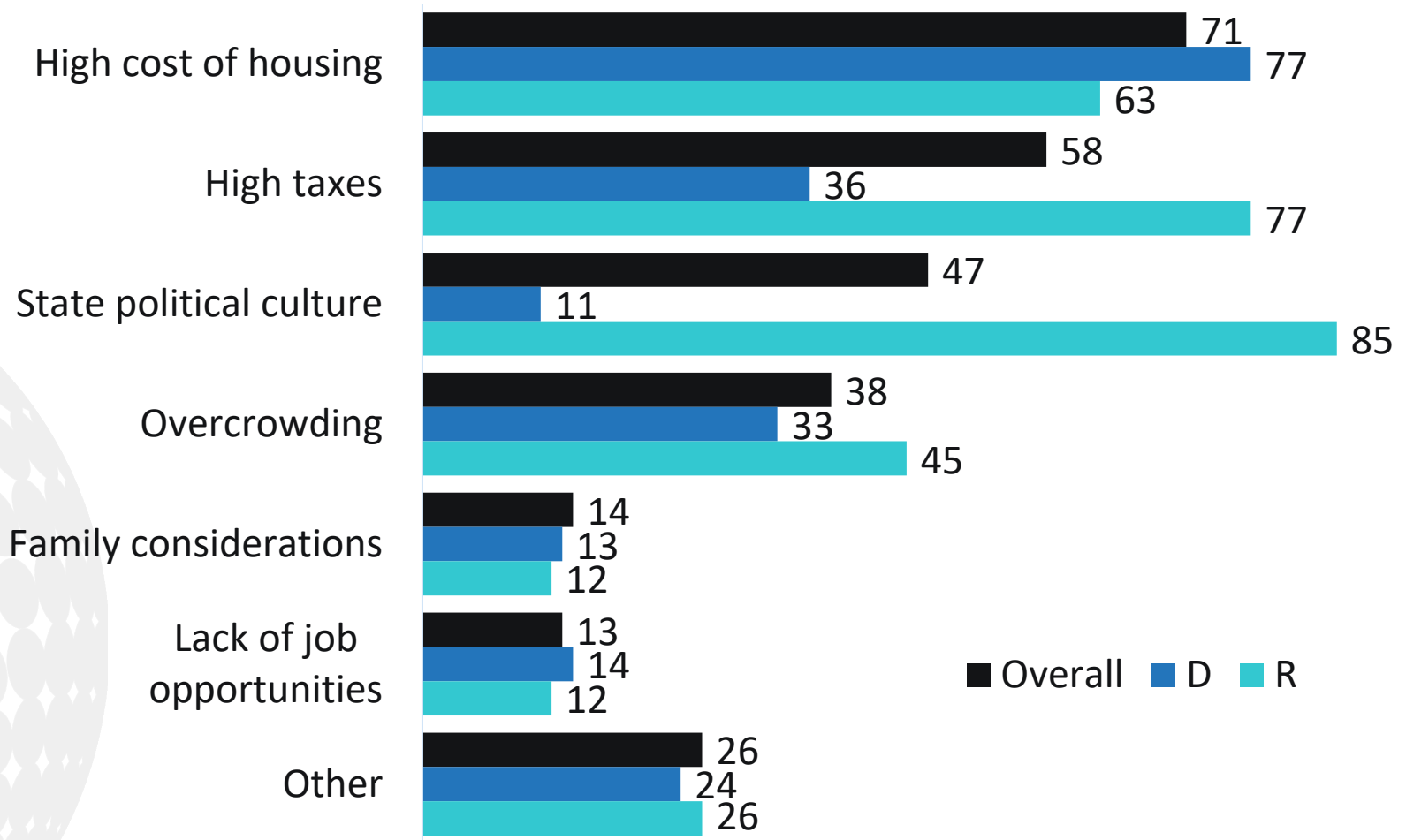


Source: PRB analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, State-to-State Migration Flows: 2019

<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/geographic-mobility/state-to-state-migration.html>

