

Illinois State Migration, 2018–2023

Population and income movement over five years

KEY FINDINGS: ILLINOIS

IL Cumulative 5-year net migration

-429,034 residents

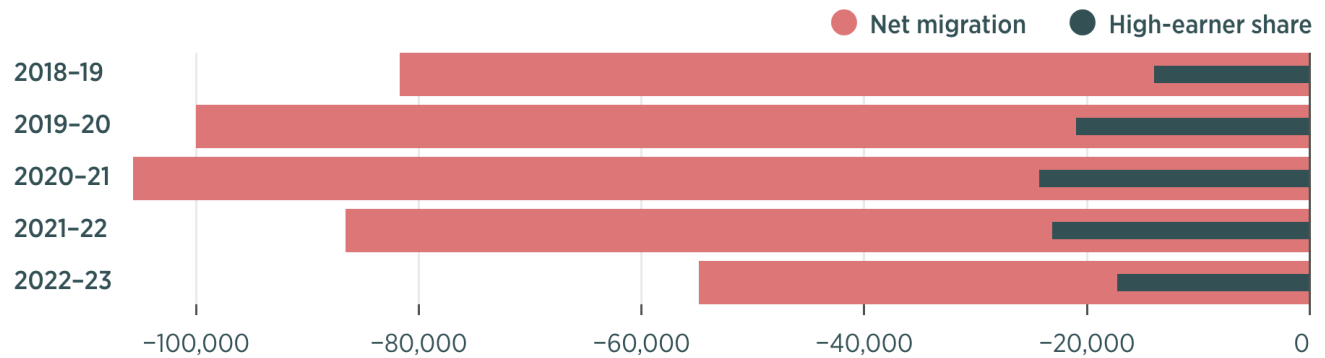
-100,058 (23.3%) high earners

IL Cumulative 5-year net income gain/loss

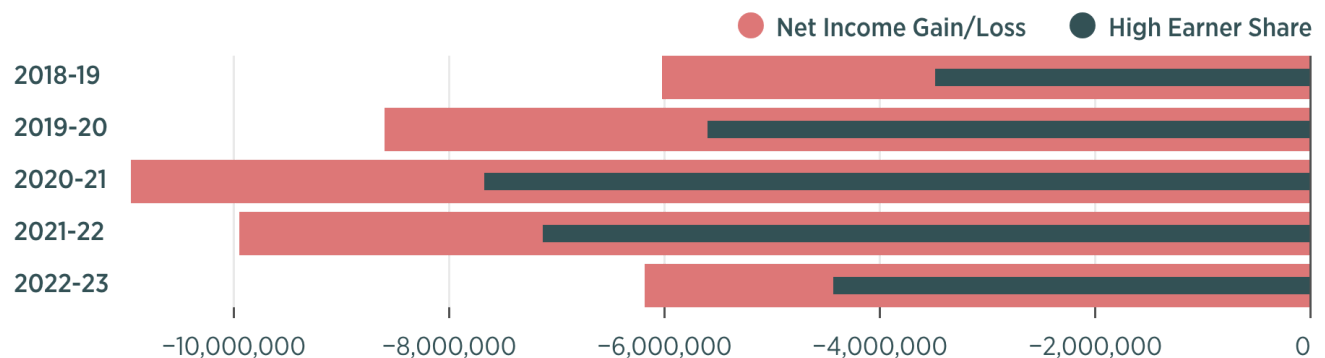
-\$41.7 billion

-\$28.3B (67.9%) from high earners

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



Illinois: 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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