

Los Angeles County, CA — #1 of 10: Net Households Gained From a Single County

Los Angeles County leads all in DFW migration

Source: ALEX Intelligence, October 16, 2026

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Net Households Gained From a Single County (2023)

Los Angeles County, CA, is the top source of net household migration into the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA.

This figure represents the net inflow of households from a single county — a rare and significant indicator of long-term relocation behavior. The fact that Los Angeles County leads by over 500 households above second-place Orange County underscores a deep, sustained pull toward DFW that transcends regional borders. This is not a seasonal or temporary shift; it reflects a structural migration trend.

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/2026-10-16-dfw-msa-mig-net-partner>



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DFW's magnetism is hyper-local

The dominance of Los Angeles County — a coastal, high-cost, densely populated region — in driving net household inflows suggests DFW is not just a retreat from high prices, but a destination of choice for those seeking long-term lifestyle transformation. This isn't about escaping the West Coast; it's about choosing a new economic, social, and environmental equilibrium. The scale of this migration implies that DFW is perceived as offering stability, opportunity, and quality of life that outweigh the costs of relocation.

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Texas counties are the second-most important source

While Los Angeles County leads nationally, Harris County, TX, ranks fourth in net inflow, making it the top domestic source. This indicates that DFW is not only attracting people from outside Texas but is also becoming a central hub for internal migration within the state. The fact that Harris County — a major urban center — is sending more households to DFW than any other Texas county suggests that internal migration is not just about rural escape, but about urban-to-urban repositioning. This trend reflects a growing perception of DFW as the most viable metropolitan alternative to Texas's existing urban cores.



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