

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

Houston MSA Leads U.S. in Net Households From a Single County

From Los Angeles County, CA — via IRS data, 2022–23

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Net Households Gained From a Single County (2023)

Houston MSA gained 1,023 more households from Los Angeles County, CA, than it lost in the 2022–23 period.

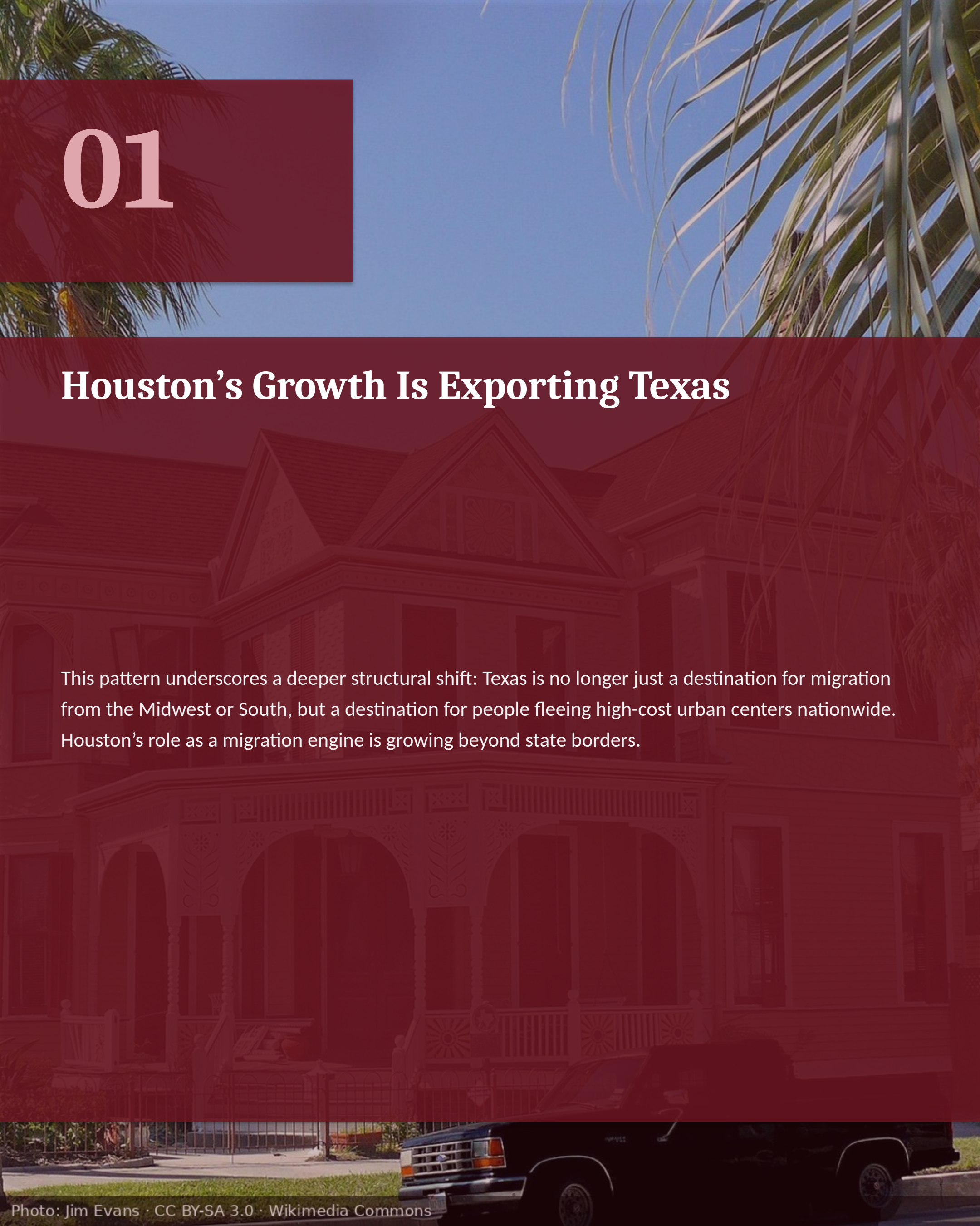
This figure represents the net inflow of households from a single U.S. county — the highest of any metro area in the nation. It reflects a sustained demographic shift, with Los Angeles County serving as a primary source of migration to the Houston MSA. The data is drawn from IRS Statistics of Income Migration Data, which discloses county-to-county flows only when both directions are reported.

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

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Houston's Growth Is Exporting Texas

This pattern underscores a deeper structural shift: Texas is no longer just a destination for migration from the Midwest or South, but a destination for people fleeing high-cost urban centers nationwide. Houston's role as a migration engine is growing beyond state borders.

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The IRS Data Reveals What Markets Ignore

This data also exposes a blind spot in standard market reporting: the absence of migration flow data from major sources like Zillow or Realtor.com. A market that grows faster than its data sources can track is one where traditional intelligence tools fall behind. Houston's true growth engine may be hidden in plain sight — in IRS migration flows.



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