Aiken County, SC — #1 of 10: Decline in Households Moving In, by Origin County

Aiken County leads in outflow to Augusta-Aiken

Top origin county sending fewer households, per ALEX Intelligence 2026 report

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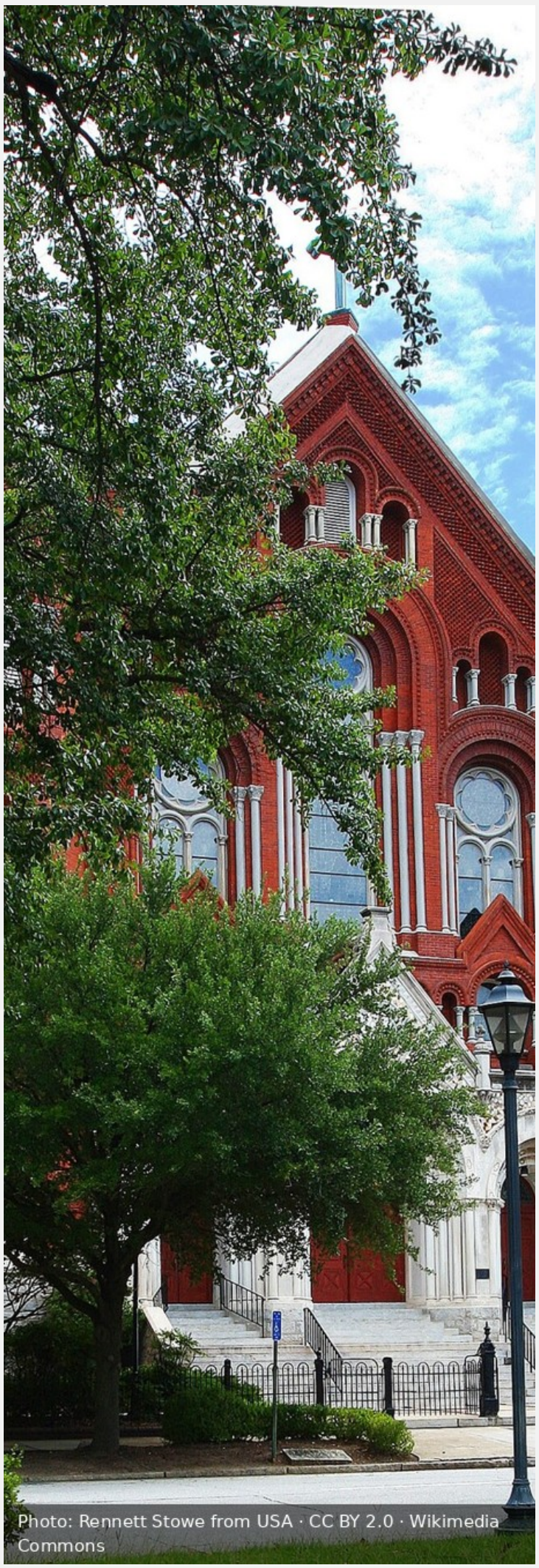
Decline in Households Moving In, by Origin County (2024)

Aiken County, SC, saw the largest drop in inbound households compared to the prior year.

This decline of 103 households represents a significant shift in migration dynamics within the Augusta-Aiken metro. The drop suggests growing disincentives or disruptions affecting Aiken County residents' ability or willingness to relocate to the region. Given the proximity and economic ties between Aiken and Augusta, this trend may reflect local developments in employment, housing affordability, or safety concerns.



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Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2022-23 and 2023-24 · ALEX Intelligence computation
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Outflow signals local instability

This pattern underscores that migration is not just about opportunity—it's about confidence. When a nearby county's residents stop moving in, it often signals a broader erosion of perceived stability, which can ripple into housing demand, rental pricing, and long-term investment sentiment across the metro.

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Migration as a regional stress indicator

This is not a sign of stagnation, but of recalibration. As Aiken County's internal conditions change, so too will the flow of people—and with them, the balance of demand across the metro. For investors and planners, this is a signal to monitor not just Augusta-Aiken's internal dynamics, but the health of its immediate neighbors.

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