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Good morning,

I still continue to study the demographic information from the 2010 census as they release the data.

We have new information on migration patterns based on Township boundaries. This press report shows that the population drain from Gary (i.e., Calumet Township) consisted of both Blacks and Whites, almost in equal percentages.

Also note the 52.7 percent increase (N=3,052 units) in vacant housing reported by the Bureau.

What impact does this have on the city of Gary's contract with Allied Waste that was decided as a dollar amount contract and never agreed to the actual count of homes/residences served by Allied Waste? As the number of vacant homes increases, the per unit charge by Allied Waste increases, since they are receiving the same amount of money under the contract and yet are servicing fewer customers.

This data release was for Townships and municipal data giving us a more refined understanding of migration flows will be released later in the year.

Another round of study... Where Did They Move To? -- may be the next study.

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Gary's Population Decline Result of Both Black and White Residents Moving Out

(Gary, IN) Early migration data from the 2010 Census Bureau, suggests that people of both racial groups moved out of the city of Gary to contribute to the 22 percent population decline reported last month by the 2010 census count.

The city of Gary lost a reported 22 percent of its population between 2000 and 2010 making it the second largest city in Lake County and dropping it from the top five most populated cities in the state of Indiana.

This week the Census Bureau released township information based on race and housing. That report shows that in Calumet Township, which consists of the city of Gary, Griffith and other outlying areas, White population declined by -6,530 or 19.9 percent while Black population in Gary declined by -16,874 or 18.9 percent.

"The sharp reduction in Gary's population," reported Dr. Richard Barnes of Gary, Indiana, cannot be seen as part of the historic 'White Flight', since African American residents left the city in almost the same proportion."

Another observation of interest to Gary educators and policy makers is that while 16.3 percent of those who left the township were 18 years or older, there were 23.6 percent under the age of 18 who moved out.

"This suggests that families with children under the age of 18 may have taken their children to cities seen as offering better education opportunities," added Barnes. Public safety may also contribute to the pressure to leave for families with children.

One consequence of heavy out migration, Barnes noted, is the impact on housing units. The number of occupied housing units declined by more than 7,196, or -15 percent, while the number of vacant housing units from 2000 to 2010 increased by 52.7 percent to 3,052 in Calumet Township.

Final migration data at the municipal level will become available later in the year from the Census Bureau.

Dr. Richard Barnes is a former research administrator at Boston College and has previously studied factors associated with county-to-county net migration. Barnes currently resides in Gary, Indiana.