

Henderson County, NC — #1 of 10: Net Households Gained From a Single County

Henderson County, NC leads Upstate migration

Net households gained from a single county, 2022–23

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Net Households Gained From a Single County (2023)

Henderson County, NC, is the top source of net household migration into the Upstate.

This figure represents the net inflow of households from a single county, measured by IRS Statistics of Income data for the 2022–23 period. The magnitude of this number underscores a deepening regional integration across state lines.

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/2026-10-26-upstate-sc-mig-net-partner>

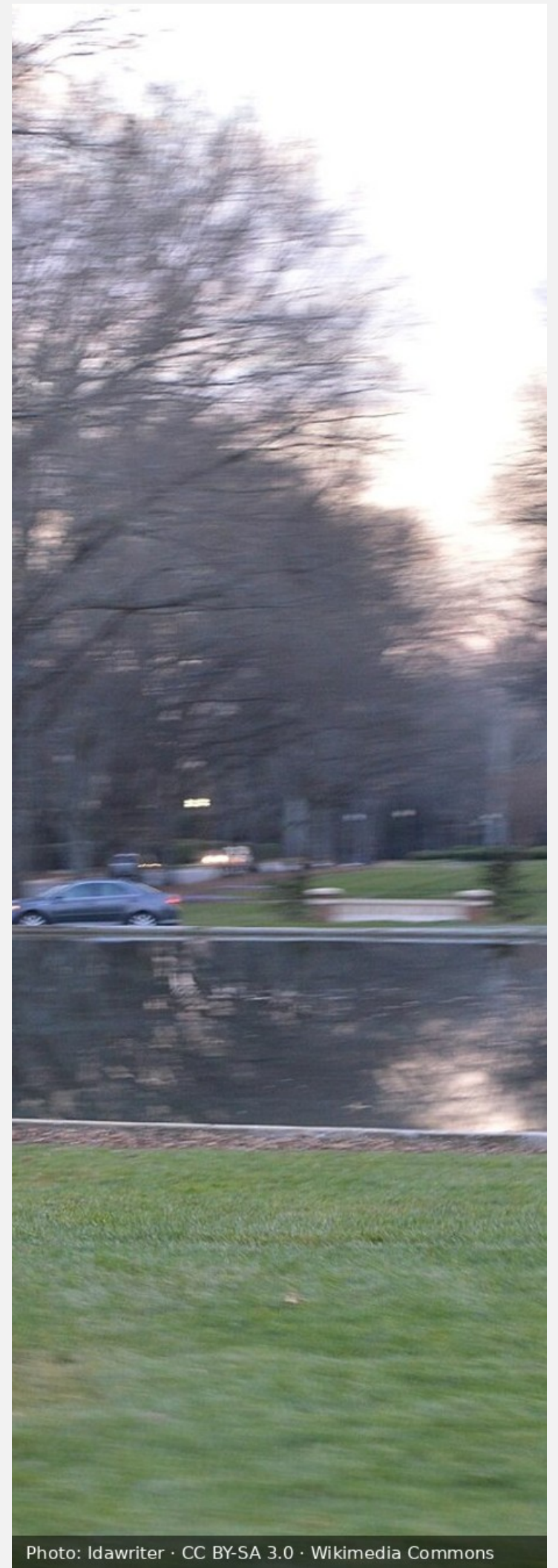
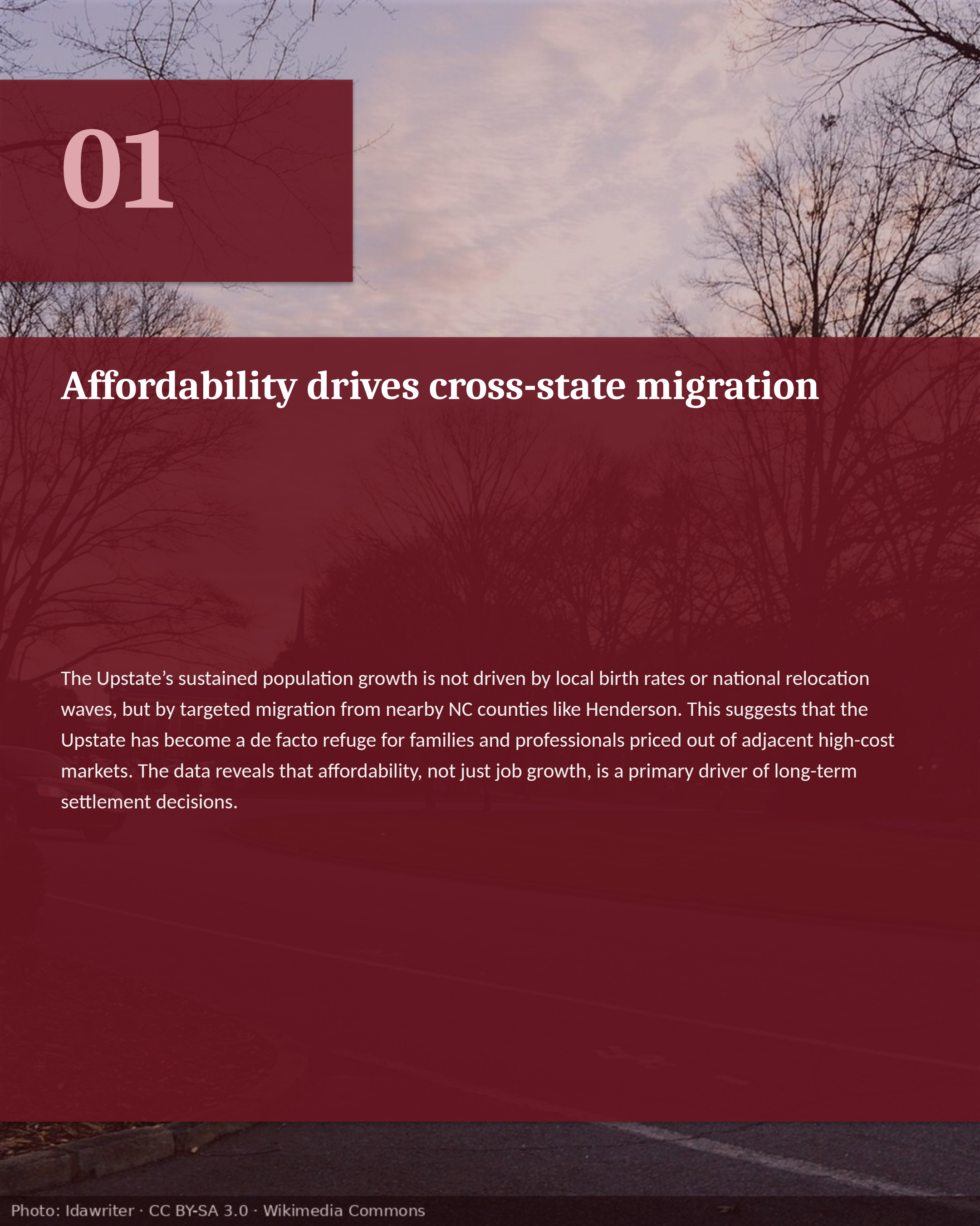


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Affordability drives cross-state migration

The Upstate's sustained population growth is not driven by local birth rates or national relocation waves, but by targeted migration from nearby NC counties like Henderson. This suggests that the Upstate has become a de facto refuge for families and professionals priced out of adjacent high-cost markets. The data reveals that affordability, not just job growth, is a primary driver of long-term settlement decisions.

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The migration pattern reflects a strategic choice: residents are not moving randomly, but toward areas with established infrastructure, high employment density, and scalable housing. This trend signals that the Upstate is not just a local market but a node in a broader regional ecosystem.



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