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Attracting and Retaining Young Adults in the Southern Tier of New York State

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Currently the Southern Tier of New York is experiencing population loss resulting from an inability to attract youth and college educated people. When compared to the rest of the US, Upstate New York has the lowest in-migration rate in the country (See chart). This has led to a net loss of some of the most skilled and educated young adults. The current trend of both low in-migration and poor retention of skilled and educated young adults and professionals hinders economic growth in the Southern Tier. The purpose of our study is to gain an understanding of how young adults in the Southern Tier think about where they will live and work after completing their education. We are also interested in learning about the kinds of things young adults do after graduating that might increase their chances of living and working in the kind of place they most prefer.

Highest out mig rate	Lowest out mig rate	Highest in mig. rate	Lowest in mig rate
AK 22.9	MA 11.5	NV 39.4	IW 1.9
WY 20.9	PA 11.3	AZ 27.6	MI 11.6
HI 19.4	OH 11.2	FL 23.7	WV 11.5
NM 19.3	NJ 11.1	CO 22.2	IL 11.4
DE 17.7	WI 10.4	ID 21.8	WI 11.2
Upstate NY 13.4		Upstate NY 9.3	
US Median 13.3		US Median 17.1	

Source: Dietz, 2007

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