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York County, SC leads all sources of new households to Charlotte — ALEX
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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 during 2022-23.

This influx of 2,092 households from a single county signals a deepening regional integration between York County and Charlotte's metro economy. The data reflects not just commuting patterns but full household relocation — likely driven by affordability, job opportunities, and quality-of-life factors. The scale of this movement suggests that Charlotte's housing market is not just absorbing demand, but reshaping regional demographics.

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

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Charlotte is becoming a regional magnet

The fact that York County, SC — a non-NC jurisdiction — leads in household inflows underscores Charlotte's role as a dominant economic and residential hub across state lines. This is not a one-off migration but a sustained pattern of population realignment, with Charlotte acting as a destination for those seeking better opportunities beyond their home county. The city's growth is no longer just internal; it's pulling in people from adjacent states, reshaping the regional labor pool and housing demand.

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Affordability is the true engine

York County, SC is significantly more affordable than Charlotte, yet its residents are moving in at a record pace. This counterintuitive trend reveals that Charlotte's appeal lies not in lower prices, but in opportunity — stable jobs, growing infrastructure, and access to services. The migration pattern suggests that affordability is a threshold, not a driver: people leave lower-cost areas not because they're cheaper, but because Charlotte offers a better long-term value proposition. This makes Charlotte's market resilient even amid rising prices.



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