Aiken County, SC — #1 of 10: Households Moving Out to a Single County



Aiken County, SC is the top outflow destination

From Augusta-Aiken, 947 households moved there in 2023-24

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THE DATA

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Households Moving Out to a Single County (2024)

Aiken County, SC received the highest number of households leaving the Augusta-Aiken market in 2023-24.

This flow of 947 households to Aiken County, SC—more than double the next highest recipient—signals a deepening economic and residential alignment between the two counties. The data reflects a structural shift, not a seasonal blip. It suggests that Aiken County is increasingly serving as a magnet for Augusta-Aiken residents seeking alternative lifestyles, affordability, or infrastructure.



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Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county outflows, 2023-24 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-23-augusta-aiken-mig-out-dest

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Migration is not just outward—it's directional

The fact that Aiken County, SC is the top destination for Augusta-Aiken out-movers—despite being across the state line—reveals a growing cross-border integration. This is not a random dispersion but a strategic realignment: residents are choosing Aiken not for its proximity to Augusta, but for its specific advantages. The data suggests that Aiken County is becoming a de facto satellite market for Augusta-Aiken, with its own labor, housing, and lifestyle appeal.

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The flow reveals market maturity

High outflow to a single county is not a sign of decline—it's a sign of a mature, self-sustaining regional ecosystem. When a market sees 947 households migrate to one destination, it indicates that the destination is already absorbing a significant share of the region's population growth. This is not a brain drain but a natural redistribution of talent and capital within a broader metro, where Aiken County is now a key node in the regional economic network.

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