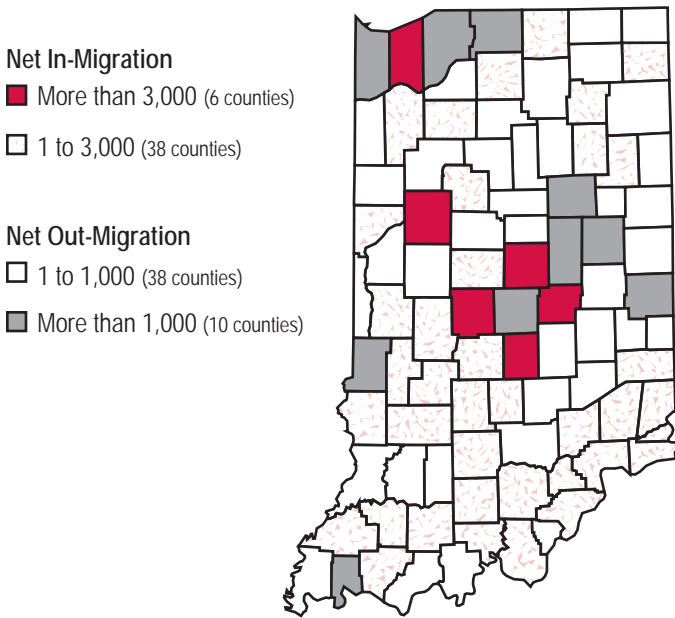




**Figure 2**  
Total Migration, April 2000 to July 2003



**Table 1**  
Top Ten Counties by Total Migration, April 2000 to July 2003

County	Total Net Migration	Net International Migration	Net Domestic Migration
Indiana	21,305	36,229	-14,924
Hamilton	26,286	1,017	25,269
Hendricks	11,942	227	11,715
Johnson	5,876	296	5,580
Porter	3,612	504	3,108
Tippecanoe	3,227	3,770	-543
Hancock	3,128	10	3,118
Boone	2,654	59	2,595
Clark	2,080	315	1,765
Warrick	1,671	49	1,622
Dearborn	1,049	33	1,016

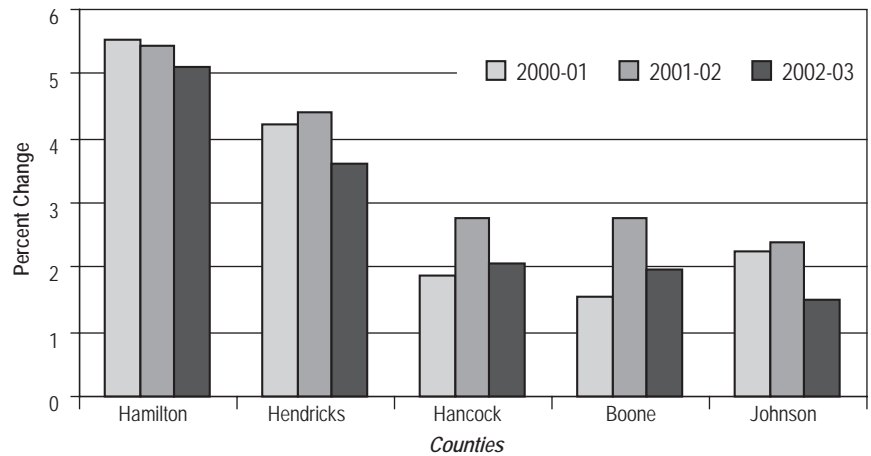
**Flight to the Suburbs Elsewhere in Indiana**

So as not to ignore the suburban growth taking place in other areas of the state, let's have another look at Table 1. Of the five counties in the list that we haven't already discussed, four are near large urban areas. The exception, Tippecanoe County, makes the list due to its high international migration, courtesy of Purdue University.

Porter County, ranked fourth in migration, is directly to the east of Lake County and not far from Chicago. Lake County's total net out-migration is 3,574, and is only surpassed by Marion County's. Also note that the two counties to the east of Porter County, namely La Porte County and St. Joseph County, have incurred out-migration losses as well. Among Indiana's ninety-two counties, they are ranked eighty-fifth and ninetieth in total migration, respectively.

Clark County, just across the river from Louisville, ranked eighth in migration. Next is Warrick County, a county that seems to attract migrants from neighboring Vanderburgh County (ranked eighty-fourth in total migration), as well as nearby Henderson County, Kentucky. At number ten, we have Dearborn County, which is across the state line from Cincinnati. Just one shy of making the top ten is Morgan County, which is on the southwest corner of the ring of counties surrounding Marion County. Number twelve is Harrison County, also near Louisville.

**Figure 3**  
Five Fastest Growing Counties



**The Big Picture**

When Indiana's ninety-two counties are compared among all U.S. counties, we make a few showings in the Census Bureau's top one hundred lists. Marion County is ranked number fifty-two in estimated population for July of 2003, which is down from a rank of fifty for April 2000. In terms of percent change since Census 2000, two Indiana counties make the top one hundred. Hamilton County thunders ahead at number twenty-one with 18.7 percent growth, and Hendricks County ranks sixty-second, registering a 14.2 percent increase. Therefore, when it comes to suburbanization, the Hoosier state certainly brings something to the table. ◀

**Table 2**  
Ten Largest Counties, 2003

County	Estimate
Indiana	6,195,643
Marion	863,251
Lake	487,476
Allen	340,153
St. Joseph	266,348
Hamilton	216,826
Elkhart	188,779
Vanderburgh	171,889
Tippecanoe	154,848
Porter	152,533
Madison	131,121