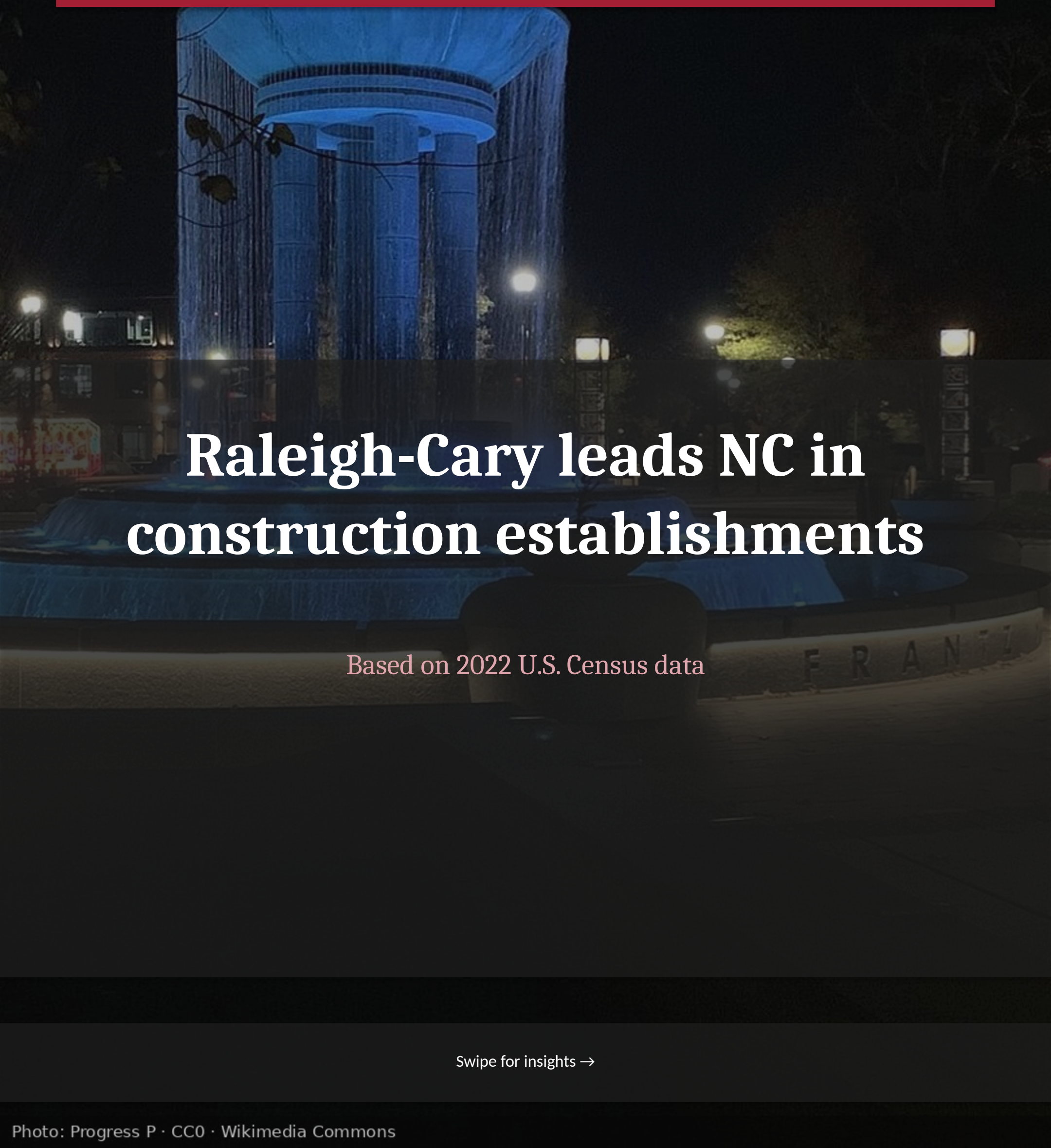
Raleigh-Cary, NC — #2 of 10: Construction Establishments



Raleigh-Cary leads NC in construction establishments

Based on 2022 U.S. Census data

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4,292

Construction Establishments (2022)

Raleigh-Cary, NC ranks #2 of 15 North Carolina metros on construction establishments.

This figure reflects a robust, sustained pipeline of new development across residential, commercial, and mixed-use sectors. The concentration of construction activity underscores the Triangle's role as a primary engine of economic expansion in North Carolina.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 23 (Construction) · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-07-triangle-istand-23-msa

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Construction density drives long-term value

The sheer volume of active construction establishments is not a short-term blip—it signals a deep structural shift in the Triangle's real estate ecosystem. Unlike cyclical booms, this level of activity has been sustained over multiple years, indicating confidence in long-term demand. This density of development activity directly correlates with rising land values, increased tax bases, and greater infrastructure resilience—factors that underpin lasting real estate appreciation.

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The construction economy is self-reinforcing

High construction activity generates its own momentum: new jobs attract workers, who increase demand for housing and services, which in turn justifies further construction. This feedback loop is already visible in Raleigh-Cary's labor force growth and rising household income trends. The region is not merely building more buildings—it is building a more dynamic and self-sustaining urban economy, one where real estate growth and economic vitality are mutually reinforcing.

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