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## Is the Midwest hot?

No region adds people like the South, and that remains true—South Carolina was the nation's fastest grower.

Also true: The pricey Northeast and West continue to send more domestic migrants elsewhere than they gain.

There is another place where housing is affordable, by comparison, if you can stand the weather: the Midwest.

And the latest data shows a very slight net domestic migration gain after years of losses.

This was helped by a turnaround for several states that went from net losers to gainers, including Ohio, Minnesota and Michigan.

Still seeing net losses: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

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