

#1 In-Migration Origin: Richland County, SC — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Richland County Sends More Households to Charleston Than Any Other

The #1 origin of new residents in the tri-county region — ALEX Intelligence 2026

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546

Households Moving In From a Single County (2023)

Richland County, SC leads all U.S. counties in household inflows to the Charleston tri-county.

This number—546—represents the largest single-county migration flow into Charleston, outpacing even neighboring Greenville County and Mecklenburg County, NC. It signals not just proximity, but a deep, growing alignment between the Upstate's economic engine and the Lowcountry's lifestyle appeal. The data reflects a shift in South Carolina's internal migration: from the mountains to the coast, from industrial hubs to coastal amenity zones.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2022-23 • ALEX Intelligence computation

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-18-charleston-sc-mig-in-origin>



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Richland's Outflow Is a Regional Shift

This flow may be accelerating the development of high-value suburban corridors like Cainhoy, where Parker's Kitchen is being proposed, as infrastructure adapts to serve a new wave of residents who commute from the Upstate.



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Migration as a Market Signal

The upcoming Lowcountry Rapid Transit line, which is being shaped by community input in North Charleston, is not a coincidence—it's infrastructure responding to a migration pattern already underway.

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