

II. WHO MOVED AND WHY?

In our 1978 survey we asked residents who identified themselves as being original residents of the projects if they knew any families who had moved from the project and if they did, why they had moved and where they moved. Forty-five of the residents indicated they had known persons who had moved from the projects. Of these, eighteen indicated they knew approximately where the families had moved and twenty-two gave reasons for the moves.

Only two of the movers reportedly moved to places in the immediate area while the remaining sixteen moved distances greater than thirty kilometers. Although we were not able to identify the movers referred to by the respondents, it may have been that they were moving to an area where they had previously lived or they were moving to a region that had greater work opportunities. Responses as to why they moved indicate that the latter interpretation is probably correct. Of the twenty-two reports of reasons for the moves ten said they did so in order to seek work, five because they did not like the projects, two because they sold their homes, two because they wanted to improve their life, two due to interpersonal conflicts, and one because of financial reasons. Work is clearly the largest category and a number of other reasons could be related to this issue (financial problems, sold house, improved life). Thus, our impression from this data is that the demand for work is an overriding concern and is probably a major, if not the major, reason for much of the relocating that took place in these projects. This would also be in keeping with our study of satisfaction in Field Report II.