

Mobile County, AL — #1 of 10: Net Households Gained From a Single County

Mobile County is Baldwin's #1 Migration Source

Net households gained from a single county, source: ALEX Intelligence 2026

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Net Households Gained From a Single County (2023)

Mobile County, AL leads all counties in net household inflows to Baldwin County.

This figure represents the net migration gain from a single county—Mobile County, AL—highlighting a deep, sustained demographic pull. Unlike short-term seasonal shifts, this reflects a structural migration pattern where households are relocating permanently. The data, drawn from IRS Statistics of Income Migration Data (2022–23), reveals Baldwin County’s growing role as a destination for long-term residents from within Alabama’s own coastal corridor.

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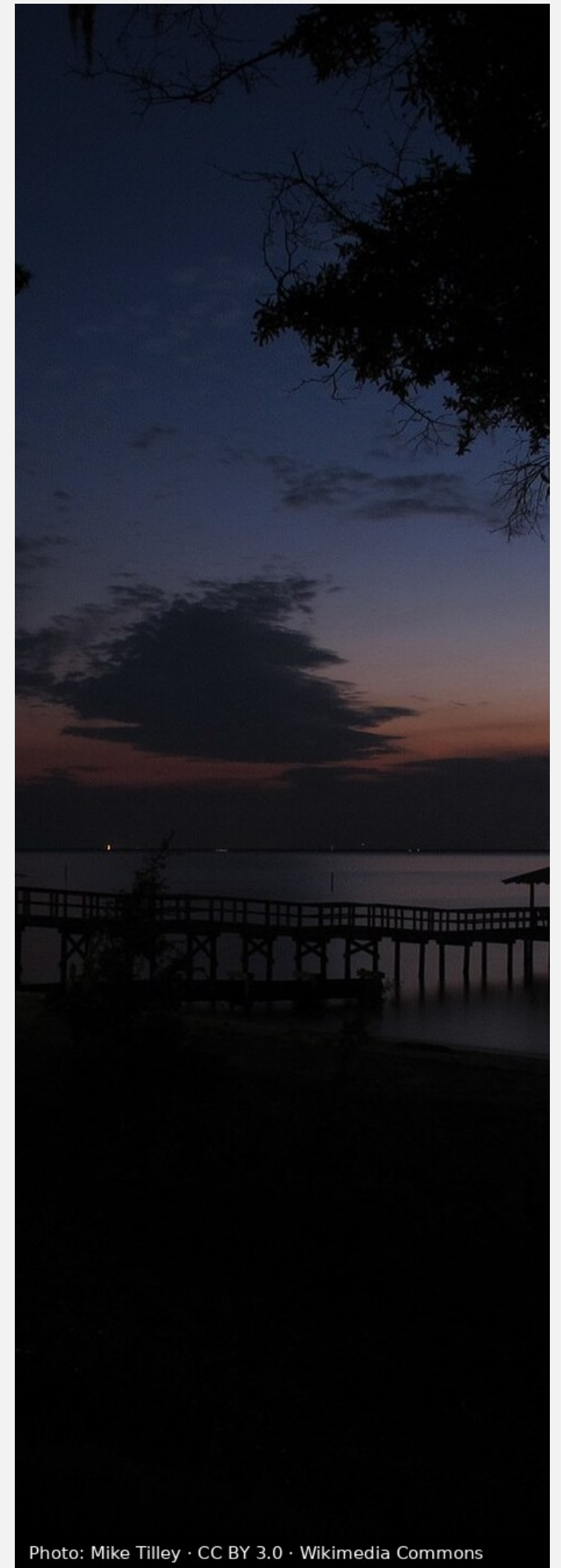


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Mobile County Is the Core of Baldwin's Growth

The fact that Mobile County leads all others in net household inflows to Baldwin County suggests a regional integration that transcends municipal boundaries. This isn't just about coastal proximity—it's about shared infrastructure, economic complementarity, and a lifestyle migration pattern that favors the Gulf Coast's blend of access and tranquility. The 160-net household figure indicates that Baldwin County is not just absorbing external migrants, but actively drawing from its immediate neighbor's population base, reinforcing a stable, self-sustaining growth engine.

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Migration Is a Local, Not a National, Phenomenon

This data challenges the assumption that Baldwin County's growth is driven by out-of-state or national migration. Instead, it's powered by internal, intra-state movement—specifically from Mobile County. This localized migration pattern suggests that Baldwin County's appeal is rooted in a shared regional identity, with Mobile County serving as a reservoir of potential residents. The absence of larger metropolitan areas like Atlanta or Birmingham in the top 10 rankings underscores that Baldwin County's growth is not a magnet for long-distance relocation, but a destination of choice for those already within the state's Gulf Coast ecosystem.



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