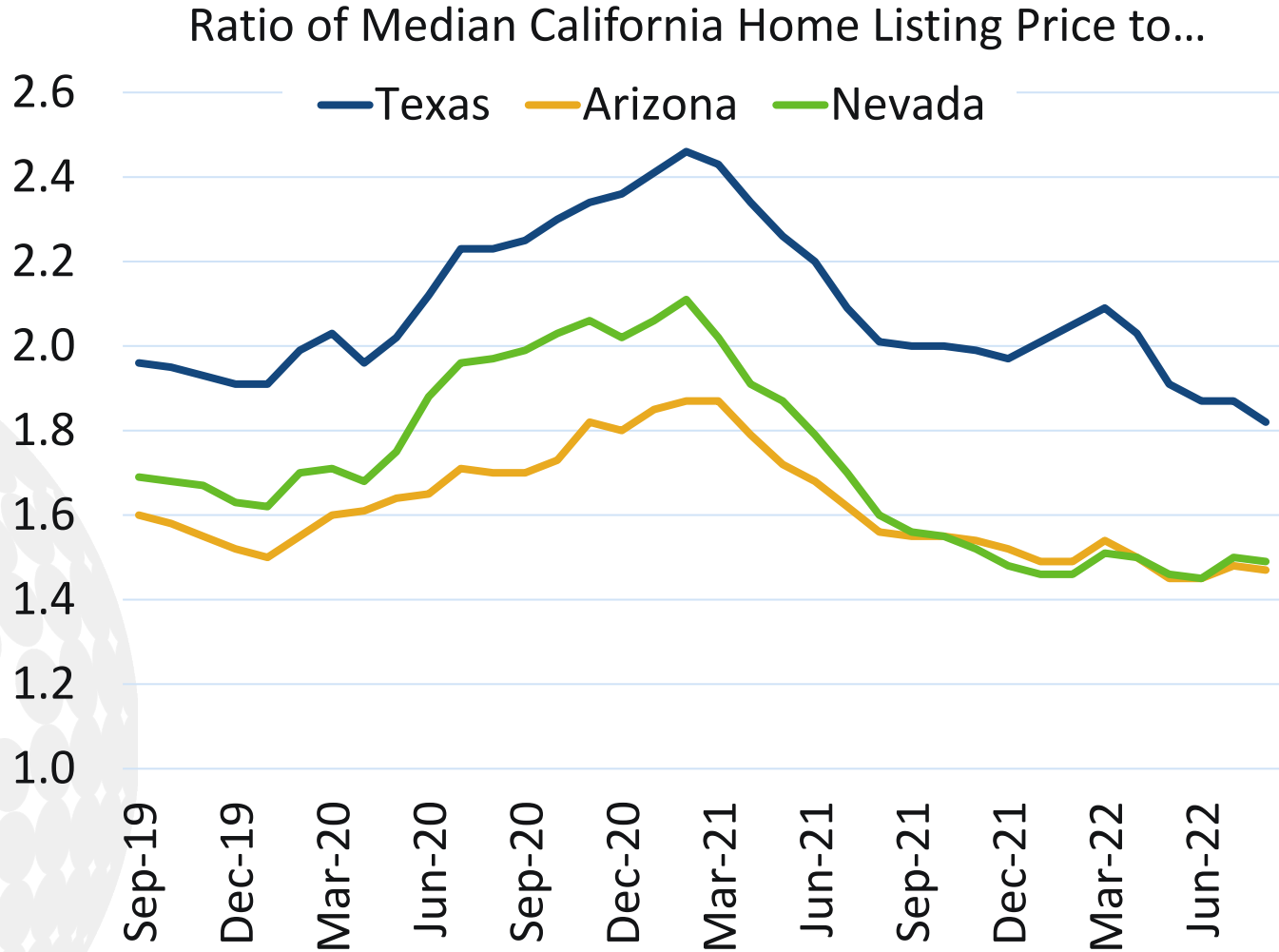
Why do people say they consider leaving?

Main reasons given for considering moving out of California, 2019



Source: Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies Poll. 2019. "Leaving California: Half of State's Voters Have Been Considering This; Republicans and Conservatives Three Times as likely as Democrats and Liberals to be Giving Serious Consideration to Leaving the State" <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/96j2704t>

Is home price context shifting?



Source: Realtor.com, Housing Inventory: Median Listing Price, retrieved from FRED, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/MEDLISPRIAZ>, September 2, 2022.

Political context has changed outside of California.

