the San Antonio metro — #1 of 10: Year-Over-Year Change in Net Migration

San Antonio's migration balance deteriorated by 2,225

IRS data shows net outflow trend in 2022-23

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2,225

Year-Over-Year Change in Net Migration (2023)

This reflects the decline in net migration to the San Antonio metro between 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The data reveals a structural shift: while San Antonio remains a magnet for in-migration, the rate of net growth has slowed significantly. This is not a sign of stagnation, but a recalibration — the city is no longer absorbing new residents at the same pace as before, even as population pressures persist in surrounding counties.



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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/2026-11-04-sa-msa-mig-trend-net

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Kendall County leads the outflow

This trend underscores a critical nuance: migration is not a monolithic force. The decline in net migration is not a city-wide phenomenon but a localized one, with some areas within the metro losing residents faster than others. This has implications for zoning, infrastructure, and service planning.

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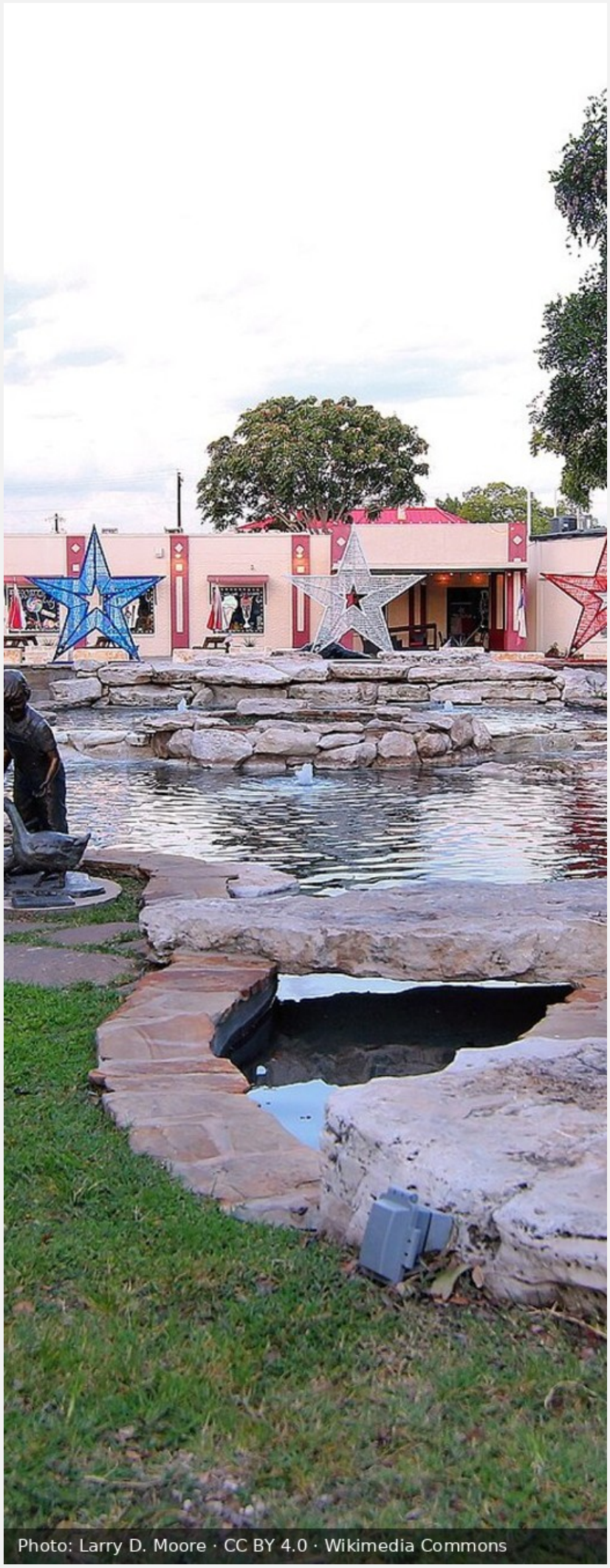


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Outflow from Texas counties is growing

The data reveals a new layer of complexity: San Antonio is not just attracting people from outside Texas — it is also becoming a destination for Texans themselves. This internal migration surge may be a key driver behind the city's resilience, even as overall net migration slows. The city's affordability and stability may now be acting as a magnet for Texas residents seeking a better quality of life.

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