Lancaster, California.

Current market data.

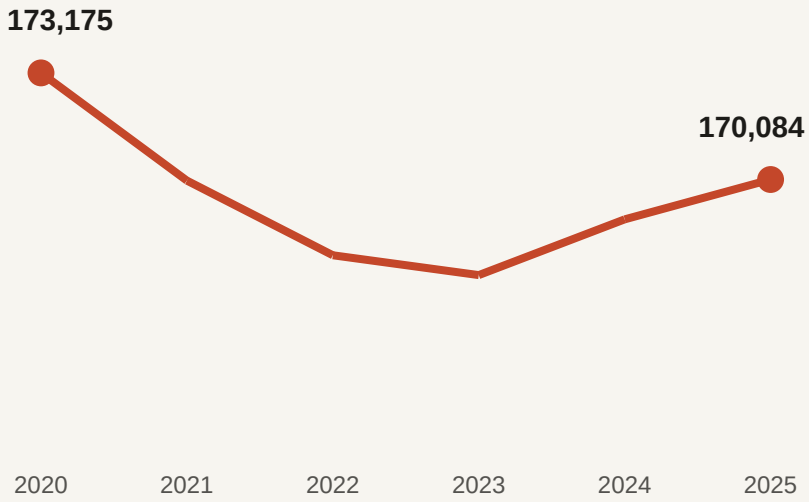
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 1.8% since 2020.

170,084

people, the 31st-largest of California's cities and towns.



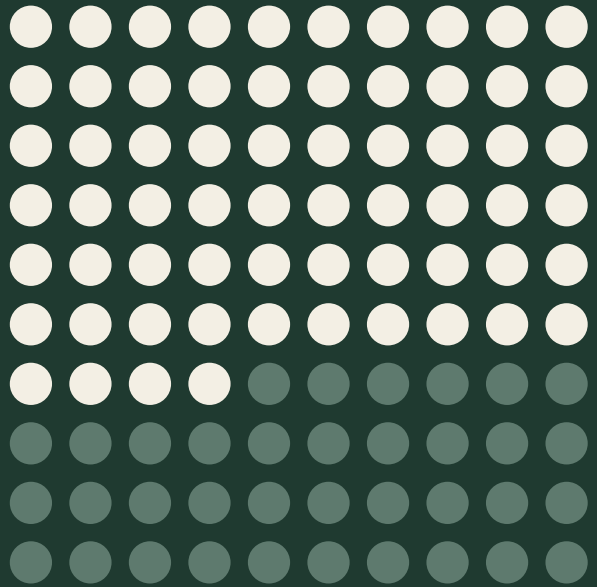
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

64.4%

of 48,939 jobs located in Lancaster are filled by in-commuters.



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

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in August: 6.6%.

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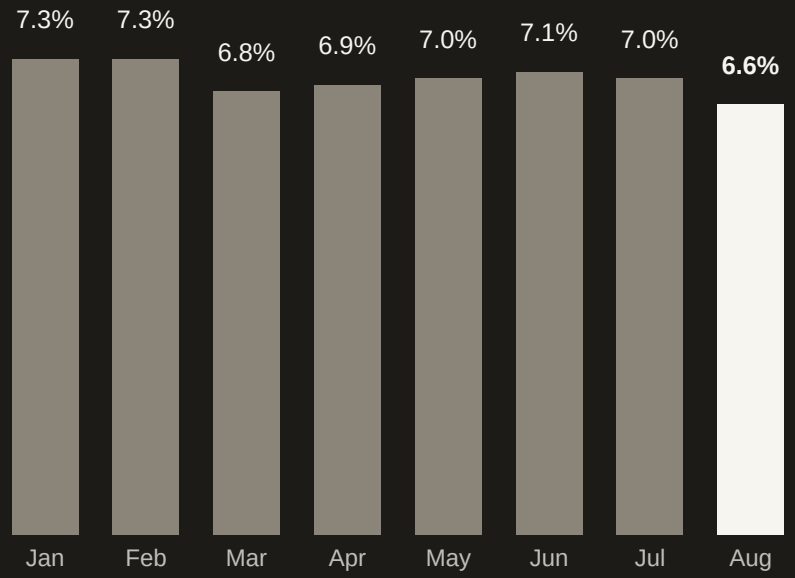
in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 7.9%.



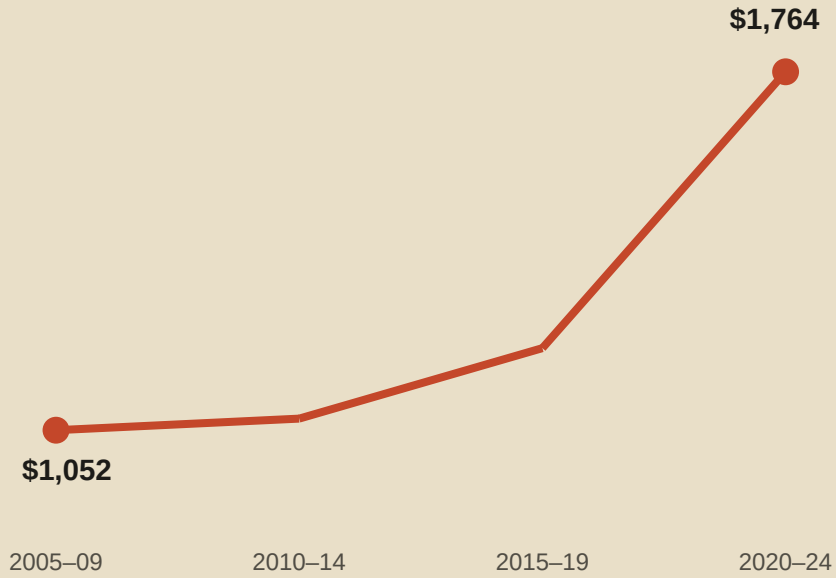
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 68% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,764

