

The Great Migration

1916 - 1970

From the 1910s to 1970 millions of Black southerners moved north to start a new life. While escaping the racial violence of Jim Crow and the traumatic past of slavery, Black southerners endured two World Wars and the Great Depression.

Philadelphia, considered a gateway to the north, saw a significant influx in the Black population; however, northern cities also had racial tensions.