- Texas and Arizona are transferring migrants out-of-state
 - 11,000 bussed to D.C., New York City, and Chicago as of Sept 1, 2022
- Anti-abortion laws (several states)

Source: Office of the Texas Governor Greg Abbott. August 2022. "Operation Lone Star Ramps Up Busing Of Migrants To NYC, D.C. To Provide Relief To Border Communities." <https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/operation-lone-star-ramps-up-busing-of-migrants-to-nyc-d.c-to-provide-relief-to-border-communities>; USA Today. "Texas, Arizona bus migrants to U.S. cities, and now Chicago. Here's what could happen next" <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/09/02/texas-arizona-busing-migrants-to-other-us-cities/7949381001/>

What do we know from pre-Dobbs research?

- People denied abortions may travel to a different state for care. ¹
- Little to no research on relocation/migration decisions.
- U.S. states that have banned abortion rank among the worst states for overall child well-being. ²

Sources:

1. Sarah Raifman, et. al. 2021. "Border-state abortions increased for Texas residents after House Bill 2." Contraception. [https://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824\(21\)00089-5/fulltext](https://www.contraceptionjournal.org/article/S0010-7824(21)00089-5/fulltext)
2. Linda Jacobsen, PRB. 2022. "Are the States Banning Abortion Truly Pro-Child or Just Pro-Birth?." <https://www.prb.org/articles/are-the-states-banning-abortion-truly-pro-child-or-just-pro-birth/>

What are other impacts of abortion bans?

The Washington Post
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Abortion bans complicate access to drugs for cancer, arthritis, even ulcers

Some chronically ill women face questions about critical medications that could be used to end a pregnancy.

By [Katie Shepherd](#) and [Frances Stead Sellers](#)

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- Medication, such as mifepristone, misoprostol, and/or methotrexate can be used to induce abortion. These medications are also used to treat...
 - Early pregnancy loss
 - Cancer
 - Rheumatoid arthritis
 - High blood sugar

What does the research suggest post-Dobbs?

- Turnaway Study¹ showed that people who seek an abortion and are turned away are more likely to:
 - Experience serious pregnancy complications.
 - Stay tethered to abusive partners.
 - Experience poor physical health for years.
 - Be in poverty.
- Abortion bans may lead to an estimated 21% increase in pregnancy-related deaths.²
- Consequences are likely highest for Black pregnant people.^{2,3}

Sources:

1. Turnaway Study <https://www.ansirh.org/research/ongoing/turnaway-study>
2. Amanda J. Stevenson. 2021. "The Pregnancy-Related Mortality Impact of a Total Abortion Ban in the United States: A Research Note on Increased Deaths Due to Remaining Pregnant." Demography. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-9585908>
3. PRB. 2021. "Black Women Over Three Times More Likely to Die in Pregnancy, Postpartum Than White Women, New Research Finds." <https://popresearchcenters.org/research-highlights/black-women-over-three-times-more-likely-to-die-in-pregnancy-postpartum-than-white-women-new-research-finds/>

How might migration respond to changing political context?

- Out movers:
 - Whether or not people choose to leave California.
 - Where people go.
- In movers:
 - Whether or not people choose to move to California.
 - Whether or not potential movers have the resources to move to California.
 - Where people come from.
- Total size of moving-eligible population:
 - There may be (in states with bans) an increase in births due to unintended or mis-timed pregnancies. Magnitude of change is unknown.

Trends to watch...

- Will relative home prices achieve greater balance?
- Will young people choose to move to (or be more likely to stay in) California given shifts in the political climate in other states?
- Will polarization lead more people to “vote with their feet” and move to states where context aligns with their ideology?

Bonus: A few facts about safe abortion...

- Abortion is a sensitive and contentious issue with religious, moral, cultural, and political dimensions. **It is also a public health concern.**
- World Health Organization (WHO) considers an abortion to be safe if it is done within WHO guidelines by a trained provider who uses a WHO recommended method that is appropriate to the duration of the pregnancy.
- The legal status of abortion does not significantly affect the rate at which abortions occur.
 - The abortion rate in countries that prohibit abortion for any reason or allow it only to save the woman's life is 37 per 1,000 women ages 15-44, compared with a rate of 34 per 1,000 women in countries where it is permitted without restriction as to reason.