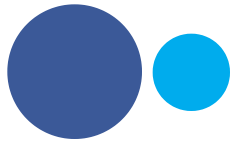


Americans Can't Flee The Cancer That Has Become Silicon Valley Fast Enough



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The heart of the nation's tech sector, the astronomically expensive Santa Clara County, leads the state in residents looking to move out of town, a new report found.

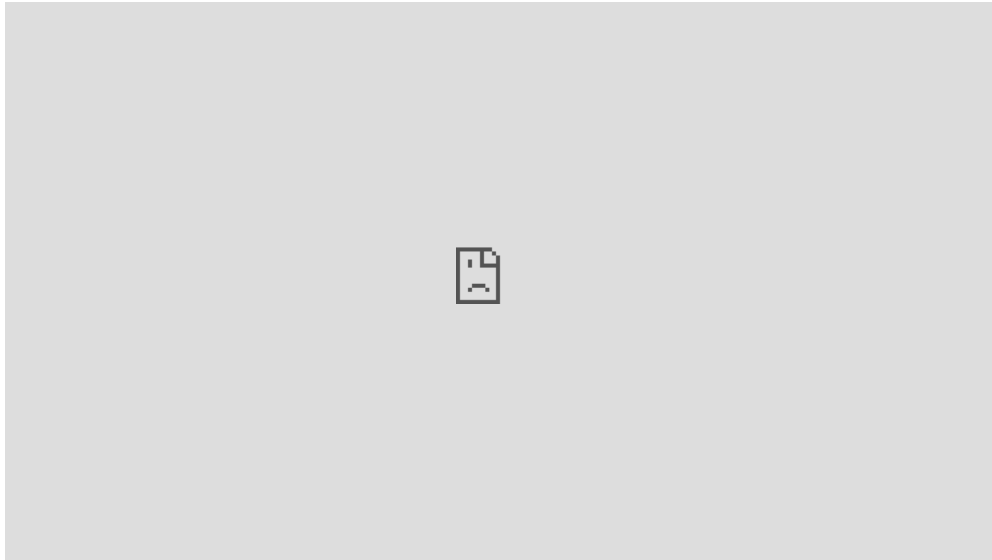
Using property searches and census data, analysts at realtor.com found that a larger share of residents are leaving Santa Clara County — home to tech behemoths Google and Apple — than any other county in California. Nearby San Mateo County, where Facebook is headquartered, came in second, just ahead of Los Angeles County.

“They’re looking for affordability and not finding it in Santa Clara County,” said Danielle Hale, chief economist for realtor.com.

The Bay Area has long been a costly place to live, but a tight housing supply paired with [an unprecedented economic boom](#) pushed rents and real estate even further out of reach for all but the most affluent residents. Low- and middle-income families and younger workers unable to find apartments or houses they can afford have been forced further afield, a trend that has led to ultra-long commutes and perennially clogged freeways.

The crisis has inspired [a flurry of state legislation](#) to spur enough new housing construction to slow and eventually lower prices, including [a sweeping proposal](#) to add millions of homes by public transit. It died in April, but its author, Sen. Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, has vowed to try again next year.

Instead of staying put, many Santa Clara County residents are decamping for Alameda, [Sacramento](#), San Joaquin or Placer counties, looking at homes that are \$509,000- \$894,000 less than the Santa Clara median price of \$1.28 million or leaving the state altogether and moving to Arizona, Nevada, Idaho or Texas for even better deals.



This was the first time realtor.com conducted such an analysis, which did not analyze the patterns by age. But Hale said it appears that the increased property searches outside of Silicon Valley are at least partly driven by [millennials](#) — roughly spanning the ages of 22 to 37 — determined to get a foothold in the housing market, even if it means moving.

While workers have flocked to the Bay Area for high-paying jobs, a recent report from the Joint Venture Silicon Valley think tank found that nearly as many people are leaving as are coming in.

If millennials and others continue to leave the Bay Area in search of affordable homes, Hale said, “It could eventually lead to the slowing of the frenzied pace of the housing market.”

