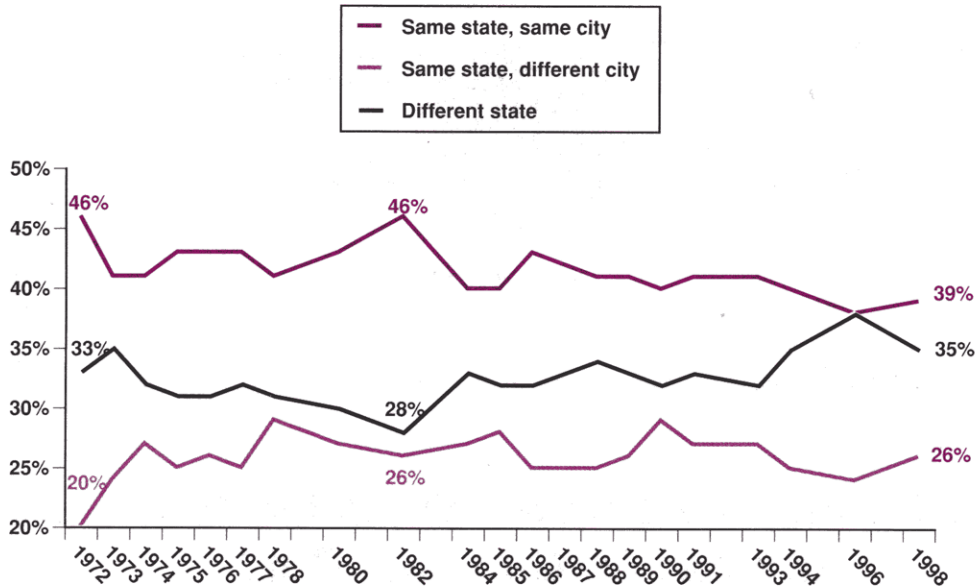


# A Moving Nation?

## For All Our Real Geographic Mobility, Lots of Americans Today Live in the City/Town Where They Lived at Age 16

**Question:** In what state or foreign country were you living when you were 16 years old? (If respondent lives in the same state now, ask:) When you were 16 years old, were you living in this same city/town/county?



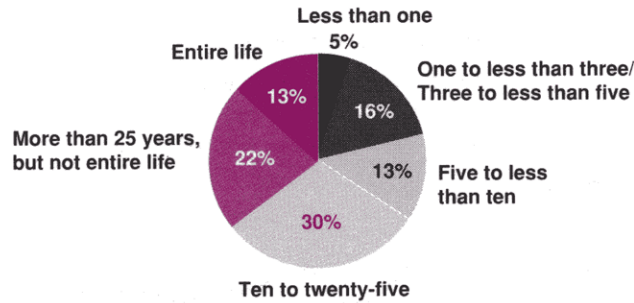
Geographic Mobility Since Age 16

1998	Same City	Same State, Different City	Different State
<b>By Education</b>			
Less than high school	47%	24%	29%
High school grad	48	26	27
Some college	40	27	34
College grad	28	27	45
Post college	23	26	51
<b>By Age</b>			
30-39	42	26	32
40-49	36	27	37
50-59	37	25	38
60-69	37	26	37
70+	37	25	38
<b>By Race</b>			
White	41	28	32
Black	50	14	36
<b>By Party ID</b>			
Democrat	44	25	31
Republican	37	26	37
Independent	40	27	33

Source: Surveys by National Opinion Research Center, February-April for each year shown.

## Two-Thirds of Americans Say They Have Lived For At Least the Last Decade in Their Present City or Town

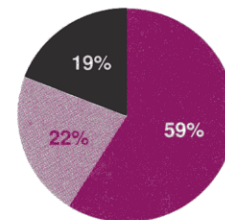
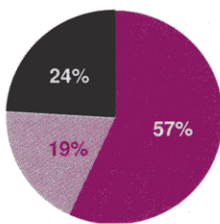
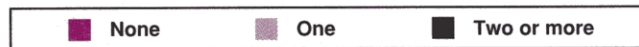
**Question:** How many years have you lived in... your own local community?



**Source:** Survey by the Center for Survey Research, University of Virginia, Post-Modernity Project at the University of Virginia, January 27-April 14, 1996.

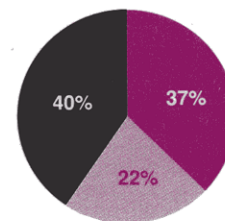
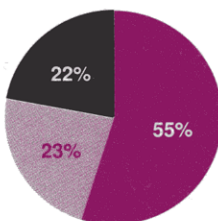
## Are We Moving More Now? Or, Is the 1995 Survey (below) An Odd Man Out?

**Question:** In the past five years, how many times have you moved?



**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, April 14-17, 1978.

**Source:** Survey by Maritz Marketing Research, April 1989.

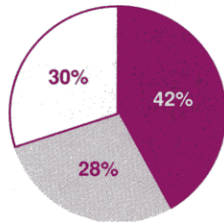


**Source:** Survey by CBS News/*New York Times*, November 13-15, 1990.

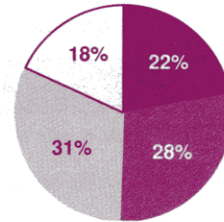
**Note:** Question was "In the past ten years,..."  
**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization for *US News & World Report*/CNN/IBM, October 13-16, 1995.

## Where Would You Like to Live? A Majority Say "Small Town" or "Farm"

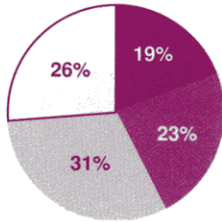
**Question:** If you could live anywhere in the United States that you wanted to, would you prefer a city, suburban area, small town, or farm? **Note:** Question wording varies slightly for each asking.



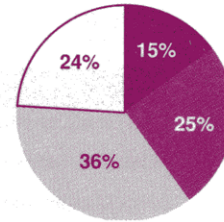
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**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, January 21-26, 1966.



**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, January 14-17, 1983.

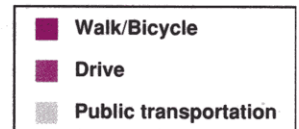


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## A Half-Century Ago Lots of Us Walked to Work; Now We Mostly Drive

**Question:** How do you get to work?

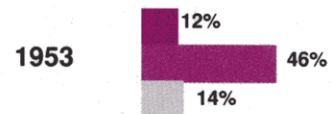
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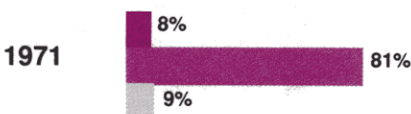
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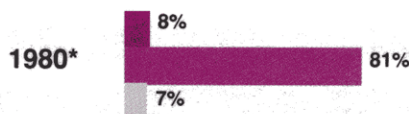
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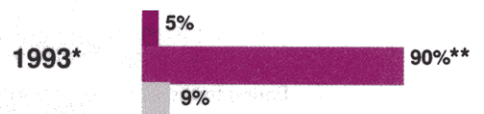
**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, May 9-14, 1953.



**Source:** Survey by the Gallup Organization, April 23-26, 1971.



**Source:** Survey by the Roper Organization, November 8-15, 1980.



**Source:** Survey by Chilton Research Services, July 22-26, 1993.

\*\*Nine percent of the 90% who said they drive, go in vans or car pools.