

York County, SC — #1 of 10: Households Moving In From a Single County

York County, SC Leads Charlotte In-Migration

Source: ALEX Intelligence, October 12, 2026

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THE DATA

2,092

Households Moving In From a Single County (2023)

York County, SC sent more households to Charlotte than any other county in the region.

This inflow of 2,092 households from York County, SC represents the largest single-county migration into Charlotte in the IRS data set, underscoring a growing cross-state demographic shift. The data reveals that Charlotte is not just absorbing local growth but actively drawing from adjacent South Carolina markets, particularly those with high cost-of-living pressures and limited housing supply.

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/2026-10-12-charlotte-mig-in-origin>

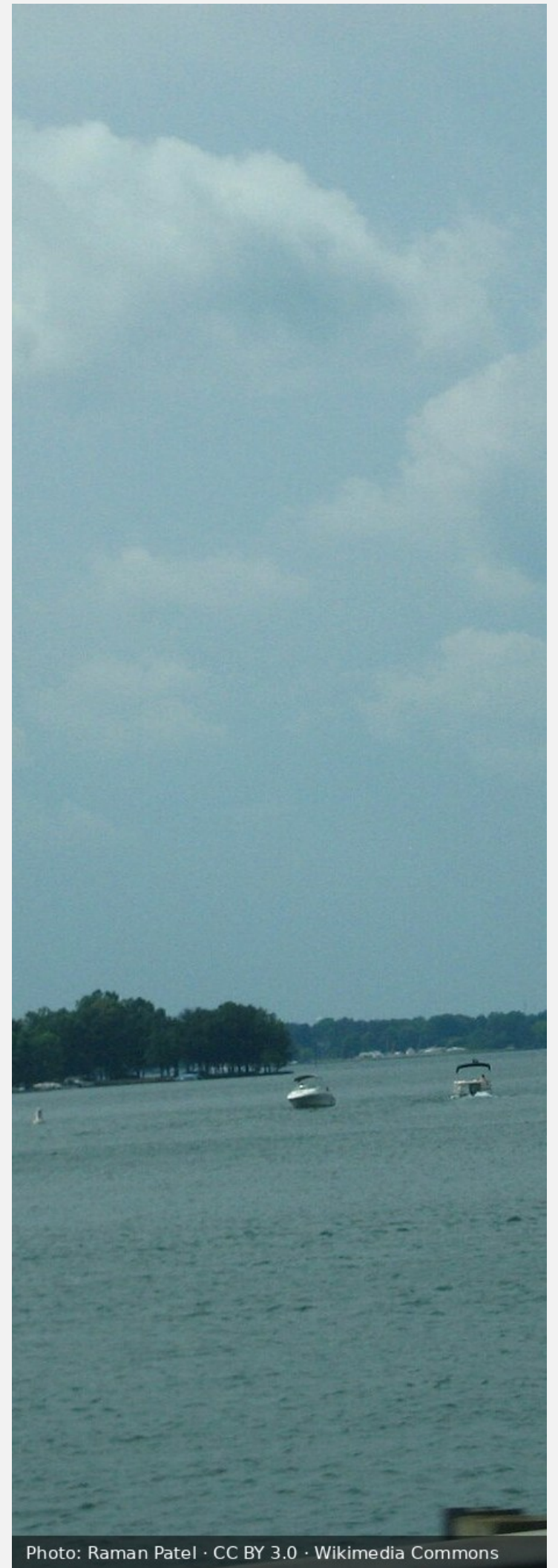


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Charlotte is becoming a regional refuge

The dominance of York County, SC in Charlotte's in-migration pipeline signals a deeper structural realignment: as housing affordability erodes in parts of South Carolina, Charlotte is emerging as a functional housing alternative. This is not a transient trend but a sustained shift in where families are choosing to settle, driven by economic and spatial constraints. The data suggests Charlotte's market is no longer just a local growth engine but a regional absorption hub for displaced populations.

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Affordability is the real driver

While job growth and infrastructure draw attention, the real force behind this migration is affordability. York County, SC — home to cities like York and Fort Mill — has seen rising home prices and constrained inventory, pushing residents to seek options just across the border. Charlotte's relatively stable pricing, coupled with strong job markets and infrastructure investment, makes it a logical destination. This migration is less about lifestyle and more about economic necessity, signaling long-term demand resilience.



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