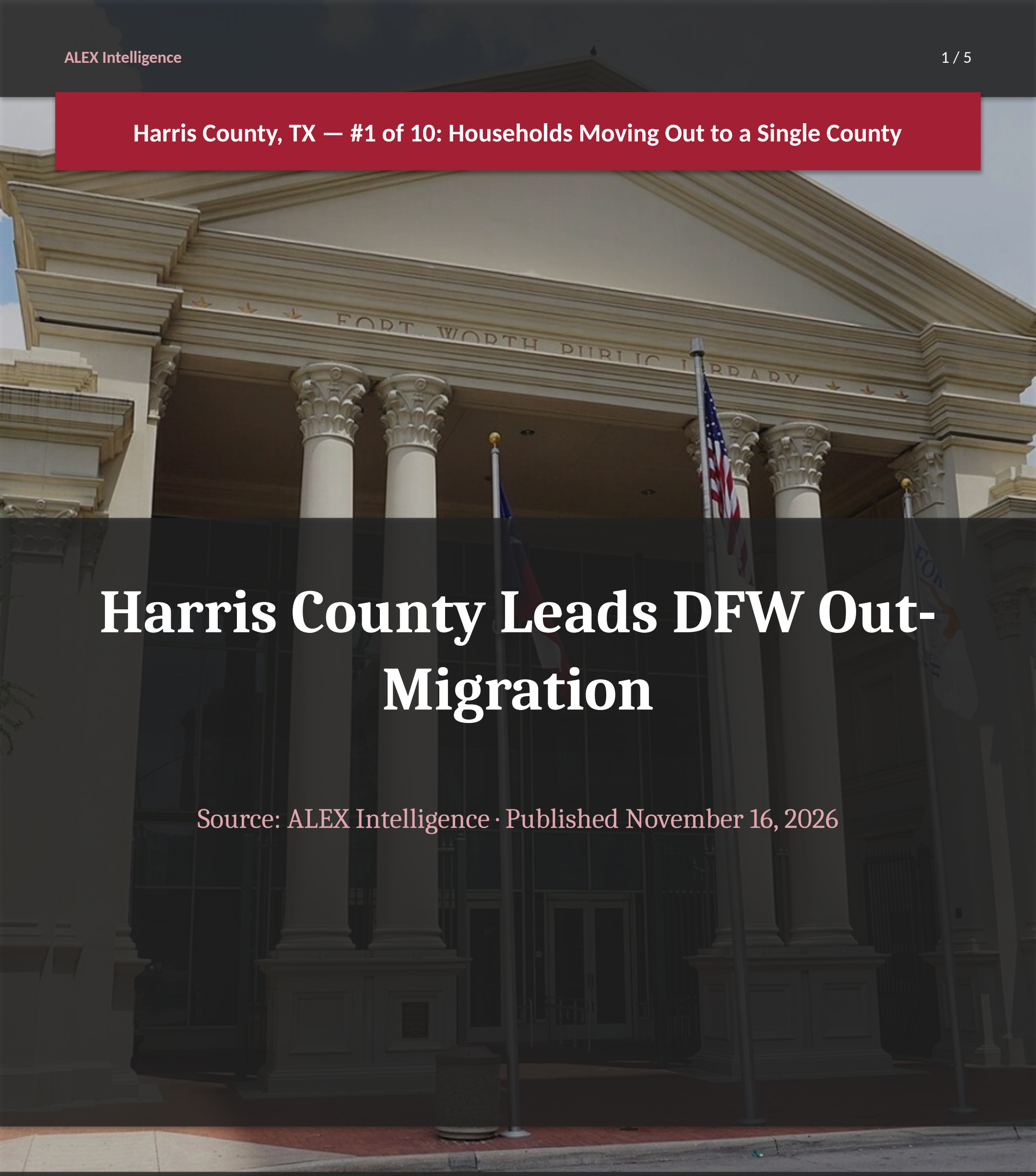
Harris County, TX — #1 of 10: Households Moving Out to a Single County



Harris County Leads DFW Out-Migration

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Households Moving Out to a Single County (2023)

Harris County, TX received more households leaving the DFW MSA than any other county in the U.S. in 2022–23.

This figure represents the highest documented outflow from the DFW metro to a single county, underscoring Harris County's role as a primary destination for relocation. The magnitude of this migration suggests a deepening regional integration between DFW and Houston's metro, driven by shared economic infrastructure and lifestyle preferences.



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

The dominance of Harris County suggests that the DFW-to-Houston migration corridor is not a side effect of affordability but a core feature of Texas's evolving residential geography — one that supports long-term stability and investment in both regions.

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The Urban Core Is No Longer the Destination

This challenges the idea of DFW as a self-contained market and positions it as a node in a larger Texas mobility network.

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