

# CAPITAL DISTRICT DATA

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## IRS Migration Data for the Capital District

### Derivation of the Data

The two primary factors considered in producing population estimates are natural growth (the net difference between births and deaths) and migration. While birth and death statistics are available from the New York State Department of Health, the primary source for migration data is the Internal Revenue Service. Using the information collected from federal tax returns, the IRS prepares annual tables showing both in- and out-migration figures for each county in the nation.

Since individuals are required to identify their primary residence on their federal tax returns, the Internal Revenue Service is able to compare the addresses submitted on an annual basis and generate data on the relocation patterns of tax filers migrating in to or out of a particular county. For enumeration purposes, each individual return is considered a "household," while the number of

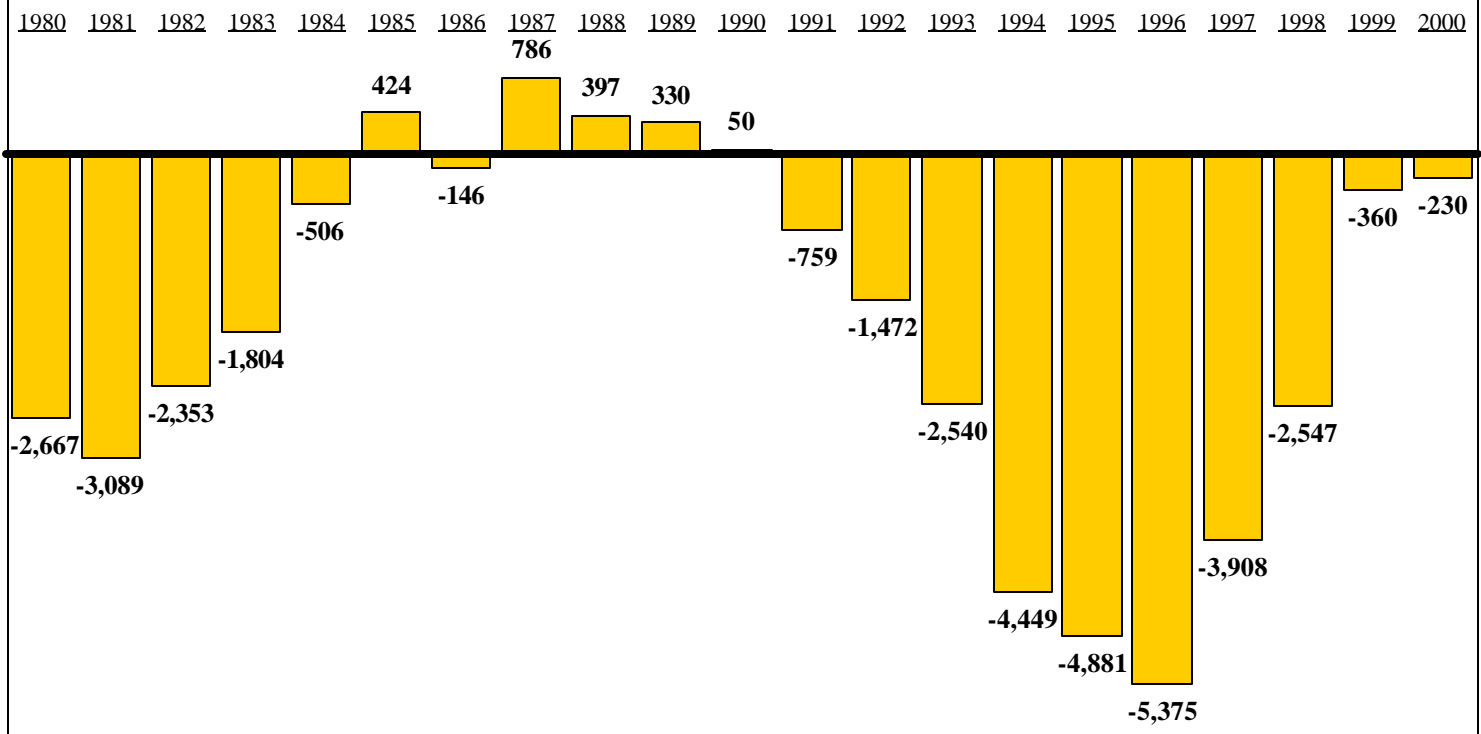
exemptions is used as a proxy for the number of persons. Since the data are associated with tax returns, the IRS is also able to calculate the aggregate taxable income reported by each "household."

