Lemon Grove, California.

Current market data.

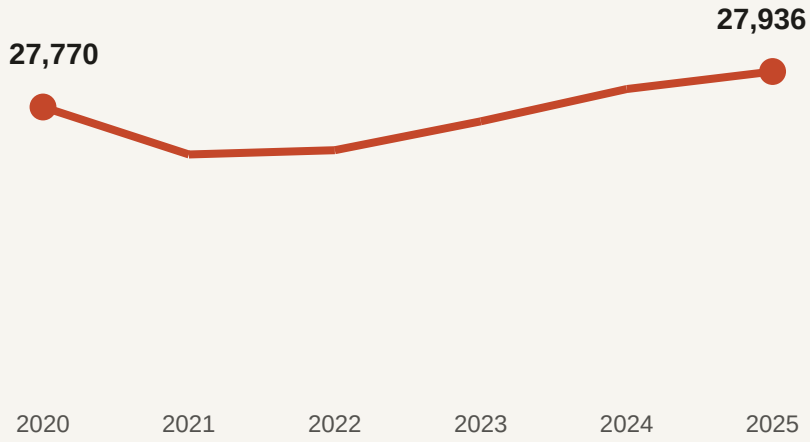
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Steady. Within 1% of 2020, every year since.

27,936

people, the 254th-largest of California's cities and towns.



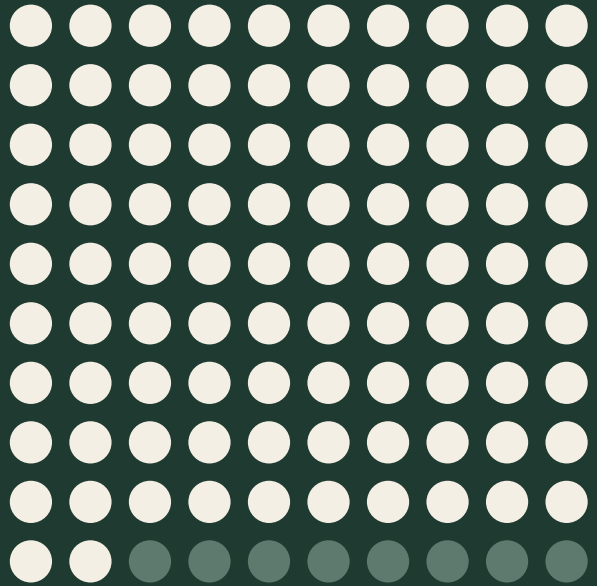
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

92.3%

of 7,421 jobs located in Lemon Grove are filled by in-commuters.



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

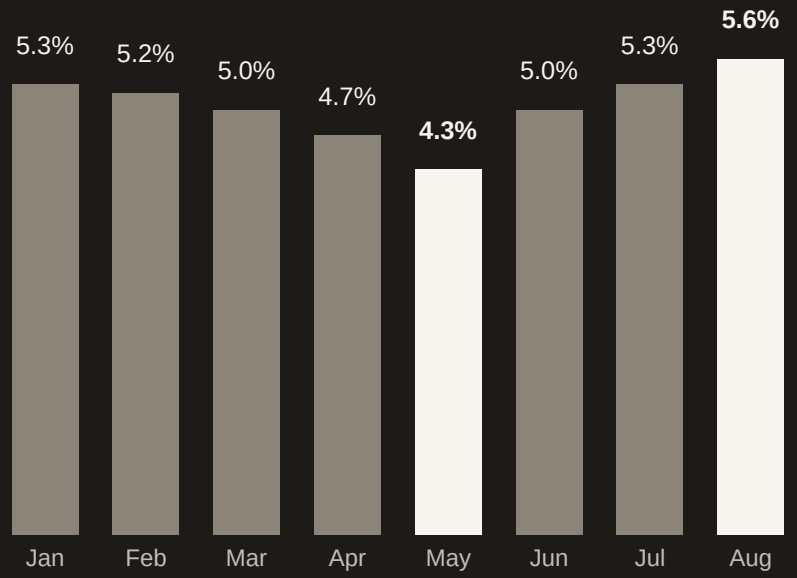
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May: 4.3%.

5.6%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 5.5%.



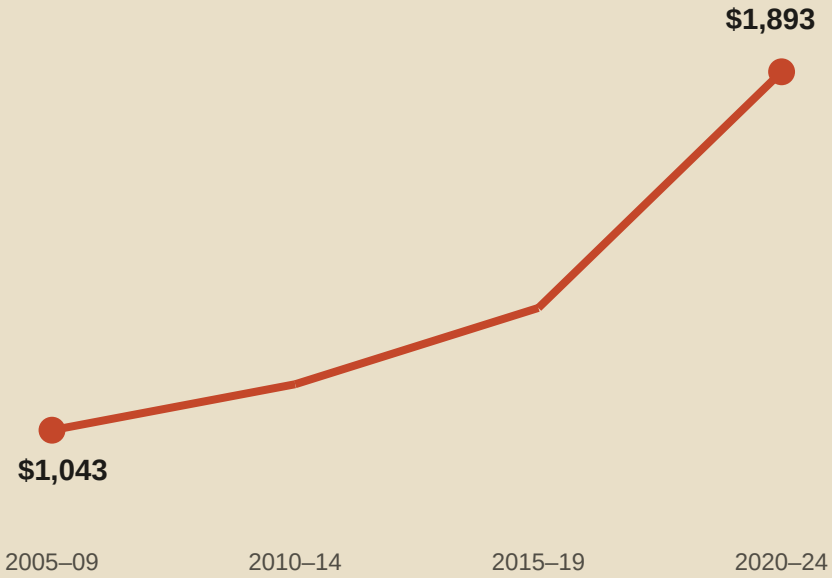
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 81% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,893