The top out-of-state destinations for the South Bay exodus are the areas in and around Phoenix, Arizona; Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada; Austin, Texas; and Boise, Idaho — where homes are \$750,000 to \$965,000 less than the typical property in Santa Clara.

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The report also reveals [the ripple effect of such migrations](#) and their upward pressure on home prices. Take Alameda County, one of the top destinations for people fleeing the South Bay — but also #6 on the California exodus list: As prices in the East Bay city skyrocket, many are moving east to Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Sacramento and Placer counties in search of cheaper housing.

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Meanwhile, the median home price in Sacramento County — \$357,000 — has risen each month for the past six years, the Sacramento Bee reported last week, jumping by 12 percent in the past year.

Top 10 California counties that people are leaving

1. Santa Clara County

Out of state destinations:

Arizona, Nevada, Texas and Idaho

In state destinations: Alameda, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Santa Cruz and Placer counties

2. San Mateo County

Out of state destinations: Arizona, Nevada, Texas and Washington

In state destinations: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Sacramento, and San Francisco counties

3. Los Angeles County

Out of state destinations: Nevada, Arizona, and Idaho

In state destinations: San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Kern counties

4. Napa County

Out of state destinations: Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, Florida and Oregon

In state destinations: Solano, Sonoma, Sacramento, Lake and El Dorado counties

5. Monterey County

Out of state destinations: Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho

In state destinations: San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Santa Cruz, Sacramento and San Diego counties

6. Alameda County

Out of state destinations: Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, and Hawaii.

In state destinations: Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado counties

7. Marin County

Out of state destinations: Nevada, Arizona, Oregon and Idaho.

In state destinations: Sonoma, Contra Costa, Solano and San Francisco counties

8. Orange County

Out of state destinations: Arizona, Nevada and Idaho

In state destinations: Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and San Luis Obispo

9. Santa Barbara County

Out of state destinations: Arizona, Nevada and Idaho.

In state destinations: San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside and Kern counties

10. San Diego County

Out of state destinations: Arizona and Nevada

In state destinations: Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, Orange County and Los Angeles

SOURCE: Report from realtor.com.

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 Katy Murphy, higher education reporter for the Bay Area News Group, is photographed for a Wordpress profile in Oakland, Calif., on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. (Anda Chu/Bay Area News Group)

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Escape · a few seconds ago

I love California and it's people
Look at what has made our country a mess, "Patriot Act".."NAFTA",,"V
First of all Bush sr pushed for NAFTA & Clinton implemented it...Patric
...Obama I guess
The Elite have us at each others throats...like George Soros..

NAFTA sent jobs to Mexico then those jobs went to China, now the m
work

The Corporate raiders are laughing all the way to the bank while our r

Break up the Monopolies if you can, break up wall street/banking..tha
Justice instead of Just-Us

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 **DWarren** · 2 minutes ago

Let's hope that the people fleeing the lunacy of alt-Left Democr
practices remember what caused the horror they had to escap

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 **ckirmser** · 4 minutes ago

They bring with them the habits that created the environments
a cancer, destroying their own hosts.

I see too many license plates in Texas from liberal states and it

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 **Sameasit Everwas** · 8 minutes ago

leave your democrat voting habits behind. That poison doesn't

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People fleeing California: Don't take your leftwing ideology with

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 **Dustoff** john q public · a minute ago

I wish, but the won't

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 **Benito Camela** · 10 minutes ago

Note the out-of-state destinations that NEVER appear on these

education
issues.

Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, Louisiana, Wyoming,

Hmmm....I wonder why (unless the person is black, then it's ob those places). But aren't all those places beautiful tax-free para patriots and just all around good people where they pay their c and everyone has an option for retirement? You tell me!

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wenusberg Benito Camela • 8 minutes ago

I don't follow your reasoning, what are you trying to say?

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Benito Camela wenusberg • 5 minutes ago

That all those places mostly suck, are racist hellhole oil/gas) and that the only cities in any of those states and universities. Also, they don't pay teachers or co to live where the teachers and cops are underpaid. I

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Kim Watson • 10 minutes ago

The Cali elitists must be puking soy latte all over their Birkenst losing 10's of thousands of high income producing workers and

Whoda thunk it? lol

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danthedog_2 • 16 minutes ago

The Cali people moved to Oregon in the early 80's and ruined i ruined it. They ruined Colorado and Arizona. They are now infe consumed by the rot of cali.

