

# No exodus to 'Sun Belt' despite economic woes

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Despite talk of an exodus from metropolitan Detroit to the "sun belt," it's

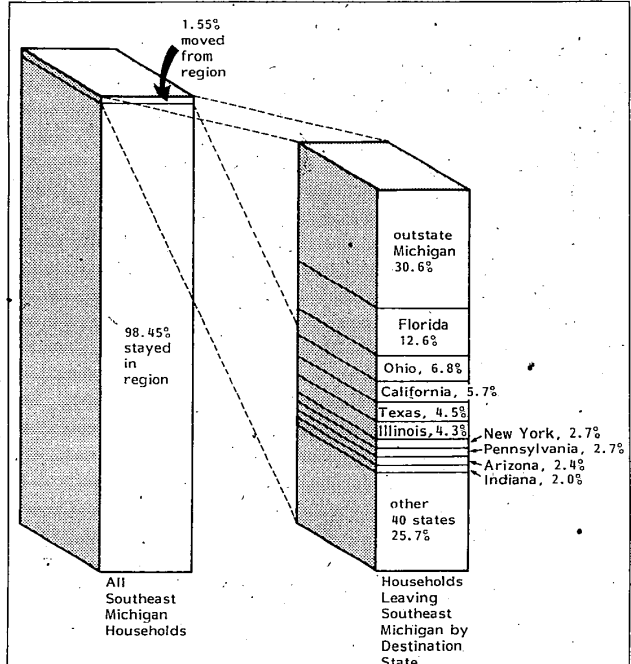
not happening, according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "The unemployed are staying here, hoping for better days," said SEMCOG Executive Director Michael Glusac.

"People with long attachments to a house, family and a community are not likely to leave." "When a presidential report (under Jimmy Carter) indicated blithely we

ought to move people to jobs, it didn't take into account people. A lot of workers are hanging on. They think we ought to diversify the economy or rebuild the auto industry," said Glusac.

● Of those who left, 30.6 percent went elsewhere in Michigan.  
● Florida drew 12.6 percent. Glusac and researchers Pul Good and Jim Dries were unable to say whether this group went mainly for jobs or retirement, but the presumption is that many retired.  
● Neighboring Great Lakes states such as Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania drew 15 percent.  
● California attracted only 5.7 percent and Texas 4.5 percent.  
● Forty other states drew the remaining 25.7 percent.

THE STUDY dealt only with entire households, which may have been families, adults living together or single adults with their own quarters. In answer to a newsman's question, Glusac said it did not deal with single individuals who may have left Michigan without breaking up a household. Such individuals would be grown children who have completed schooling and left the state for jobs or husbands who departed without taking their families. "We don't know the age range of those who left, whether they had a job or what they're going to do," said Glusac.



The chart shows what happened to households in the seven-county region in 1980. Of the 1.55 percent that left, nearly a third went elsewhere in Michigan, and only small fractions went to so-called "sun-belt" states. Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

THE STUDY, which used Detroit Edison Co. certifications of electric service, made these conclusions for the year 1980:  
● Only 1.55 percent of households (as distinct from individuals) moved from the seven-county region last year. Of 429,000 households that changed residences, only 25,000 households moved out of this area.

## 3 at K mart promoted

K mart Corp. Chairman Bernard M. Fauser today announced the pending promotions of three senior executives, all effective in January 1982:  
Russell A. Hansen, 55, of Troy will become executive vice-president of subsidiaries, a new position. He has been executive vice-president of merchandising since 1977. He joined the company in 1948, progressing through store management posts to his first vice-presidential assignment in 1972. Hansen will continue as a director of the company.  
Richard H. Falck, 55, of Orchard Lake will succeed Hansen as executive vice-president of merchandising. Falck has been senior vice-president of distribution, transportation and merchandise systems since January 1981. Previously, he was senior vice-president and treasurer. He earlier served as senior vice-president of sales and general merchandise manager. During his 33-year K mart career, Falck held various other management positions in stores and at company headquarters.  
Joseph R. Thomas, 46, of Rochester will be nominated vice-president of distribution, transportation and merchandise systems at the Jan. 19 board of directors meeting. He has been assistant to the executive vice-president of store management for two years. Earlier in his 25-year career with the company, Thomas was assistant manager of K mart's southern region, merchandise manager of the southern region, district manager, K mart manager and Kresge manager.



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