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Summary: It was big news a few years ago when, for the first time in more than a century, California's population shrank. The small but still startling decline in 2020 was driven by Covid-19 deaths and falling immigration and birth rates, and it was something of a turning point for a huge state founded on rapid growth and long accustomed to it. The state's population dipped yet again in 2022, for the third year in a row. The number of people living in California fell by 138,443 last year, to 38.94 million, according to state data released this week. The primary driver of the state's population loss has been Californians moving to other states, like Texas, Nevada, Idaho or Oregon, according to Hans Johnson, a senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California. Between July 2021 and July 2022, the net movement out of California was a record 407,000 people, he said. "In the past, California had continued to gain college graduates and people who had higher incomes, even as we were losing a very large number of less educated adults," he said. "And then in the most recent couple years we've seen an outflow for every group."

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