

Fact Sheet: Millionaire Migration and Taxes

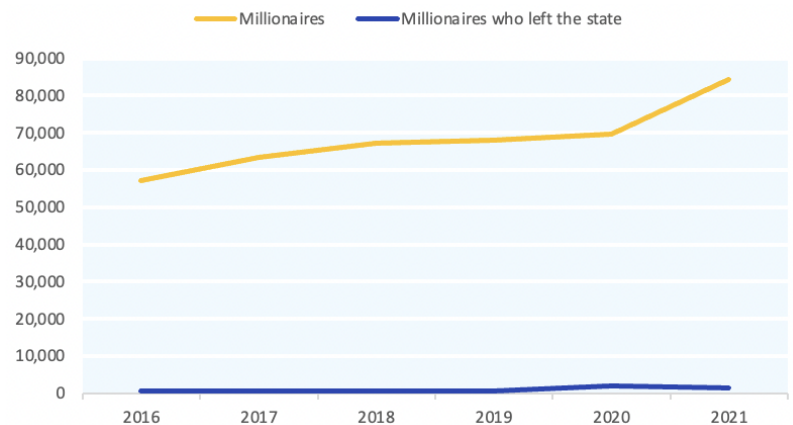
New York's millionaire population is growing.

- In 2021, New York State saw a 21% rise in taxpayers who earned at least \$1 million per year.

Tax Year	Number of Millionaires	Change	Percent Increase
2016	57,126	N/A	N/A
2017	63,352	6,226	10.9%
2018	67,108	3,756	5.9%
2019	68,068	960	1.4%
2020	69,688	1,620	2.4%
2021	84,366	14,678	21.1%

- Some millionaires left during the pandemic. In 2021, New York State raised millionaire income taxes and millionaire migration *declined* by over 25%.

Tax Year	Millionaires who left the state	Change
2016	561	N/A
2017	662	101
2018	711	49
2019	696	-15
2020	1,973*	1,277
2021	1,453	-520



*Covid

New York's millionaire population has consistently grown after tax increases.

- 2009: In the five years after the 2009 Millionaires' Tax, the number of million-dollar earners increased by 32%.¹
- 2021: After New York increased personal income tax rates on millionaires, New York's millionaire population grew by 21.1%.

¹ IRS SOI, 2010, 2014

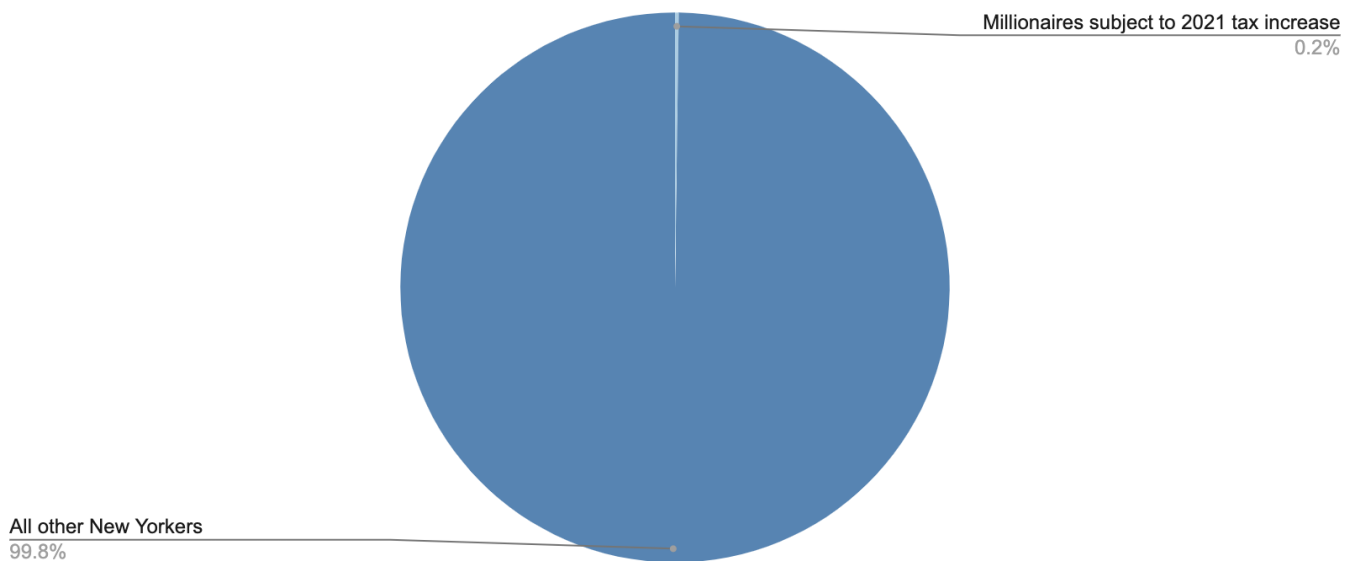
Academic research has found that millionaires do not move in response to income tax increases.

- In 2017, the federal limitation of the state and local tax deduction effectively increased taxes on high earners in New York. A 2021 study of 12 million tax filings found that this change had zero effect on millionaire migration.²

Covid caused recent population loss — not taxes.

- Early in the pandemic (2020) New York lost residents across all income groups.³
- 665,000 more New Yorkers moved out of the state than residents of other states moved in between April 2020 and July 2021.⁴ Over this same time period, just 1,453 millionaires left the state who were subject to the 2021 tax increases — only 0.2 percent of total population loss.⁵

Covid Population Loss (April 2020 - July 2021)



Taxes on the wealthy are always a net benefit to state revenue.

- When taxes are raised on the wealthy, the result is always higher revenue — not revenue loss due to migration.⁶

² Cristobal Young and Ithai Lurie, "Taxing the rich: The effect of tax reform and the COVID-19 pandemic on tax flight among millionaires," (July 28, 2022)

³ <https://www.irs.gov/statistics/soi-tax-stats-migration-data>

⁴ US Census Bureau, "National Population Totals and Components of Change: 2020-2022" (December 2022), <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2020s-national-total.html>. This refers to New York's net domestic outflow, and does not account for new births or foreign migration into New York.

⁵ Millionaire migration data from New York Department of Tax & Finance, Tax Facts, at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/data/stats/tax-facts.htm#expanded-content-menu3>

⁶ <https://www.cbpp.org/research/state-budget-and-tax/fact-sheet-debunking-the-myth-that-raising-taxes-on-the-rich-will>