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

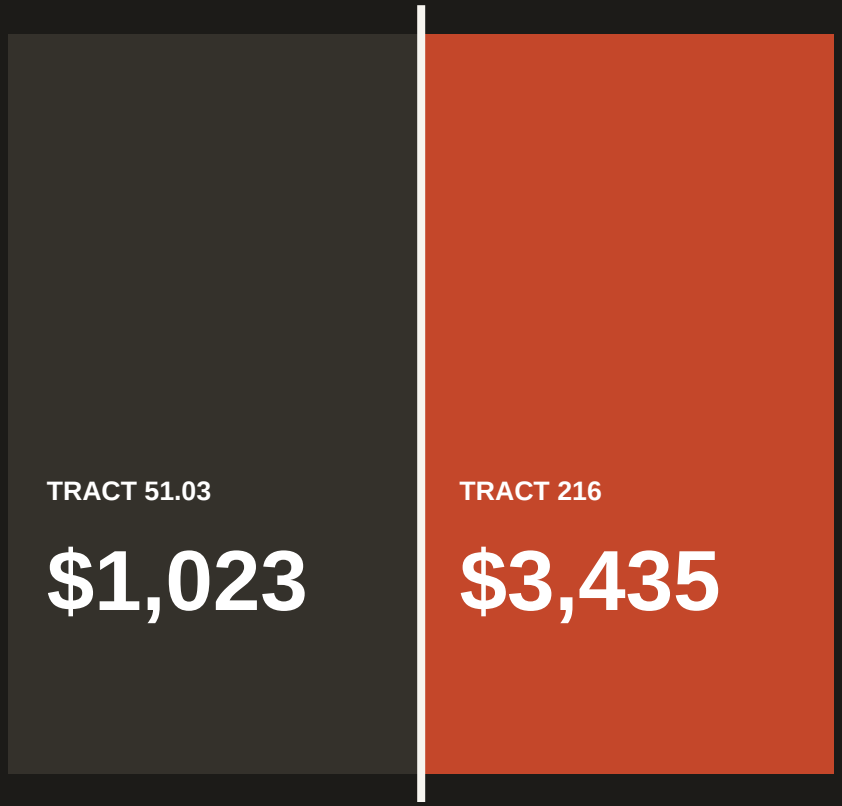


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $2,412 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in San Diego County.



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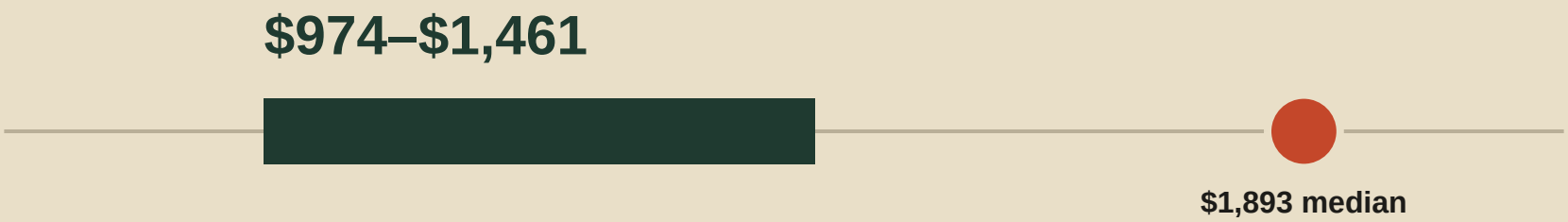
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

618

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

45%

of those were in multifamily buildings

88%

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 0.6–0.8% to the 9,391 homes here.

55–74

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

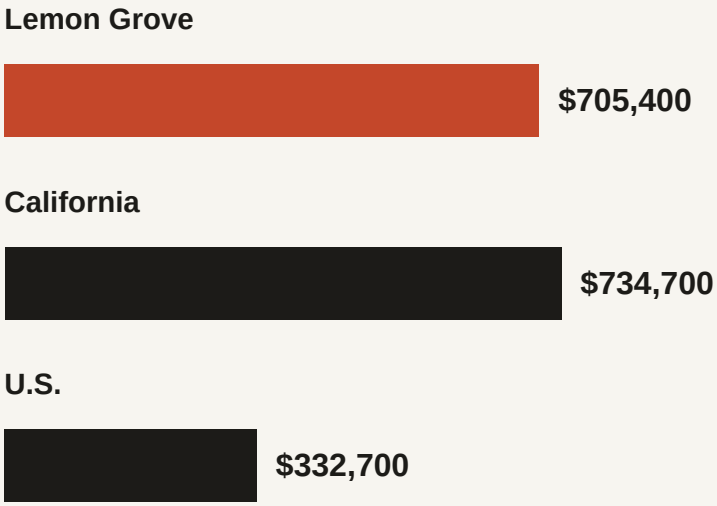
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 4% less than California's.

$705,400

median home value in Lemon Grove.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS LEMON GROVE'S 2026

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

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

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