

York County, SC — #1 of 10: Households Moving Out to a Single County

# York County, SC leads Charlotte's outbound migration

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## THE DATA

# 2,909

### Households Moving Out to a Single County (2023)

York County, SC received more households leaving the Charlotte market than any other county in the region.

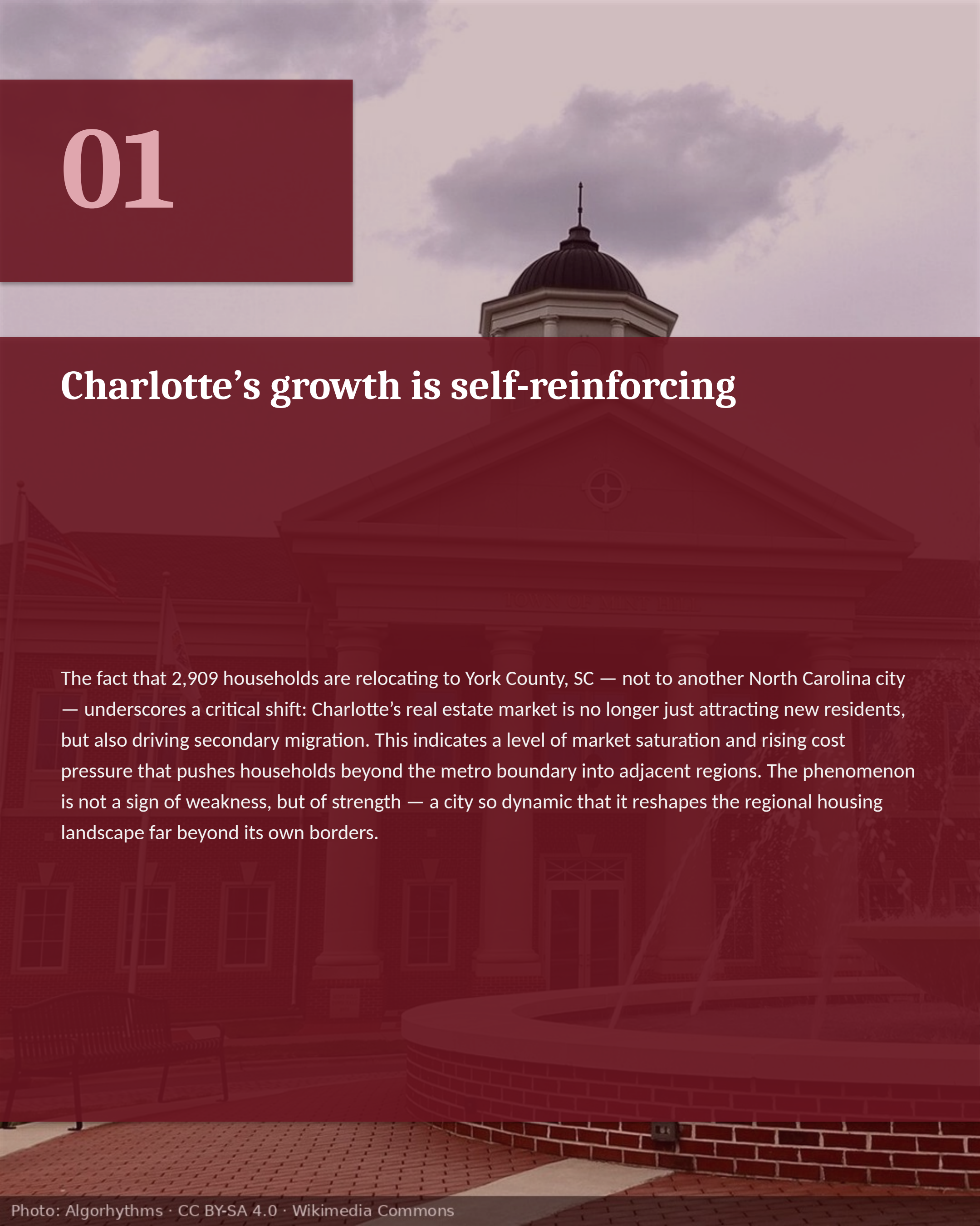
The data, drawn from IRS county-to-county migration flows, reveals that York County is now the primary destination for Charlotte-area movers, outpacing even nearby North Carolina counties. This pattern suggests a growing economic and geographic convergence between the Charlotte metro and York County, driven by affordability, commute patterns, and infrastructure development.

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

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# 01

## Charlotte's growth is self-reinforcing

The fact that 2,909 households are relocating to York County, SC — not to another North Carolina city — underscores a critical shift: Charlotte's real estate market is no longer just attracting new residents, but also driving secondary migration. This indicates a level of market saturation and rising cost pressure that pushes households beyond the metro boundary into adjacent regions. The phenomenon is not a sign of weakness, but of strength — a city so dynamic that it reshapes the regional housing landscape far beyond its own borders.

# 02

## The South Carolina corridor is emerging as a new housing frontier

York County's dominance in absorbing Charlotte's outbound migration suggests a new interregional housing corridor is forming. Unlike previous patterns where people moved to nearby NC counties like Gaston or Iredell, the shift to SC reflects a deeper structural change — a willingness to cross state lines for affordability, better schools, or lifestyle preferences. This trend may signal the beginning of a broader regional real estate reconfiguration, where Charlotte's economic engine fuels growth in neighboring states, not just within North Carolina.



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