### Data Qualifications

Federal tax returns, unlike the State form, do not ask for the filer's county of residence, so there will be quite significant (but consistent over time) errors in assigning taxpayers and their dependents to counties based on their zip codes. Since returns are matched by the social security number of the primary taxpayer, any errors in the social security number by either the tax-payer or IRS will lead to errors in identifying county migrants and non-migrants (i.e., recently relocated residents versus those who have resided within a county for at least a year).

The number of exemptions identified on an individual's tax return in consecutive years may vary

### Capital District Net Migration of Taxpayers & Dependents



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due to births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and dependents whose changed status no longer allows them to be claimed as exemptions. The data do not include first-time tax filers. Finally, the data do not include residents who either did not file tax returns or were not claimed as exemptions on another county resident's tax return. For instance, IRS reports 605,401 total exemptions for the Region in

2000, which represent only 76.2% of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2000 total population for the Capital Region of 794,293. Accordingly, in the table and diagrams which follow, it should be carefully noted that the IRS migration figures refer only to taxpayers and their dependents, and aggregate taxable (adjusted for inflation). Also note that the aggregate income data have been available only since 1992.

IRS Taxpayer & Dependent Migration Data						IRS Aggregate Total Money Income Migration Data				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Albany County</b>										
Remained In County	219,661	218,389	219,423	221,408	220,556	\$5,137,195	\$5,276,721	\$5,629,303	\$5,848,489	\$5,971,157
<i>Net Migration From (+) or To (-)</i>										
Rensselaer County	67	120	51	-39	-98	\$1,603	\$2,283	\$2,052	\$3,921	\$844
Saratoga County	-666	-544	-506	-532	-498	(\$16,108)	(\$12,402)	(\$15,717)	(\$19,306)	(\$10,202)
Schenectady County	-262	-298	-123	-227	-218	(\$935)	(\$9,030)	(\$3,164)	(\$884)	(\$4,830)
Outside the Region	-1,719	-1,297	-902	-232	-230	(\$52,901)	(\$48,968)	(\$33,398)	(\$41,967)	(\$49,166)
<i>Net Migration</i>	-2,580	-2,019	-1,480	-1,030	-1,044	(\$68,341)	(\$68,118)	(\$50,227)	(\$58,235)	(\$63,354)
