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Killeen-Temple Leads Texas in In-Migration Growth

IRS data shows 8.6% household inflow surge, 2017-18 to 2022-23

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This marks the highest growth rate among all Texas MSAs tracked in the IRS migration dataset.

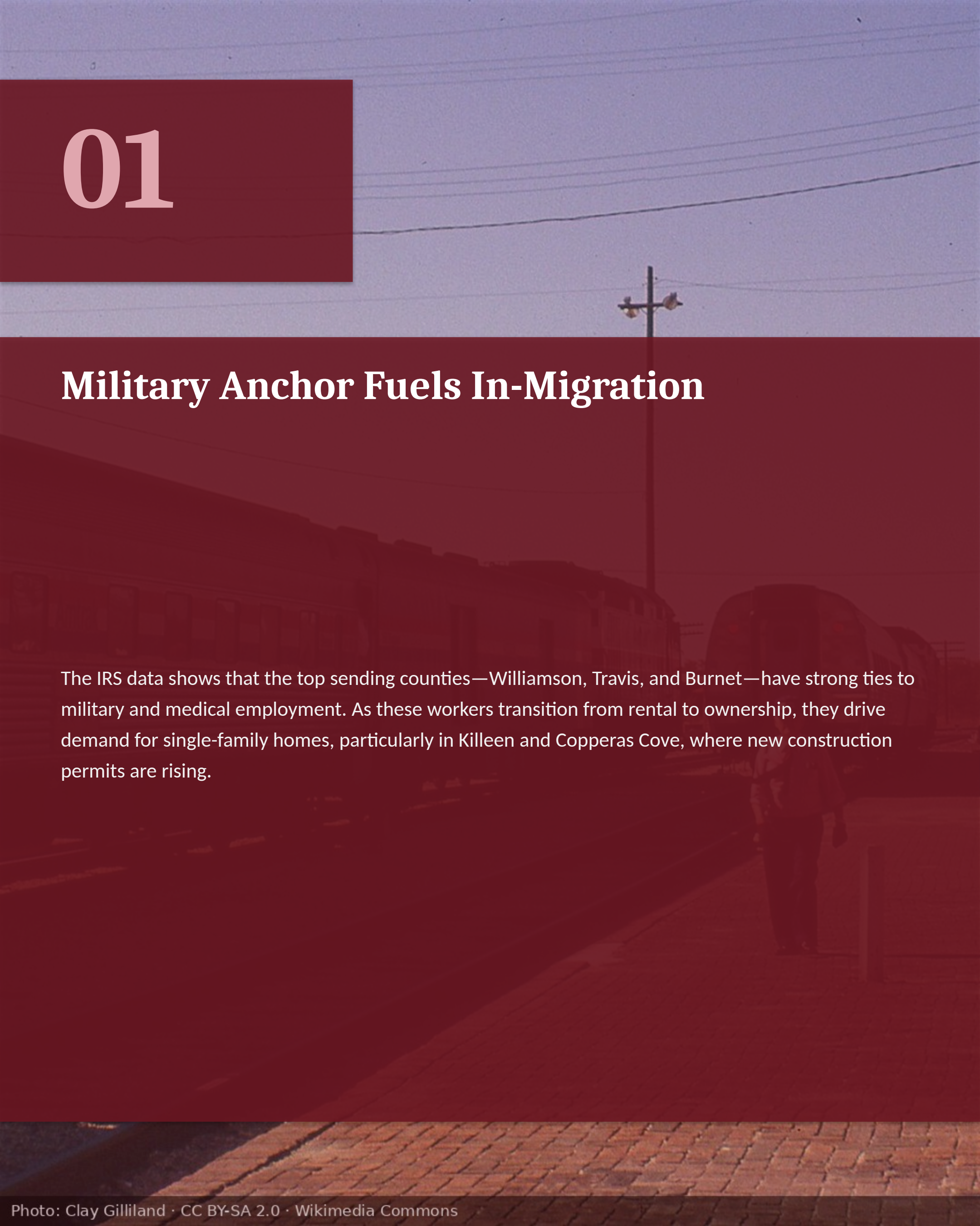
The 8.6% increase in households moving into the Killeen-Temple MSA between 2017-18 and 2022-23 reflects sustained demand driven by Fort Cavazos and the Baylor Scott & White medical corridor. This inflow is not a short-term spike but a structural shift in regional migration patterns. The data captures actual household relocations, not just job or population shifts, making it a robust proxy for long-term residential stability.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2017-18 and 2022-23 · ALEX Intelligence computation

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-13-killeen-temple-mig-trend-in-long>



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Military Anchor Fuels In-Migration

The IRS data shows that the top sending counties—Williamson, Travis, and Burnet—have strong ties to military and medical employment. As these workers transition from rental to ownership, they drive demand for single-family homes, particularly in Killeen and Copperas Cove, where new construction permits are rising.

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Healthcare Corridor Reinforces Stability

The persistence of this migration trend, even amid national economic volatility, underscores the Killeen-Temple MSA's unique resilience. It is not simply benefiting from national trends but is being shaped by two enduring, non-cyclical anchors: defense and healthcare.



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