

Migration in the United States

No other people are as mobile as the Americans. They travel long distances, but they also move house often: the average American does not live in the same house for more than five years. They may move to another town in the same state or they move to another state. Sometimes this means that they move over a distance of more than 3000 km. This is hardly surprising because nearly all Americans are descendants of immigrants. More than 10 million people still enter the country each year, either legally or illegally. This chapter is about the consequences of migration.