<b>Rensselaer County</b>										
Remained In County	116,368	115,945	116,388	117,137	116,373	\$2,280,164	\$2,353,127	\$2,439,640	\$2,517,514	\$2,597,306
<i>Net Migration From (+) or To (-)</i>										
Albany County	-67	-120	-51	39	98	(\$1,603)	(\$2,283)	(\$2,052)	(\$3,921)	(\$844)
Saratoga County	-297	-253	-312	-108	-178	(\$6,664)	(\$6,129)	(\$6,715)	(\$3,219)	(\$5,350)
Schenectady County	-27	-54	-6	-42	-47	(\$1,018)	(\$1,055)	\$362	(\$1,458)	\$510
Outside the Region	-1,180	-881	-649	-97	-133	(\$26,403)	(\$22,518)	(\$24,953)	(\$10,080)	(\$18,328)
<i>Net Migration</i>	-1,571	-1,308	-1,018	-208	-260	(\$35,687)	(\$31,984)	(\$33,358)	(\$18,678)	(\$24,012)
<b>Saratoga County</b>										
Remained In County	155,546	156,150	158,740	161,597	161,946	\$3,383,367	\$3,535,019	\$3,751,218	\$3,978,682	\$4,099,849
<i>Net Migration From (+) or To (-)</i>										
Albany County	666	544	506	532	498	\$16,108	\$12,402	\$15,717	\$19,306	\$10,202
Rensselaer County	297	253	312	108	178	\$6,664	\$6,129	\$6,715	\$3,219	\$5,350
Schenectady County	295	338	501	427	387	\$8,266	\$7,936	\$14,457	\$12,331	\$16,506
Outside the Region	-1,394	-585	-175	661	675	(\$29,648)	(\$34,302)	(\$17,439)	\$10,175	\$6,464
<i>Net Migration</i>	-136	550	1,144	1,728	1,738	\$1,390	(\$7,835)	\$19,450	\$45,031	\$38,522
<b>Schenectady County</b>										
Remained In County	107,975	107,247	106,853	107,338	106,296	\$2,342,875	\$2,446,228	\$2,534,012	\$2,659,184	\$2,647,372
<i>Net Migration From (+) or To (-)</i>										
Albany County	262	298	123	227	218	\$935	\$9,030	\$3,164	\$884	\$4,830
Rensselaer County	27	54	6	42	47	\$1,018	\$1,055	(\$362)	\$1,458	(\$510)
Saratoga County	-295	-338	-501	-427	-387	(\$8,266)	(\$7,936)	(\$14,457)	(\$12,331)	(\$16,506)
Outside the Region	-1,082	-1,145	-821	-692	-542	(\$33,609)	(\$52,822)	(\$62,519)	(\$50,986)	(\$42,830)
<i>Net Migration</i>	-1,088	-1,131	-1,193	-850	-664	(\$39,922)	(\$50,674)	(\$74,174)	(\$60,976)	(\$55,016)
<b>Capital District</b>										
Remained In Region	599,550	597,731	601,404	607,480	605,171	\$13,143,602	\$13,611,095	\$14,354,173	\$15,003,868	\$15,315,684
Immigration	17,754	18,349	19,826	20,685	25,082	\$363,579	\$375,062	\$433,025	\$460,435	\$590,209
Emigration	23,129	22,257	22,373	21,045	25,312	\$506,138	\$533,672	\$571,334	\$553,294	\$694,069
<i>Net Migration</i>	-5,375	-3,908	-2,547	-360	-230	(\$142,560)	(\$158,610)	(\$138,309)	(\$92,858)	(\$103,860)