If the would move someplace and not work to change it to wha But that chant of "we do it this way in cali" has really contaminate

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Steve • 17 minutes ago

Did anyone notice the cities they are going to are democrat? A with them they are fleeing . Look at what they have done to Co

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Texasbil Henson • 18 minutes ago

If they are coming to Texas and continue to vote democRATS i stayed in California.

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Rambo • 18 minutes ago

Virginia and North Carolina have been dealing with the locusts move here, complain about how bad the taxes were up north th they did back home...you know, the things that caused the tax

When I retire I am am moving to New Jersey, said no one, ever

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Ron Swanson Rambo • 17 minutes ago

I read yesterday that NJ is reinstating the ACA mandate.. "progress" they can keep it.

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Benito Camela • 20 minutes ago

I almost feel sorry for people whose entire existences are com
Drudge Report, 2) Following links to articles that still allow com
and 4) Making a(nother) stupid anonymous comment full of fals
and poor punctuation/grammar - after not even bothering to re
independent research.

California is not the "liberal utopia" that a lot of you right winger
faire clowns think it is. California represents the OLD left - the l
by "defense" contractor leech Diane Feinstein.

California pays its cops and firefighters higher average salaries
California spends more on prisons than any state in the union,
inmates than Texas or Florida. They also spend about average
population than any other state. Does this sound LIBERAL to a

So where does that take us? Unions and Pensions - which, wit
catastrophe of 2007/2008 - would be fully liquid and funded in p
agencies colluded with the likes of Goldman, Citi, Chase and o
investment grade junk and 'tranch' it into AAA prime bullsh*t. o

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blisterpeanuts Benito Camela • 5 minutes ago

I almost feel sorry for people who live in a California liber

My family and I visited Oakland and SF a few months ago
particular is full of homeless and the filth they cause. The
waterfront were full of homeless; nearly every public bench
We parked our rental car for one evening and it got broke
have bought the extra insurance because there are 80 ca
was really expensive. There were seemingly no children.
capita than any other place in the country. It is a city for a
few immigrant families crowded into overpriced apartmen

The best thing about California is the natural beauty, but i
because people have infested pretty much every square i
the mountains. It was once a very beautiful state, with lots
attractive to young people just getting started. It was ever

No thank you. You can keep it. And as for your sweeping
why not at least visit them before expressing your vile opi

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Ron Swanson blisterpeanuts • 2 minutes ago

^This.

PS: I've visited the state, too. A couple of times. And
thankfully she's up in Grass Valley as her husband i

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blisterpeanuts Ron Swanson • a few seconds ago

And I hope they have an exit plan!

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Daniel Petry Benito Camela • 5 minutes ago

Have you noticed how regressives ALWAYS blame others
for firemen,etc...and the pensions...Benito you are so full
responding. But I don't think a cancer cell knows that it is
feels better when it "convinces" other cells to transform in

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Deplorable hoodtruther Benito Camela • 10 minutes ago



Just goes to show you no matter how much money you h
Commieifornia 5th largest economy in the world) and peop
and would rather move. Smh liberals ruin everything!

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blisterpeanuts Deplorable hoodtruther • 2 minutes ago

California's main claim to being a huge economy is t
capitalization. When four of the five largest corps. in
that's trillions of dollars of wealth. But it's a false pre
the thousands of smaller ones, could easily relocate
elsewhere. When they do, and it's just a matter of tir
as well as LA have become almost unlivable, Calif. \
economic state.

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Ron Swanson Deplorable hoodtruther • 7 minutes ago

Yeah, he conveniently left out when he brought up p
state are basically being taxed out of existence. I'm
of their economy, that's usually their favorite brag pc

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Ron Swanson Benito Camela • 15 minutes ago

California has Hollywood.
Nuff said. Discussion closed.

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FarmboyDuke • 20 minutes ago

I've been seeing a lot of California license plates here in Palm I
years.

