

Macro Roundup Article

Headline: [The Long-Term Housing and Population Shift](#)

Article Link: <https://calculatedrisk.substack.com/p/the-long-term-housing-and-population>

Author(s)	Bill McBride
Publication	Calculated Risk
Publication Date	August 10, 2023

Tweet: [@calculatedrisk](#) argues that the shift of the American population's center of gravity to the southwest is likely to slow if not reverse due to climate change and water supply issues.

Summary: Although most projections are for the southwestward trend for the median center of US population to continue, without additional sources of water, changes in housing policy, and progress on climate change the southwestward trend will slow - or maybe even reverse. Climate change might make some areas further north more desirable. Perhaps the Carolinas (away from the coast), TN, and KY will see more growth. And maybe even areas further north that have more affordable housing will experience new growth. Climate change might make those areas - from MO to WV on up to the Great Lakes - more attractive over the next 50 years. For the southwestward trend to continue, there will have to be an increase in water supply, progress on global warming, and changes to housing policies (to make housing more affordable). Related: What's the Matter With Miami? and Climate Change and the Geography of the U.S. Economy and A \$100 Billion Wealth Migration Tilts US Economy's Center of Gravity South

Primary Topic: Housing

Topics: GDP, Housing, Op-Ed/Blog Post

Permalink: <https://www.edwardconard.com/macro-roundup/calculatedrisk-argues-that-the-shift-of-the-american-populations-center-of-gravity-to-the-southwest-is-likely-to-slow-if-not-reverse-due-to-climate-change-and-water-supply-issues?view=detail>

Featured Image

Link: <https://www.edwardconard.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Miami-Heat-Index.png>