Source: U.S. Dept. of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service.

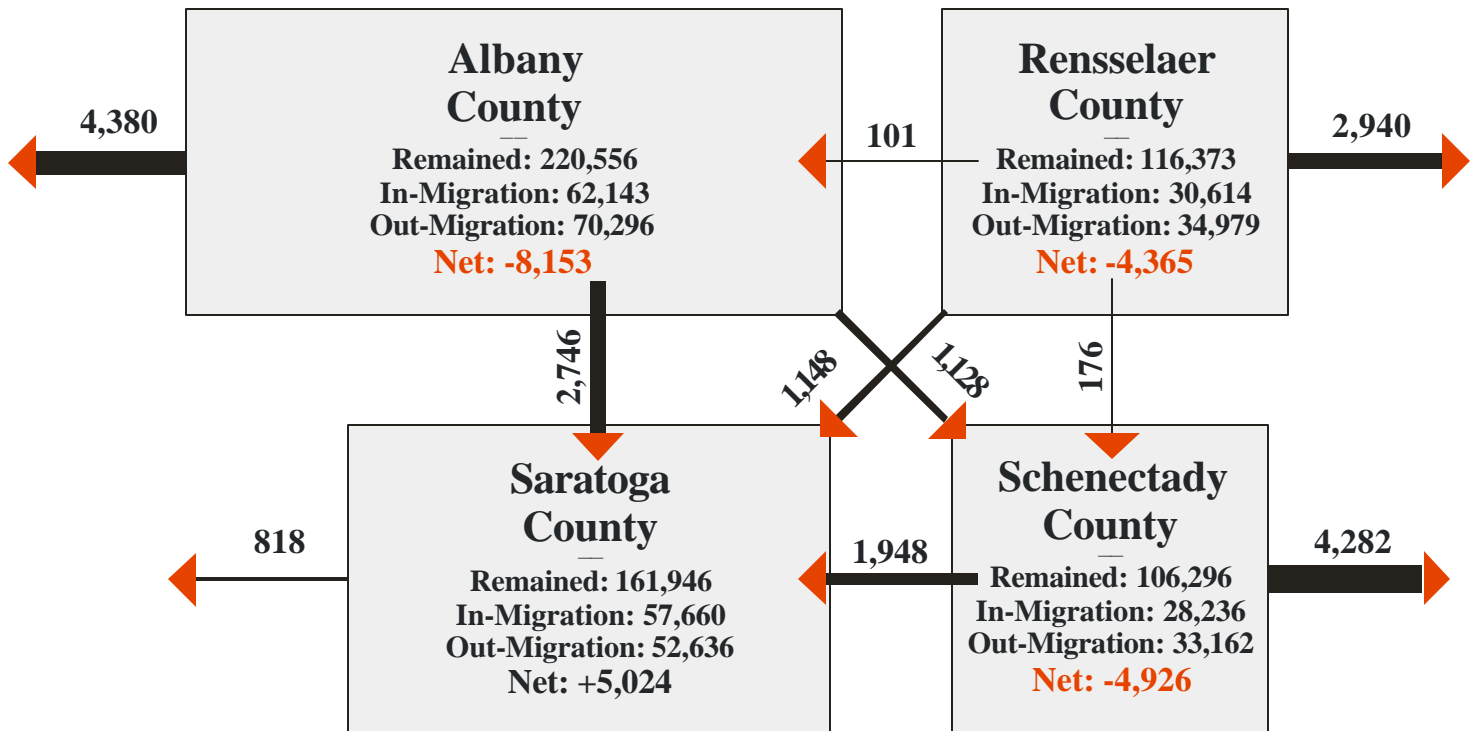
Income in 1,000s of 2000 Constant Dollars.

## Household Effective Buying Income

Sales & Marketing Management magazine's "2001 Survey of Buying Power" contains its estimates of 2000 Household Effective Buying Income (EBI) for the nation's metro areas. For 1995, EBI was redefined as total money income, and is not comparable to 1994 and earlier years. Total money income represents what is commonly referred to as after-tax income: gross income from all sources less personal tax and non-tax payments.

Median Household Effective Buying Income						
Area	Median Household EBI			As a % of U.S. HH EBI		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Albany County	\$36,856	\$38,811	\$40,416	104.2%	104.2%	103.3%
Rensselaer County	\$36,062	\$37,906	\$38,950	101.9%	101.8%	99.5%
Saratoga County	\$41,193	\$43,374	\$45,186	116.4%	116.5%	115.5%
Schenectady County	\$34,616	\$36,467	\$37,481	97.8%	97.9%	95.8%
Greene County	\$29,386	\$31,327	\$32,283	83.1%	84.1%	82.5%
Montgomery County	\$26,243	\$27,410	\$28,166	74.2%	73.6%	72.0%
Schoharie County	\$29,065	\$30,826	\$32,004	82.2%	82.8%	81.8%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy MSA	\$36,185	\$38,125	\$39,489	102.3%	102.4%	100.9%
New York State	\$37,327	\$39,351	\$40,749	105.5%	105.7%	104.1%
United States	\$35,377	\$37,233	\$39,129	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

