La Palma, California.

Current market data.

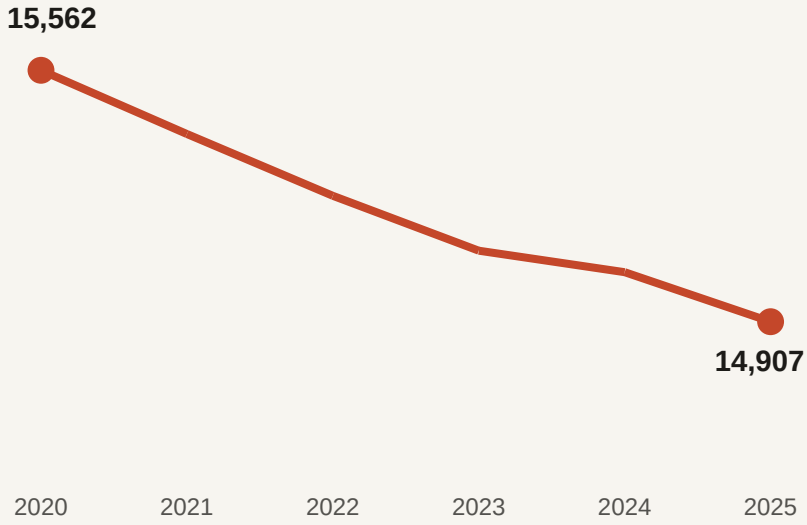
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 4.2% since 2020.

14,907

people, the 326th-largest of California's cities and towns.



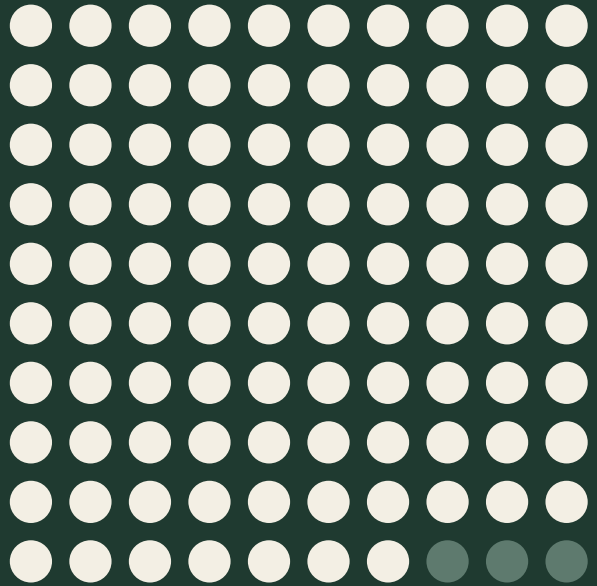
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

Nearly every job here goes to someone who lives somewhere else.

96.8%

of 5,979 jobs located in La Palma are filled by in-commuters.



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

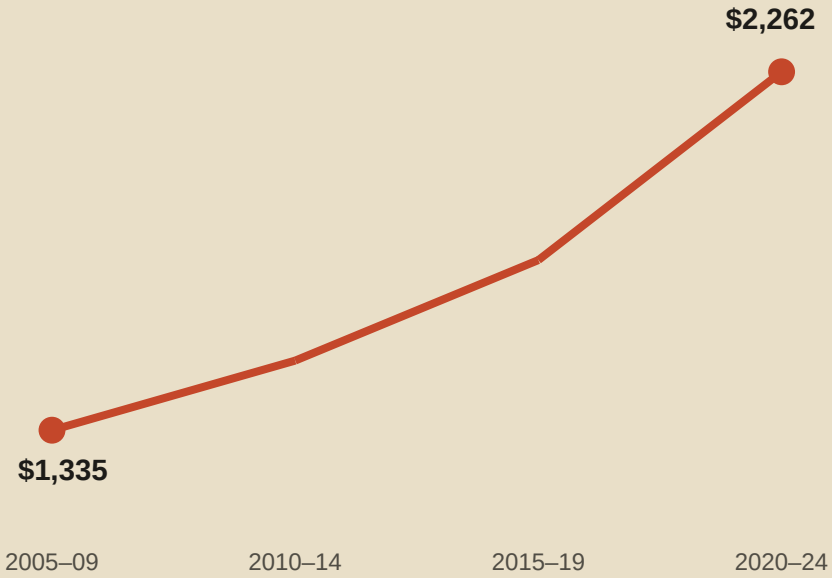
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 69% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$2,262

