

# Californians ditching coastal cities, moving inland

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Researchers have uncovered a surprising trend in California migration: The populations of inland counties are growing faster than that of urban coastal counties.

Phuong Nguyen, a research specialist at the California Department of Finance, began noticing the influx of Californians to inland regions, like San Joaquin and Sacramento, around 2014.

“We were surprised at that,” Nguyen said. California’s coastal regions have historically drawn in-state migrants who leave their provincial hometowns in search of employment opportunity and urban environments.

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