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ALEX Intelligence 2026 Migration Trend Net List

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Year-Over-Year Change in Net Migration (2023)

Huntsville's net migration gain is the highest among all counties the IRS tracked in both 2021-22 and 2022-23.

This surge of 447 net new households reflects a deepening magnetism of the Huntsville market as a destination for skilled labor and relocating families. The increase is not merely demographic—it signals a structural shift in regional economic gravity, with talent flowing toward a hub of federal investment, defense innovation, and infrastructure resilience.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2021-22 and 2022-23 · ALEX Intelligence computation
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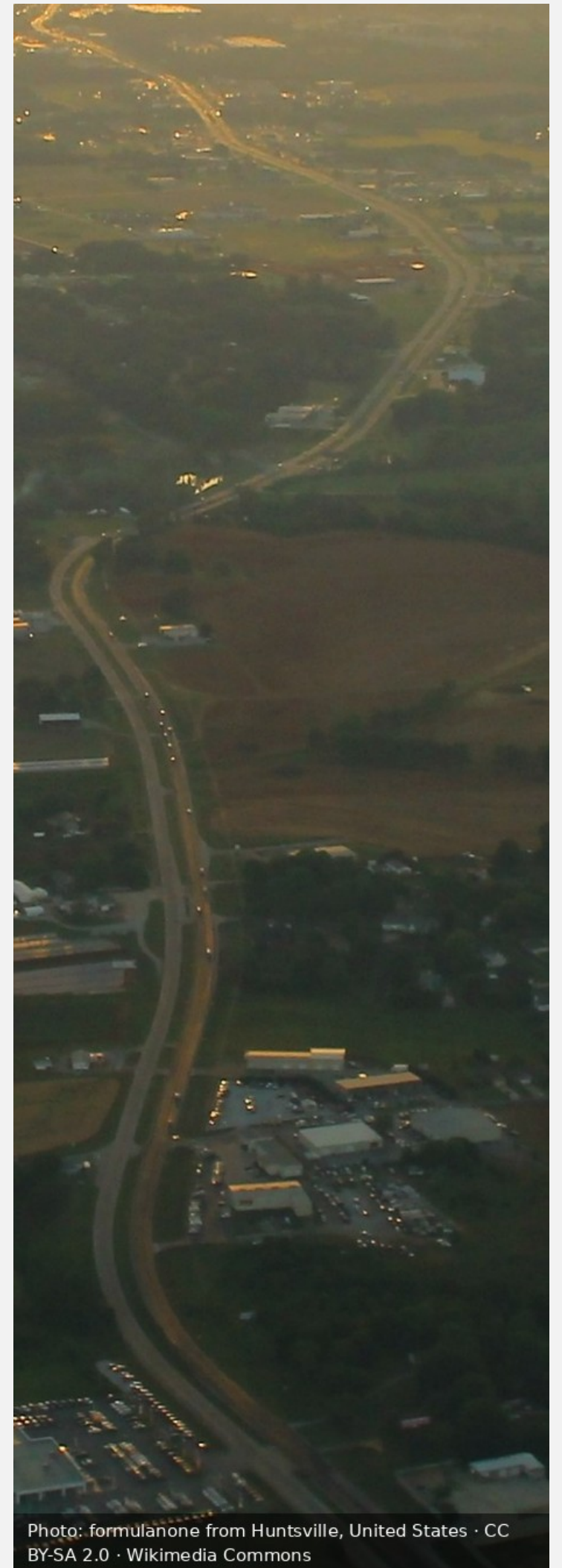


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Migration is a leading indicator

The 447-year-over-year net migration gain isn't a lagging signal—it's a leading one. When migration trends outpace price growth or inventory changes, it indicates that the market is being reshaped by incoming demand before prices fully reflect it. Huntsville is currently in the pre-price-inflation phase of a migration-driven boom, meaning early movers in real estate can capture disproportionate value before broader market reactions occur.

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Talent flow fuels economic resilience

The top-ranked migration source counties—Tuscaloosa, Baldwin, Rutherford—share a common thread: they are all adjacent to or within the broader Southeastern corridor of defense and aerospace activity. Their outflows to Huntsville aren't random; they're strategic. This pattern confirms that Huntsville isn't just attracting people—it's attracting the kind of workforce that sustains long-term economic stability: engineers, technicians, and logistics professionals drawn by federal contracts, R&D, and secure manufacturing zones.



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