

Catawba County, NC — #1 of 10: Growth in Households Moving In, by Origin County

Catawba County leads Charlotte's household inflow

Source: ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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Growth in Households Moving In, by Origin County (2023)

Catawba County, NC, sent 125 more households to Charlotte in 2022-23 than in 2021-22, the highest increase among all counties in the Charlotte metro.

This surge reflects a structural shift in regional migration patterns, with Catawba County emerging as the primary feeder region for Charlotte's housing market. The data reveals that Charlotte is not just attracting people from distant states — it is absorbing internal population shifts from neighboring counties at an accelerating pace.

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/2026-10-29-charlotte-mig-trend-origin>

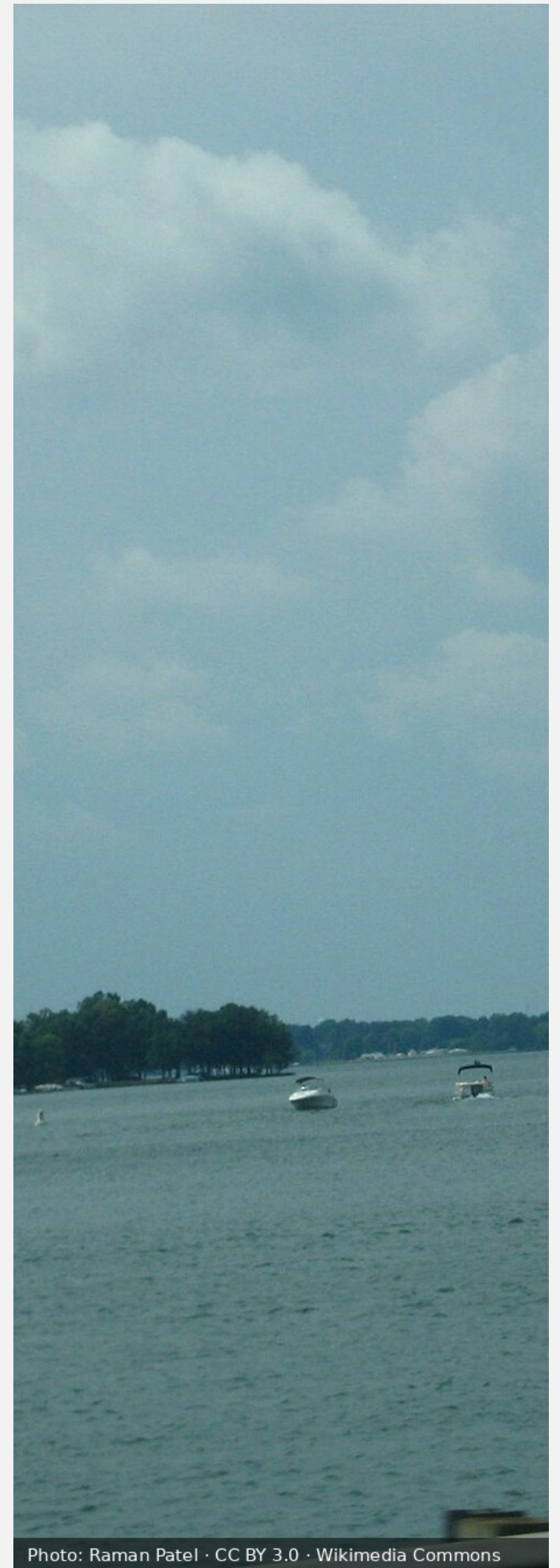


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The inflow is not accidental

This pattern suggests that Charlotte's housing market is becoming less dependent on long-distance migration and more reliant on a self-sustaining regional ecosystem — a sign of mature market dynamics.

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The real estate ripple effect

This creates a feedback loop: more people move in, more homes are built, more jobs are created, and more people are drawn in. Charlotte's market is not just absorbing growth — it is amplifying it.



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