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Los Angeles County leads in household outflow to Huntsville

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Los Angeles County, CA, recorded the largest drop in household inflows to the Huntsville metro among all U.S. counties in the 2022–23 vintage.

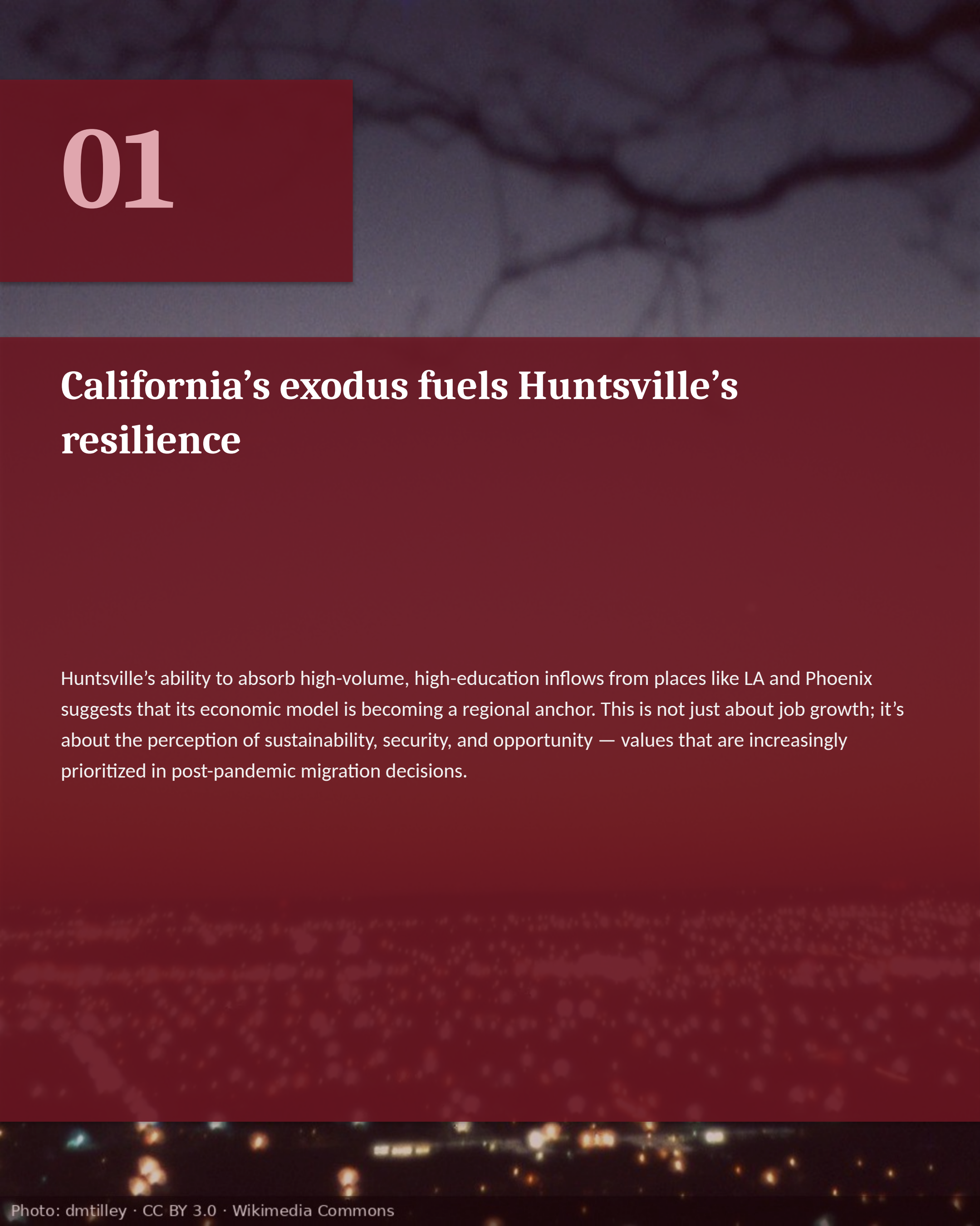
This reversal in migration from California's largest county signals a growing divergence in regional pull factors. While Southern California continues to face affordability and climate pressures, Huntsville's rising defense, tech, and aerospace sectors are drawing talent from high-cost, high-heat markets. The data reflects a structural shift — not a temporary dip — in where Americans are choosing to settle.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2021-22 and 2022-23 · ALEX Intelligence computation

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-28-huntsville-mig-trend-origin-asc>



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California's exodus fuels Huntsville's resilience

Huntsville's ability to absorb high-volume, high-education inflows from places like LA and Phoenix suggests that its economic model is becoming a regional anchor. This is not just about job growth; it's about the perception of sustainability, security, and opportunity — values that are increasingly prioritized in post-pandemic migration decisions.

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Migration inertia is breaking

This data also implies that the cost of staying in a place like Los Angeles County is now outweighing the benefits of proximity to industry and culture. As more people leave high-cost, high-stress environments, the value of stability and access to growth in places like Huntsville increases. The trend may accelerate as younger professionals, especially in tech and defense, seek balance between career and quality of life.



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