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

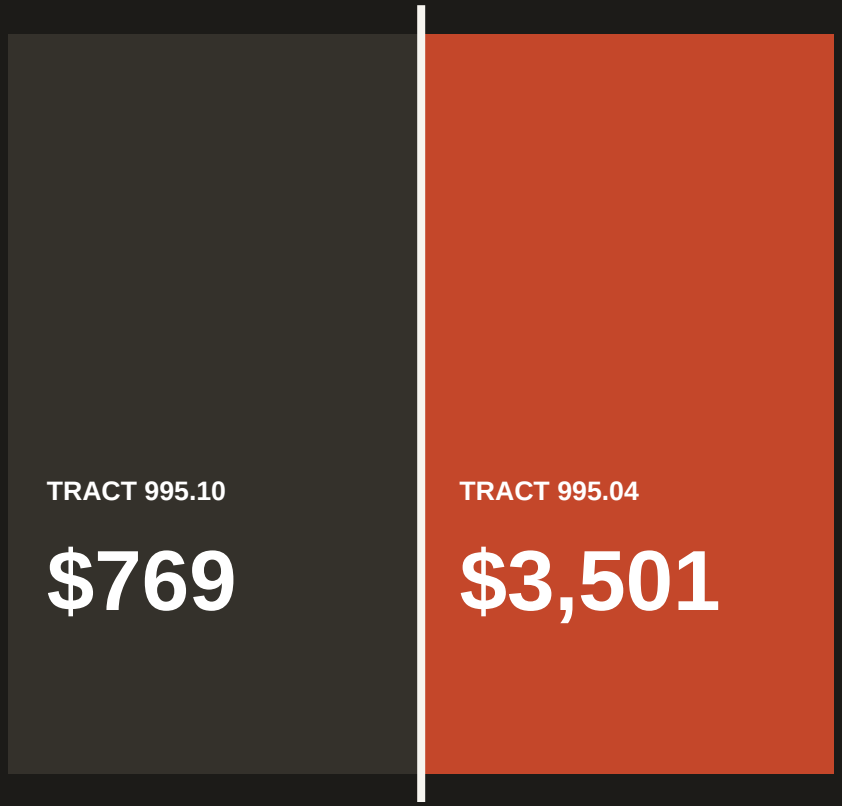


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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.



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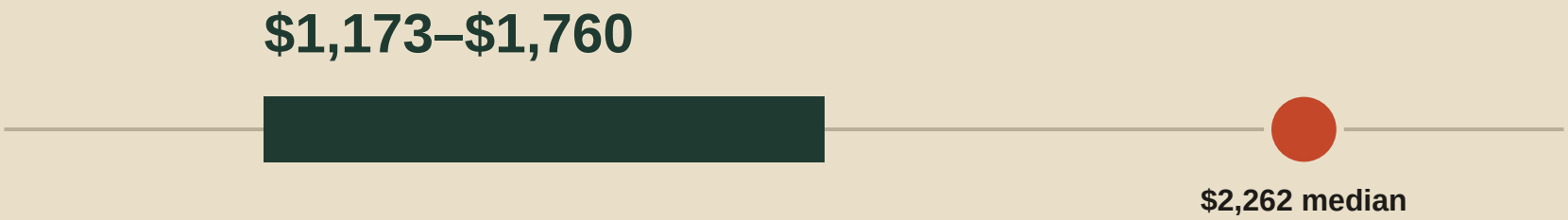
ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent is above what local wages can carry.



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

15

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily buildings

92%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2016-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.4–1.2% to the 5,206 homes here.

20–60

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

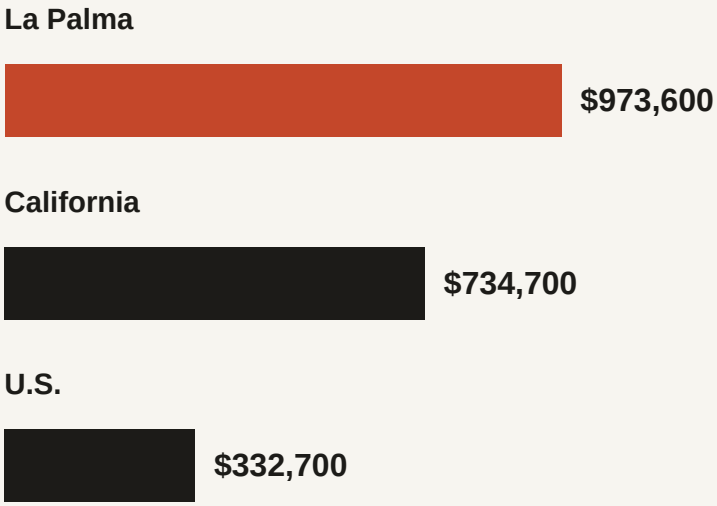
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 33% more than California's.

$973,600

median home value in La Palma.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS LA PALMA'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/la-palma/**