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California State Migration, 2018–2023

Population and income movement over five years

KEY FINDINGS: CALIFORNIA

CA Cumulative 5-year net migration

−1,263,365 residents

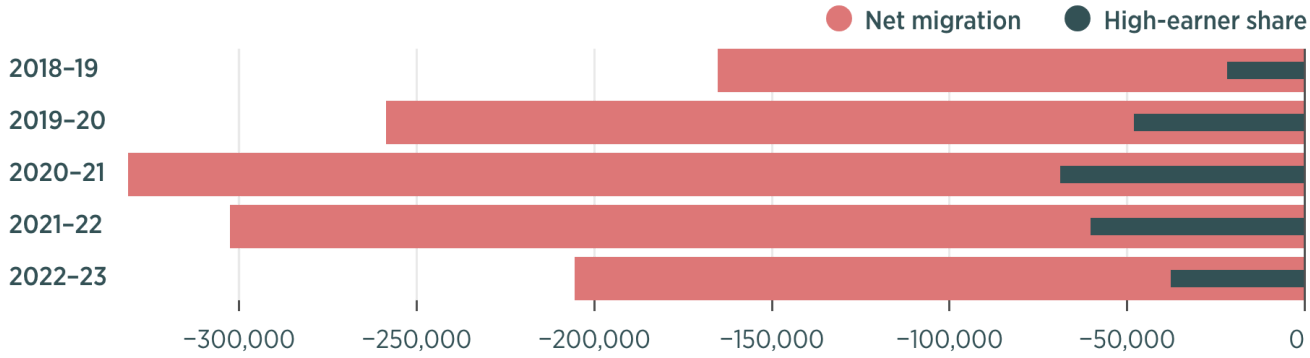
−236,925 (18.8%) high earners

CA Cumulative 5-year net income gain/loss

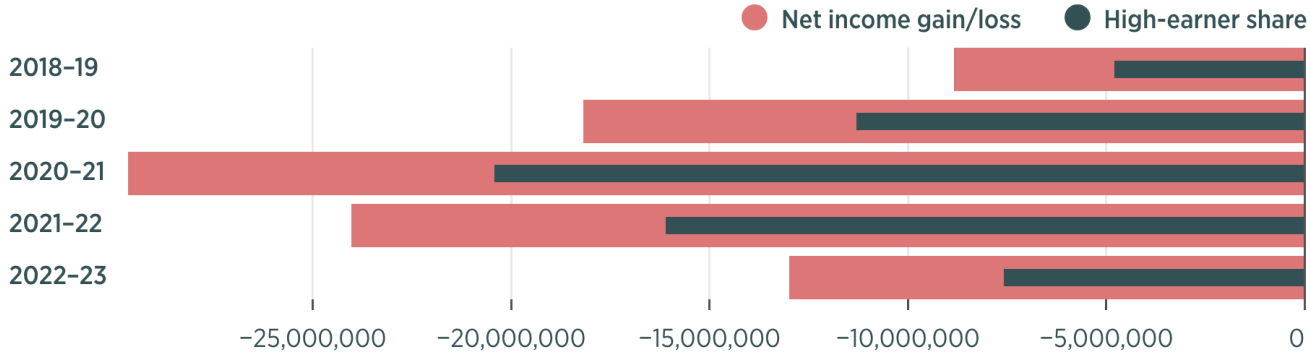
−$93.7 billion

−$60.3B (64.4%) from high earners

California: Net migration from other states (number of residents, 2018–2023)



California: Net income gain/loss ($ thousands, 2018–2023)



The calculations are based on "Gross migration file" data, 2018–2023, from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), "SOI Tax Stats - Migration Data" (dataset), last reviewed March 20, 2026.

"High earners" refers to taxpayers in the highest tax bracket (more than $200,000 adjusted gross income).

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