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putito • 21 minutes ago

No Moonbeam, snowflakes, tree-huggers, latte sipping liberals
10 or I-40 WEST and keep heading towards the Pacific!

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Ron Swanson putito • 12 minutes ago

And when you see the surf, hit the gas. 😊

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Gunner • 21 minutes ago

I give it a decade or two and we will see a Cali economy crash.
of the US, Other states need to fight it tooth and nail. Because
with businesses will only accelerate because taxes will keep gc
Those same social programs will bring in more unskilled people
beach

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Gunner Gunner • 17 minutes ago

I want to add one more point, Conservatives can no longe
and encourage people to vote. Voting is the only way we

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eyetaliano • 22 minutes ago

Great. So, these better states that have been flying under the r
millennial virus. If you want to see what happens to a great state
Mexico the last 20 years. Ruined.

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Uncle Bob eyetaliano · 20 minutes ago

Everywhere else but California seems to be in the nebulo else was great before Californians messed it up..lmao

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FarmboyDuke Uncle Bob · 17 minutes ago

Pretty Much.

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CommonSense033 · 24 minutes ago

They're moving to other states and voting for more spending, n grabs.

They're locusts.

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Fred the Head · 24 minutes ago

It's not just the cost of buying a home. It's the onerous taxes ar

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Deplorable hoodtruther · 24 minutes ago

I hope these people fleeing these liberal cesspools have enoug leaving because they are liberal cesspools, leave it there, come vote Republican vote Democrats out, then and only then are yc

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CommonSense033 Deplorable hoodtruther · 22 minutes ago

Nope. They've said they want to turn Texas blue even as

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Deplorable hoodtruther CommonSense033 · 21 minutes ago

I'll be damned if we Texans let that happen. They we during the special elections, we know how well that everything else around it is awash in a sea of red.

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CommonSense033 Deplorable hoodtruther · 19 minutes ago

What do you mean let that happen? It's already Civil War statues while crowds cheered. You h mosques with more built every day.

You're already done. Crowds of California exp: Sam Houston, too, and Texans will sit home in not do anything about it.

As for your "sea of red", upstate New York, the they have against the heaving mass of blue th: happen to you.

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Deplorable hoodtruther CommonSense033 · 16 minutes ago

I'm in Dallas, and as usual it was just some De Dallas is still red for the most part and Texas is won't succeed.

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CommonSense033 Deplorable hoodtruther · 15 minutes ago

Yes, they will. They have the numbers, and yo out and stop the statue removal? None of you

So it goes.

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Deplorable hoodtruther CommonSense033 • 14 minutes ago

Say what you want. It's not happening. Keep ir conservative according to liberals I shouldn't e conservatives here as well.

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Ron Swanson • 26 minutes ago

The infestation continues....

I'm more concerned about these nuts coming to Texas than I a it?

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Daniel Petry • 27 minutes ago

Leaving the areas and State that they helped make so untenab they move to other States and bring the same mindset to those happening here in Phoenix where they are coming in, driving u moaning about our politics and then tearing down great old hor mini-mansions.....STAY THE F C K OUT OF OUR STATE!!

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Phlegm Ball Daniel Petry • 22 minutes ago

Praying that they quit Californicating Colorado.

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Daniel Petry Phlegm Ball • 17 minutes ago

I was born and raised in Colorado...what this Califor beautiful State ... Denver in particular, is abhorrent.

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MarcB1969 Daniel Petry • a minute ago

It was already so bad by the 2000 that I took a haven't looked back. It was several magnitude hippies who invaded in the 1970's weren't near transplants.

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Phlegm Ball Daniel Petry • 11 minutes ago

From Grand Junction myself

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putito • 28 minutes ago

It'll be fine as long as they don't bring their liberal krap with ther to come over to screw things up for us.

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ollieclotheshoffe • 29 minutes ago

When you rent time works against you. When you buy time wo to get ahead, even if you do have to move to another state.

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genetics73 • 30 minutes ago

Alas, this migration is akin to the spreading of cancer - instead only results in the poisoning of the so far less infected parts.

