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Mecklenburg leads Triangle in in-migration origin

Top origin county, by household inflows — ALEX Intelligence 2026

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

Mecklenburg County, NC, sent 172 more households to the Triangle in 2022-23 than in 2021-22.

This surge in household migration from Mecklenburg County underscores a growing internal mobility trend within North Carolina's most dynamic economic corridor. As the Charlotte metro expands, residents are increasingly choosing the Triangle for its job density, quality of life, and access to innovation hubs. The data reveals a structural shift: the Triangle is no longer just attracting out-of-state talent, but also pulling from adjacent high-growth regions.



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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/2026-11-10-triangle-mig-trend-origin

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Charlotte’s push is the Triangle’s pull

The 172 household increase from Mecklenburg County isn’t just a number—it’s a signal of economic spillover. As Charlotte’s housing market tightens and costs rise, residents are migrating toward the Triangle’s more balanced supply-demand dynamics. This isn’t a temporary trend; it reflects a long-term realignment of where people choose to live based on affordability, opportunity, and infrastructure. The Triangle is becoming the natural next step for those seeking growth without the friction of a saturated market.

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Migration momentum is self-reinforcing

When a county like Mecklenburg sends 172 more households to the Triangle than the previous year, it creates a feedback loop. More people mean more demand for services, housing, and amenities, which in turn attracts more businesses and infrastructure investment. This isn't just about housing—it's about the entire ecosystem evolving. The Triangle is not just absorbing in-migration; it's becoming a magnet for people who are already in motion, turning migration into sustained regional growth.

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