



Costa Mesa, California.

Current market data.

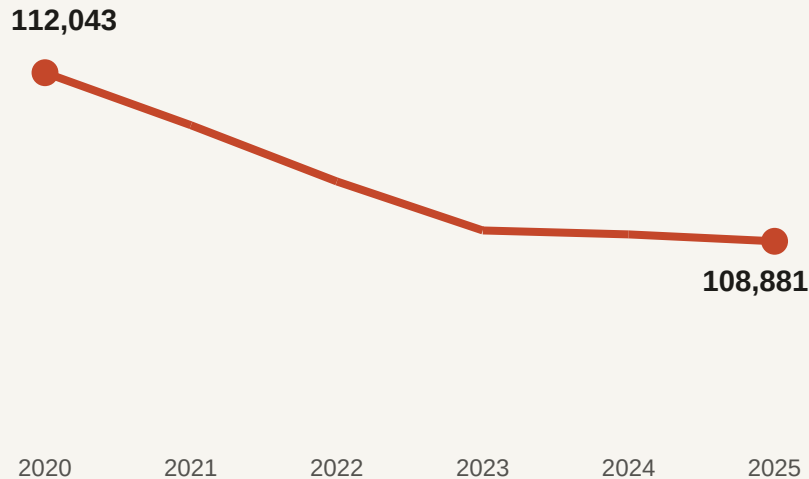
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 2.8% since 2020.

108,881

people, the 62nd-largest of California's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

92.0%

of 89,582 jobs located in Costa Mesa are filled by in-commuters.



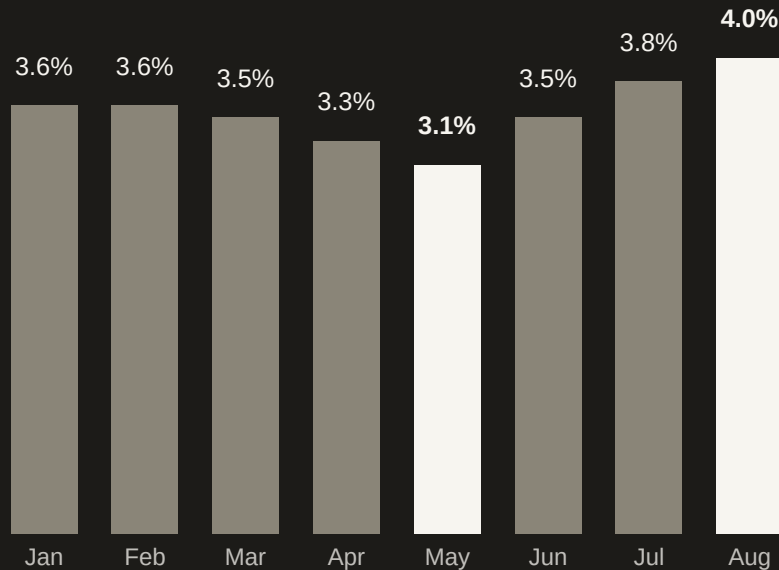
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May:
3.1%.

4.0%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.0%.

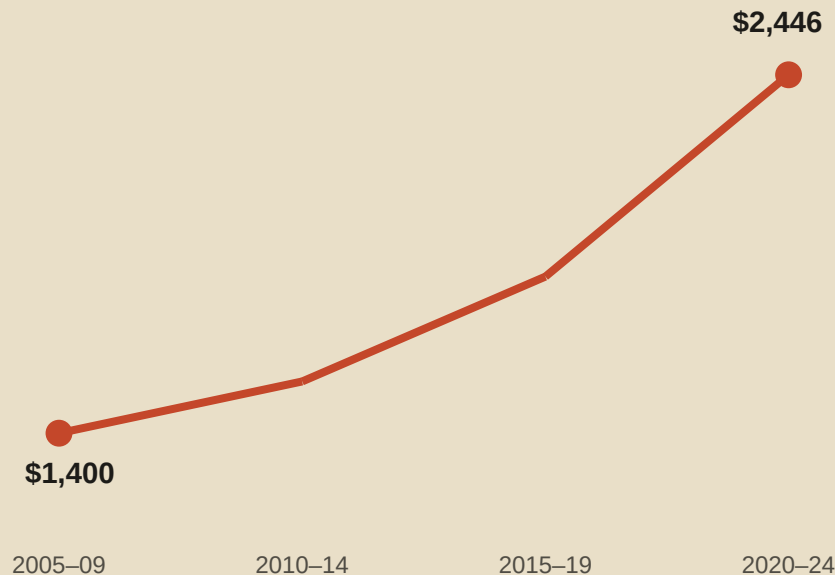


RENT

**Median rent is up 75%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.**

\$2,446

a month. California's median is \$2,036.



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$2,732 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Orange County.

TRACT 995.10

\$769

TRACT 995.04

\$3,501

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent is above what local wages can carry.

\$1,181–\$1,771



\$2,446 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

1,561

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

54%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

89%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 1–2% to the 44,427 homes here.

273–896

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

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 52% more than California's.

\$1,115,100

median home value in Costa Mesa.

Costa Mesa



\$1,115,100

California



\$734,700

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS COSTA MESA'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/ca/costa-mesa/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/ca/costa-mesa/)

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