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

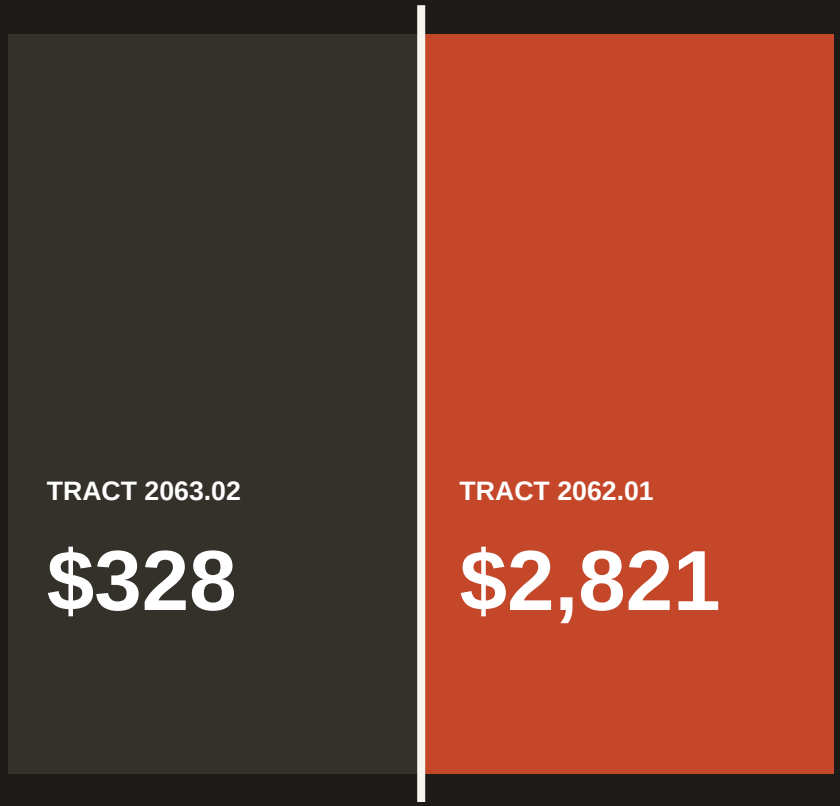


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $2,493 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Los Angeles County.



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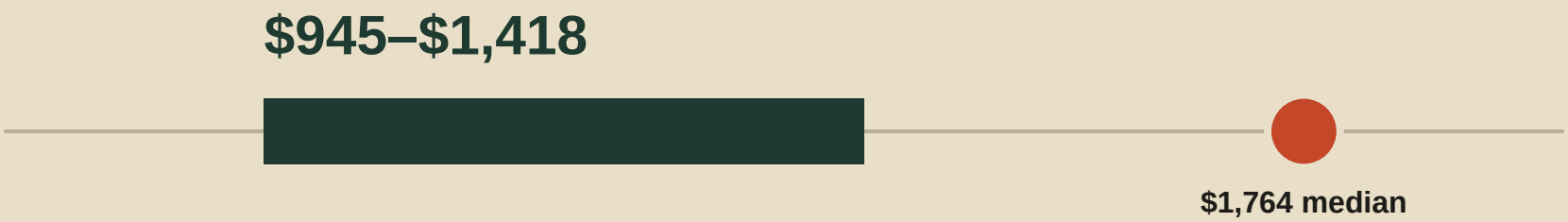
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

4,094

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

29%

of those were in multifamily buildings

75%

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 0.5–0.9% to the 55,273 homes here.

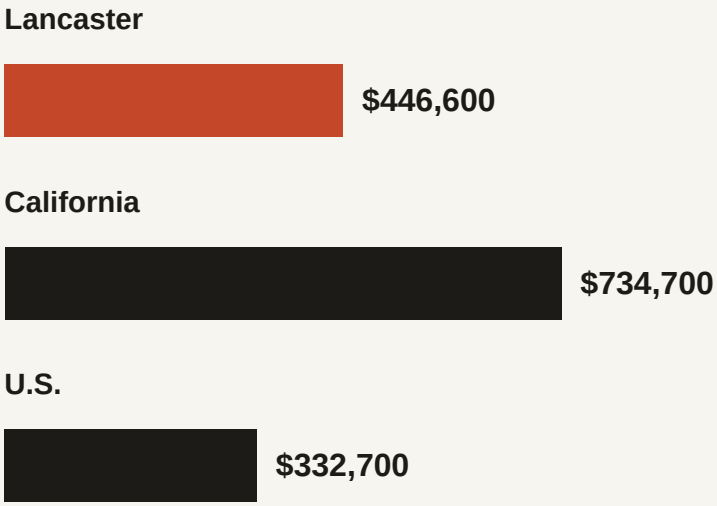
280–489

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 39% less than California's.



$446,600

median home value in Lancaster.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS LANCASTER'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/lancaster/**