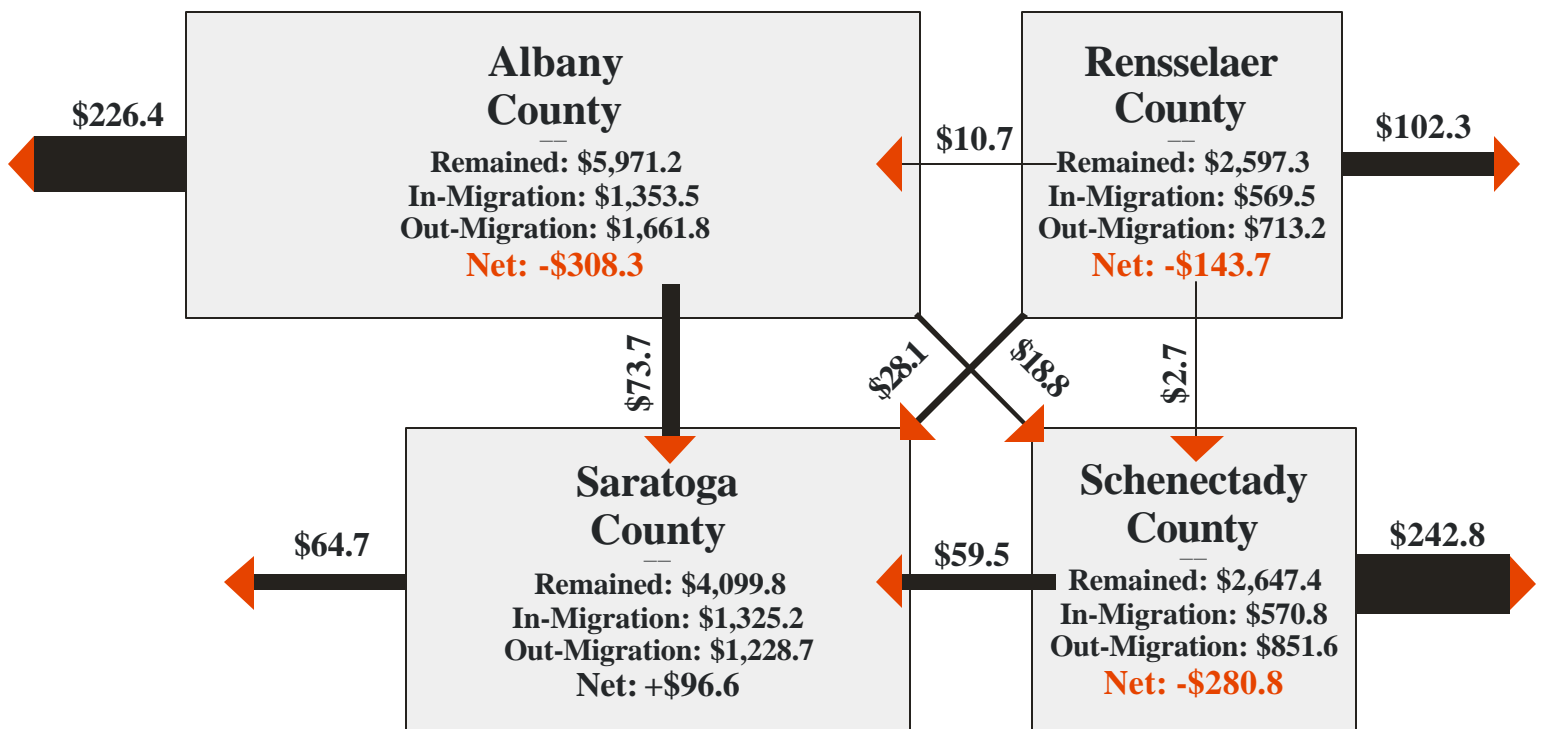
## 1996-2000 Capital District Net Migration of Taxpayers & Dependents



