

C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: October 15, 2012

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	October 15, 2012
Subject:	Migration to and from the Twin Cities metro
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	None
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Division/Department:	Community Development / Regional Policy and Research

Proposed Action

None, information only.

Overview

In previous presentations, Council staff have discussed regional economic competitiveness and place competitiveness as major dynamics determining future regional growth and prosperity. Regional economic conditions and relative quality of life strongly influence migration into and out of metro areas. Thus, inter-regional migration can be considered both a result and indicator of regional competitiveness.

Inter-regional migration is a dynamic, changeable driver of change that can rapidly influence a region's demographic mix. In contrast, household formation, fertility and mortality are more predictable trends that more slowly shape the age and race composition of a region.

Council Members and other audiences have expressed interest in knowing more about migration into, and out of, the Twin Cities metro. The October 15 presentation will discuss:

- What are recent levels of migration into, and out of, the Twin Cities metro?
- What are the demographic characteristics of the new arrivals (and leavers)?
- Where do they come from? (Where do leavers go?)
- Which Twin Cities communities are the main landing-points for new arrivals to the region?
- What do we expect in the future?

The data suggest the following questions about Council policy:

- What attracts migrants into the Twin Cities metro? How can Council policy influence the region's attractiveness to likely migrants, particularly those with the potential to contribute to the region's economy?
- What leads people to leave the Twin Cities metro? How can Council policy influence the region's attractiveness to those inclined to migrate elsewhere?