

Suffolk County, NY — #1 of 10: Net Households Gained From a Single County

Charleston leads SC in net household gains from one county

Suffolk County, NY, tops the list — source: ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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Net Households Gained From a Single County (2023)

Charleston tri-county gained 186 more households from Suffolk County, NY than it lost in the 2022–23 period.

This figure is the highest net inflow from any single county in the U.S. to the Charleston tri-county, according to IRS migration data. It reflects a growing trend of long-distance relocation from high-cost, high-tax regions to a Southern coastal market with strong climate resilience and cultural appeal. The data underscores a shift in migration patterns beyond traditional Southern and Mid-Atlantic corridors.

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

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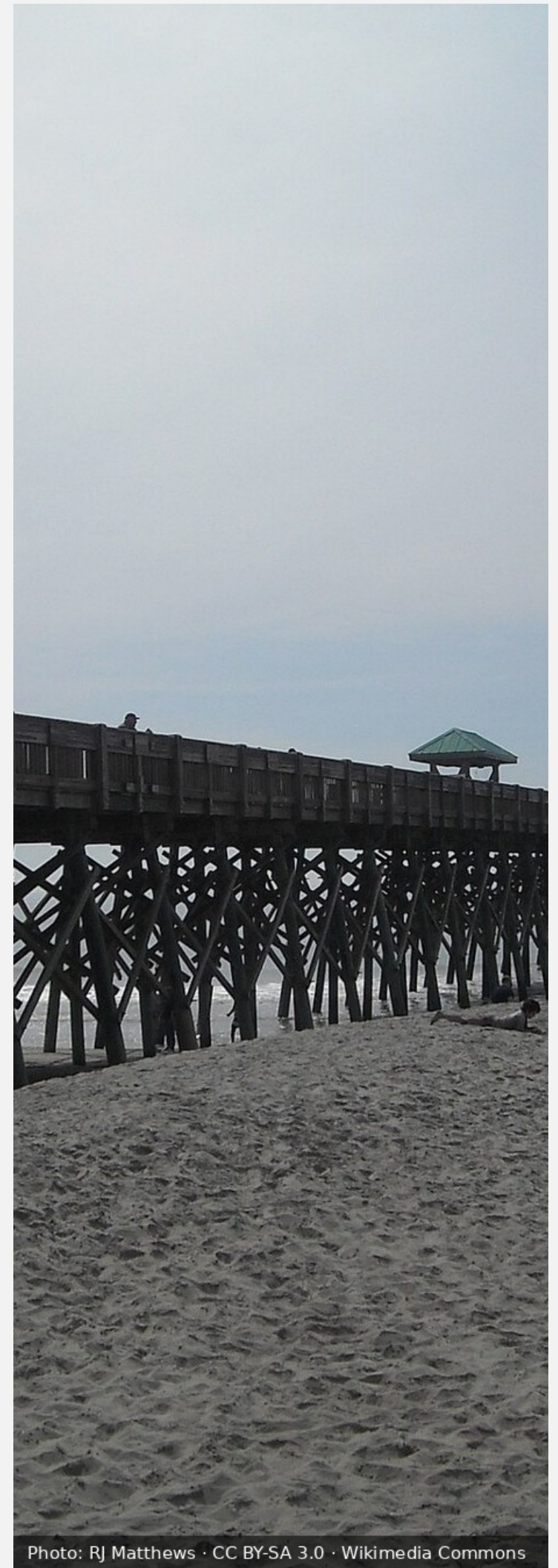


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Migration is reshaping demand

This migration pattern suggests that Charleston's real estate market is no longer merely reacting to local trends — it is being shaped by national economic and environmental forces. The region's ability to attract households from high-pressure metropolitan areas gives it a unique edge in sustaining demand even amid broader regional cooling.

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Geography is no longer a barrier

This long-distance migration is not a fluke — it reflects a broader reconfiguration of American settlement patterns. As climate volatility increases and urban centers become less livable, coastal Southern cities like Charleston are emerging as preferred long-term destinations, not just seasonal retreats.



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