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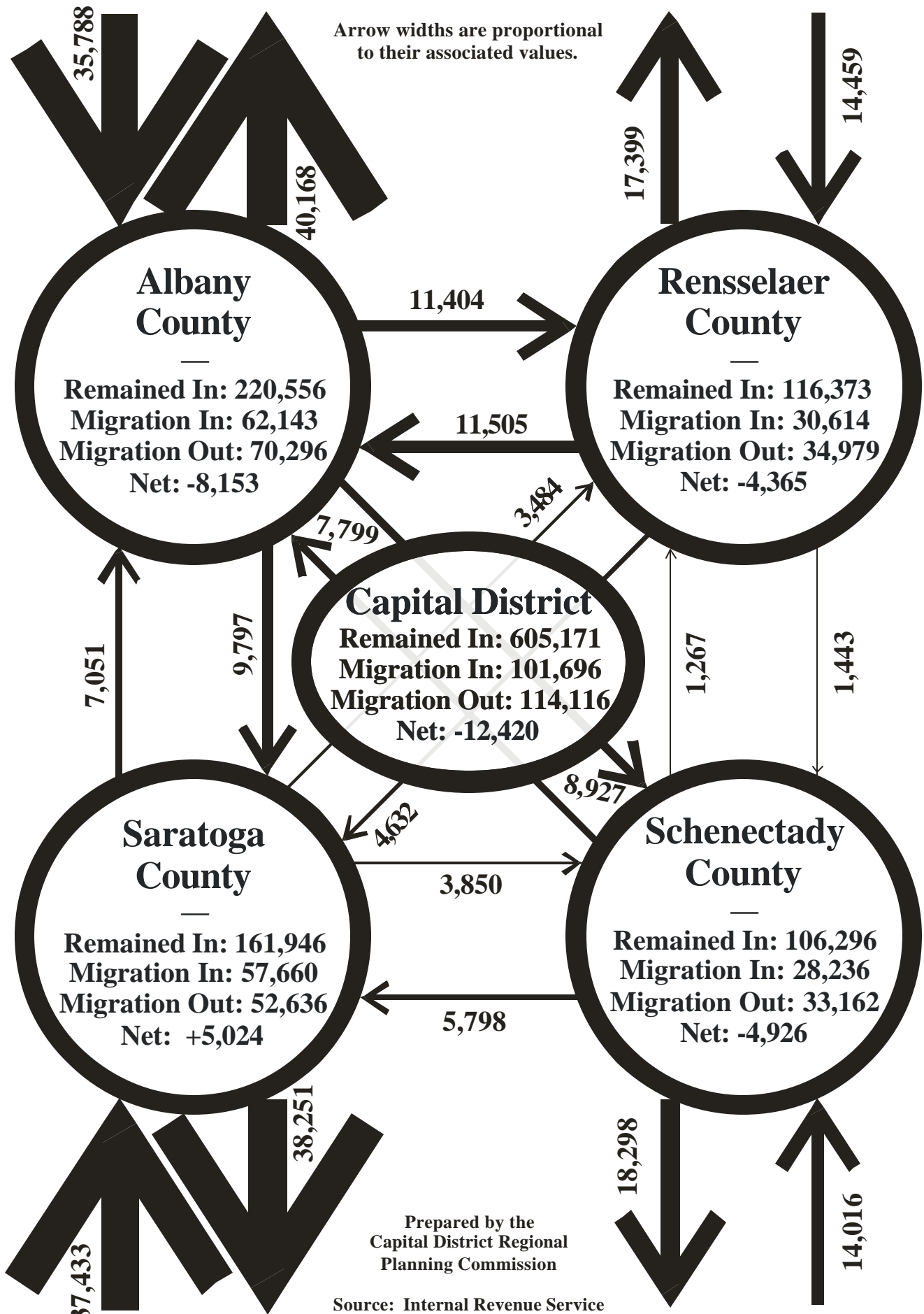
## 1996-2000 Capital District Net Migration of Aggregate Taxable Income



