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"However, last month the I.R.S. released migration data for 2012 and 2013 showing that this trend may have come to an end. After having slightly more households move into the state than out in 2012, Virginia had over 3,000 more households leave the state in 2013 than moved in. I.R.S. data is particularly useful for examining these year to year migration changes since it's based on administrative income tax data (which tracks the filers' addresses) rather than surveys which can have high margins of error...While there are many reasons why people may be leaving Virginia, the economy is likely one of the big ones. Though state economies have been recovering around the country in recent years, Virginia's economic growth in 2014 was the third slowest nationally. The Federal Budget Sequestration could also be to blame, but as the chart above shows out-migration had already picked up noticeably in Virginia during the mid-2000s. People stopped moving as much during the recession, but as economies in other states have begun growing again, people who wanted to leave Virginia but couldn't are now starting to move." ("Virginians are leaving the Commonwealth, reversing trends," University of Virginia Demographics Research Group, <http://statchatva.org/2015/09/16/virginians-are-leaving-the-commonwealth-reversing-trends/>)