



Fort Payne, Alabama.

Current market data.

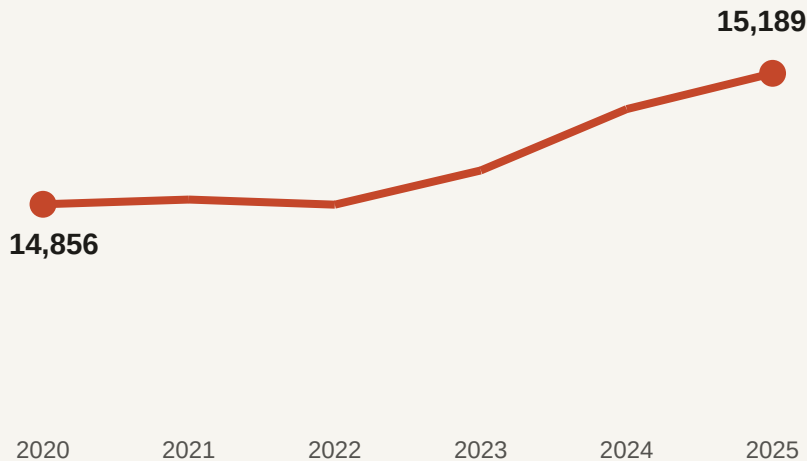
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 2.2% since 2020.

15,189

people, the 48th-largest of Alabama's cities and towns.



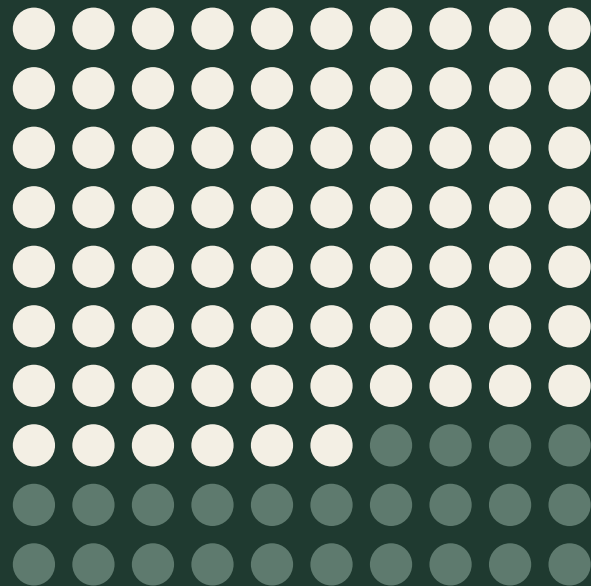
THE WORKDAY

8 in 10 jobs here go to people who live somewhere else.

76.1%

of 13,122 jobs located in Fort Payne are filled by in-commuters.

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023



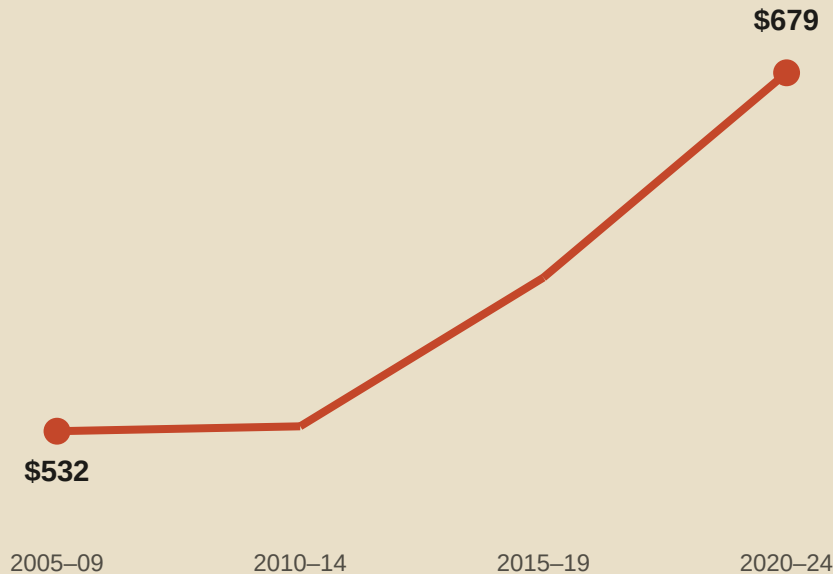
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 28%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$679

a month. Alabama's median is \$1,007.





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$575 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in DeKalb County.

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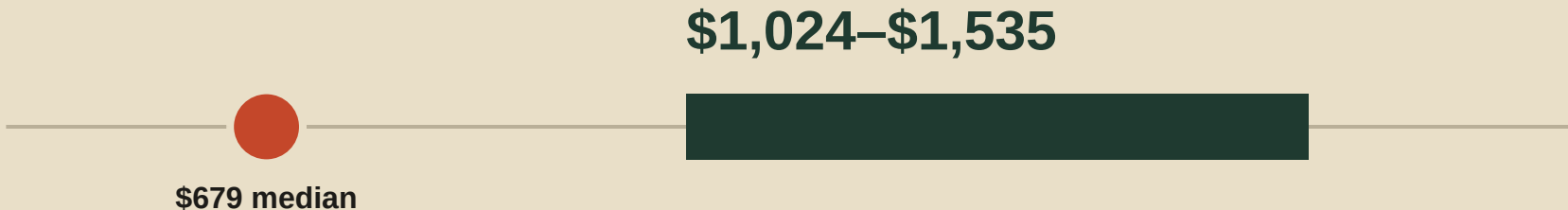
\$436

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\$1,011

ROOM TO BUILD

Local wages can carry more rent than the median charged today.



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

89

homes permitted, 2022–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

85%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–2.1% to the 6,369 homes here.

19–131

is the estimated number of missing housing units, from the lowest to the highest of three estimates.



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 25% less than Alabama's.

\$157,000

median home value in Fort Payne.

Fort Payne



\$157,000

Alabama



\$209,900

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS FORT PAYNE'S 2026

Every number came from a public source, with its date.

New Census data usually lands in December. The next Edition follows it.

See this Edition at almanacdata.ai/e/al/fort-payne/

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