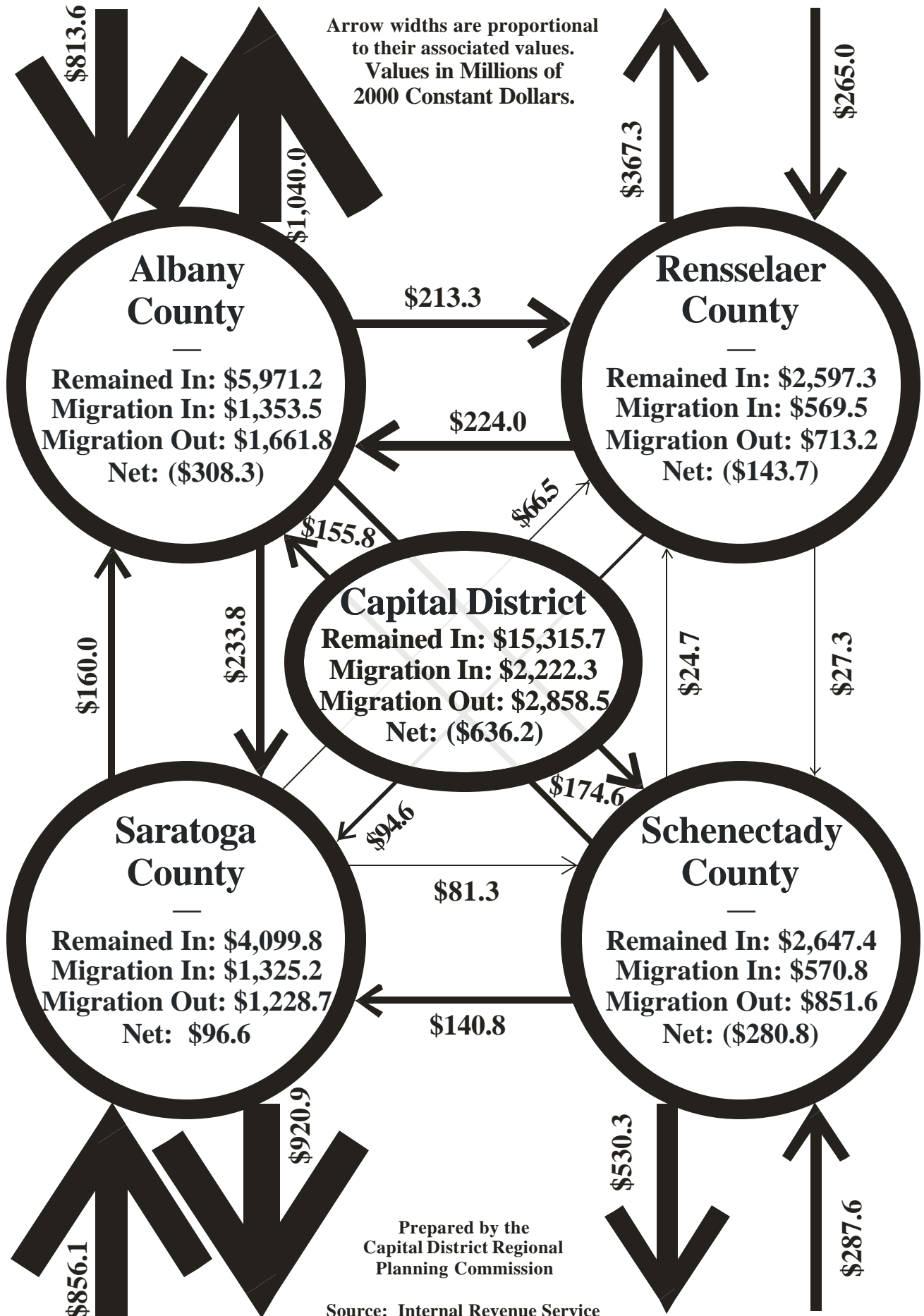
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Prepared by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. Source: Internal Revenue Service. Income in Millions of 2000 Constant Dollars

# 1996-2000 Capital District Population Migration



# 1996-2000 Capital District Income Migration



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Source: Internal Revenue Service



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**Poverty Level Threshold Estimates for 2001**

The 2001 preliminary estimates of poverty level thresholds for the United States are now available from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. These figures update the 2000 poverty thresholds using the average change in the monthly Consumer Price Index between 2000 and 2001 (i.e., 2.8455%).

Two categories are listed for each household size based on the age of the householder or head of household. The general threshold represents a weighted average of both categories, while individual age-based thresholds are given for one and two person households.

For questions concerning the 2001 estimated poverty level thresholds, please contact the Census Bureau directly at 301-457-3242.

