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WESTERN REGIONS MAINTAIN GROWTH POTENTIAL WHILE GREAT LAKE STATES CONTINUE TO SUFFER, ACCORDING TO 2009 UNITED VAN LINES MIGRATION STUDY

ST. LOUIS – The entire Western region continued to witness tremendous growth in 2009, with six states capturing high-inbound move rankings. The findings are among the results of United Van Lines' 33rd annual "migration" study, which tracks where its customers moved from and the most popular destinations over the past 12 months. The findings were announced today by Carl Walter, vice president of United Van Lines, the nation's largest household goods mover.

United has tracked shipment patterns annually on a state-by-state basis since 1977. For 2009, the study is based on the 143,194 interstate household moves handled by United among the 48 contiguous states and Washington D.C. United classifies the states as "high inbound" (55% or more of moves going into a state), "high outbound" (55% or more of moves coming out of a state) or "balanced."

MOVING IN

In 2009, the **District of Columbia** (67.8%) maintained its reign as the top destination in the United States for the second year in a row. While **North Carolina** (55.4%) was the only other Mid-Atlantic state to experience high-inbound growth, the state did fall in the migration study rankings, from the No. 3 high-inbound ranking in 2008 to the No. 10 spot in 2009.

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In the Western region, six states captured high-inbound rankings. **Oregon** (58.9%) came in second and celebrated 22 consecutive years of high-inbound migration, while **Nevada** (57.2%) ranked fourth and celebrated 24 years of high-inbound migration. In addition, **Wyoming** (56.3%) maintained its position from 2008 as fifth on the high-inbound list. **Idaho** (56.1%) and **Colorado** (56.0%) made their debut on the high-inbound list, ranking sixth and seventh, respectively. **New Mexico** (55.5%) held its own as the only Southwest state on the high-inbound list this year.

In the South, **Arkansas** (57.7%) rose to No. 3 on 2009's list of highest inbound states. Both **Georgia** (55.6%) and **Texas** (55.4%) also made the inbound list, after just missing the top 10 in 2008. Most Southern states transitioned from high-inbound to more balanced migration statistics in 2009.

MOVING OUT

The historical data pulled from United's migration study over the past 33 years shows an ongoing outbound trend for the Great Lakes region. **Michigan** (68.0%) once again captured the No. 1 spot, a title held since 2006. **Indiana** (57.5%) also earned the distinction of being a high-outbound state, continuing a 16-year trend. Other Great Lakes states that made the high-outbound list include **Illinois** (58.2%, ranked No. 2 on the list), **Wisconsin** (56.3%) and **Minnesota** (56.5%).

Four Northeastern states round out this year's high-outbound list. **New Jersey** (58.1%) ranked third in high-outbound states, continuing a trend that started in 1988. **Pennsylvania** (57.4%) came in fifth on the outbound list, an improvement over its No. 4 ranking in 2008, followed by **Maine** (55.6%) and **New Hampshire** (55.2%).

North Dakota (57.0%) fell from its No. 2 ranking in 2008 to No. 6 on the high-outbound states list in 2009, with the number of outbound moves decreasing by about two percentage points.

BALANCED

While the majority of states are considered balanced, this year's study revealed that six states achieved a near-perfect balance, gaining approximately the same number of residents as were lost. Those states include **Massachusetts** and **Maryland** in the Northeast region, **Missouri** and **Nebraska** in the Midwest, and **California** and **Utah** in the Western region.

Walter said the United Van Lines study, through the years, has been shown to accurately reflect the general migration patterns in various regions of the country. He also noted that real estate firms, financial institutions and other professionals who regularly observe relocation trends use the United data in business planning and economic analyses.

United Van Lines, with headquarters in suburban St. Louis, is one of the nation's largest household goods movers and maintains a network of 1,000 affiliated agencies in 135 countries. More information about United and its services can be obtained through the company's Web site at www.unitedvanlines.com.

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Editor's note: Attached, for your reference, is a listing of total shipments by United Van Lines in each state, including a breakdown of inbound and outbound shipments by number and percentage, as well as a map showing migration trends for each state. If you are interested in specific information for your area, please contact Carl Walter at 636-349-8508 or carl_walter@unigroupinc.com.

**UNITED VAN LINES
 JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009
 BASED ON 143,194 SHIPMENTS
 SEQUENCED ALPHABETICALLY**

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ARIZONA	9,054	4,911	4,143	54.2%	45.8%
ARKANSAS	1,882	1,085	797	57.7%	42.3%
CALIFORNIA	29,020	14,291	14,729	49.2%	50.8%
COLORADO	8,283	4,641	3,642	56.0%	44.0%
CONNECTICUT	3,603	1,632	1,971	45.3%	54.7%
DELAWARE	851	466	385	54.8%	45.2%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1,480	1,003	477	67.8%	32.2%
FLORIDA	19,523	10,145	9,378	52.0%	48.0%
GEORGIA	10,909	6,060	4,849	55.6%	44.4%
IDAHO	1,496	839	657	56.1%	43.9%
ILLINOIS	10,940	4,575	6,365	41.8%	58.2%
INDIANA	4,494	1,910	2,584	42.5%	57.5%
IOWA	2,112	1,011	1,101	47.9%	52.1%
KANSAS	3,692	1,986	1,706	53.8%	46.2%
KENTUCKY	3,459	1,814	1,645	52.4%	47.6%
LOUISIANA	3,302	1,808	1,494	54.8%	45.2%
MAINE	1,479	656	823	44.4%	55.6%
MARYLAND	6,738	3,334	3,404	49.5%	50.5%
MASSACHUSETTS	6,304	3,147	3,157	49.9%	50.1%
MICHIGAN	7,125	2,279	4,846	32.0%	68.0%
MINNESOTA	5,778	2,514	3,264	43.5%	56.5%
MISSISSIPPI	1,846	897	949	48.6%	51.4%
MISSOURI	5,960	2,987	2,973	50.1%	49.9%
MONTANA	1,253	674	579	53.8%	46.2%
NEBRASKA	1,694	837	857	49.4%	50.6%
NEVADA	3,044	1,741	1,303	57.2%	42.8%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,305	584	721	44.8%	55.2%
NEW JERSEY	7,300	3,061	4,239	41.9%	58.1%
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OKLAHOMA	2,958	1,577	1,381	53.3%	46.7%
OREGON	4,045	2,381	1,664	58.9%	41.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	9,424	4,013	5,411	42.6%	57.4%
RHODE ISLAND	802	380	422	47.4%	52.6%
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,868	2,657	2,211	54.6%	45.4%
SOUTH DAKOTA	597	324	273	54.3%	45.7%
TENNESSEE	5,913	3,068	2,845	51.9%	48.1%
TEXAS	23,830	13,208	10,622	55.4%	44.6%
UTAH	2,454	1,248	1,206	50.9%	49.1%
VERMONT	529	247	282	46.7%	53.3%
VIRGINIA	12,536	6,457	6,079	51.5%	48.5%
WASHINGTON	9,635	4,631	5,004	48.1%	51.9%
WEST VIRGINIA	818	419	399	51.2%	48.8%
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