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Texas' population continues to grow, migration study shows

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Texas was the top state in the country for the number of inbound moves in 2007, according to the Atlas Van Lines migration study.

That means Texas welcomed the highest number of new residents out of all the states in the country. (Atlas did not release actual move figures.)

The Atlas Van Lines migration study shows that Florida has lost some of its luster as a state for new residents. In fact, for the second year in a row, Atlas Van Lines moved more residents out of Florida than into the state.

For the first time since 2001, California had more inbound moves than outbound moves, according to Atlas Van Lines.

"Atlas' migration study reflects the movement of the nation and identifies thriving hot spots in America," says Greg Hoover, senior vice president and chief marketing officer for Atlas World Group.

"Overall, the number of household-goods moves was down for the industry, as the post-Katrina exodus from Louisiana into the surrounding states leveled off and the housing market continued to stagnate. Real estate costs undoubtedly influenced migration patterns this year as well," Hoover adds.

Atlas Van Lines is a subsidiary of Atlas World Group in Evansville, Ind. The company had revenues of \$986 million in 2006.

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