Household Size	Threshold
1 Person	\$9,044
Householder Under 65 Years Old	\$9,214
Householder 65 Years and Older	\$8,494
2 Persons	\$11,559
Householder Under 65 Years Old	\$11,920
Householder 65 Years and Older	\$10,715
3 Persons	\$14,129
4 Persons	\$18,104
5 Persons	\$21,411
6 Persons	\$24,197
7 Persons	\$27,514
8 Persons	\$30,546
9 or More Persons	\$36,058

**Employment, Unemployment, & Unemployment Rates**

Employment	Jan 01	Feb 01	Mar 01	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 01	Jul 01	Aug 01	Sep 01	Oct 01	Nov 01	Dec 01	Jan 02
Albany County	148.1	148.3	148.4	148.9	149.2	151.4	152.3	152.3	148.2	149.0	149.3	148.5	149.4
Rensselaer County	74.2	74.3	74.3	74.6	74.7	75.8	76.2	76.3	74.2	74.6	74.7	74.4	74.8
Saratoga County	99.0	99.1	99.1	99.5	99.7	101.2	101.7	101.8	99.0	99.5	99.7	99.3	99.8
Schenectady County	67.5	67.6	67.6	67.9	68.0	69.0	69.4	69.4	67.5	67.9	68.0	67.7	68.1
Capital District Region	388.8	389.3	389.4	390.9	391.6	397.4	399.6	399.8	388.9	391.0	391.7	389.9	392.1
Unemployment	Jan 01	Feb 01	Mar 01	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 01	Jul 01	Aug 01	Sep 01	Oct 01	Nov 01	Dec 01	Jan 02
Albany County	4.4	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.8	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	5.2
Rensselaer County	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	4.3
Saratoga County	3.9	3.6	3.4	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.5	3.6	4.7
Schenectady County	2.5	2.4	2.2	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.3	3.0
Capital District Region	14.0	13.5	12.6	10.6	11.2	11.0	11.7	11.3	12.2	12.3	13.1	13.3	17.2
Unemployment Rates	Jan 01	Feb 01	Mar 01	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 01	Jul 01	Aug 01	Sep 01	Oct 01	Nov 01	Dec 01	Jan 02
Albany County	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.4%
Rensselaer County	4.1%	4.2%	3.8%	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%	4.1%	4.3%	5.4%
Saratoga County	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%	2.8%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%	3.5%	4.5%
Schenectady County	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	2.7%	3.1%	2.9%	3.1%	3.3%	4.2%
Capital District Region	3.5%	3.4%	3.1%	2.6%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	3.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	4.2%
New York State	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%	4.2%	4.2%	4.4%	4.9%	4.9%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	6.3%
United States	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.2%	4.1%	4.7%	4.7%	4.9%	4.7%	5.0%	5.3%	5.4%	6.3%

Source: New York State Department of Labor

Employment & Unemployment figures in 1,000s

**Consumer Price Index**

1999-2000 Percent Change in CPI: 3.38%

Unadjusted CPI	Jan 01	Feb 01	Mar 01	Apr 01	May 01	Jun 01	Jul 01	Aug 01	Sep 01	Oct 01	Nov 01	Dec 01	Jan 02
U.S. City Average	175.1	175.8	176.2	176.9	177.7	178.0	177.5	177.5	178.3	177.7	177.4	176.7	177.1
Northeast Urban Average	182.2	182.8	183.7	184.2	184.6	185.3	185.0	185.1	185.1	185.0	185.0	184.2	184.9
% Change From Same Month in Previous Year	Jan 00- Jan 01	Feb 00- Feb 01	Mar 00- Mar 01	Apr 00- Apr 01	May 00- May 01	Jun 00- Jun 01	Jul 00- Jul 01	Aug 00- Aug 01	Sep 00- Sep 01	Oct 00- Oct 01	Nov 00- Nov 01	Dec 00- Dec 01	Jan 01- Jan 02
U.S. City Average	3.7%	3.5%	2.9%	3.3%	3.6%	3.2%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.1%	1.9%	1.6%	1.1%
Northeast Urban Average	3.4%	2.9%	2.9%	3.2%	3.5%	3.5%	2.9%	2.9%	2.4%	2.1%	1.9%	1.6%	1.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

1982-84 = 100

Note: Data are NOT Seasonally Adjusted