South El Monte, California.

Current market data.

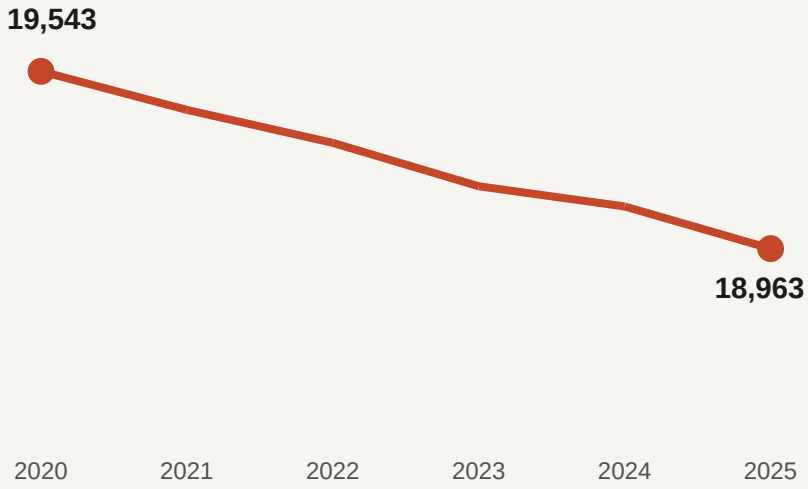
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 3.0% since 2020.

18,963

people, the 307th-largest of California's cities and towns.



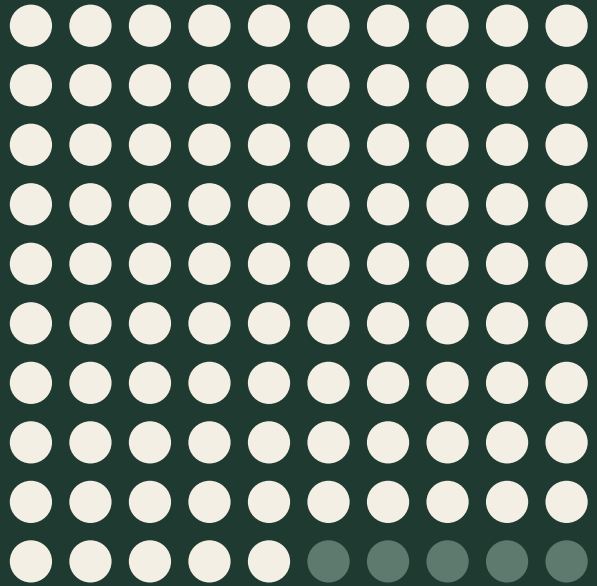
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

95.2%

of 15,468 jobs located in South El Monte are filled by in-commuters.



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

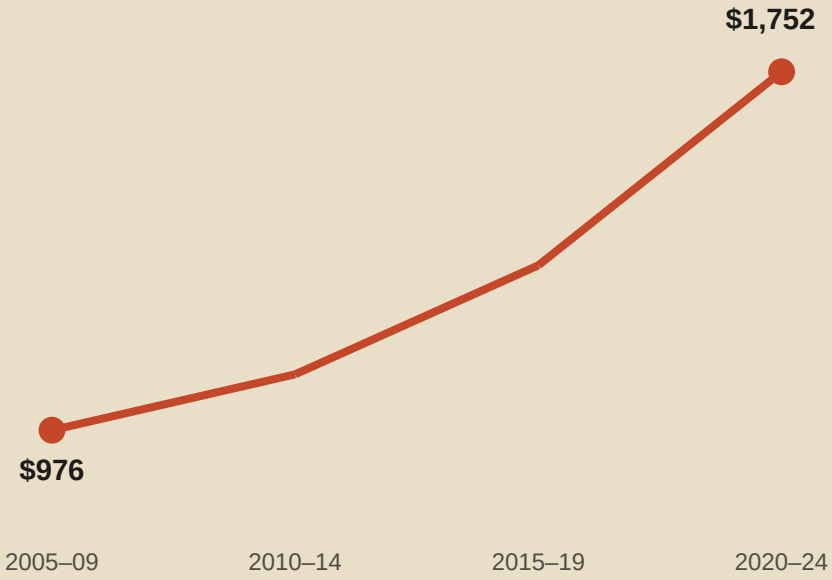
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 80% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,752

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

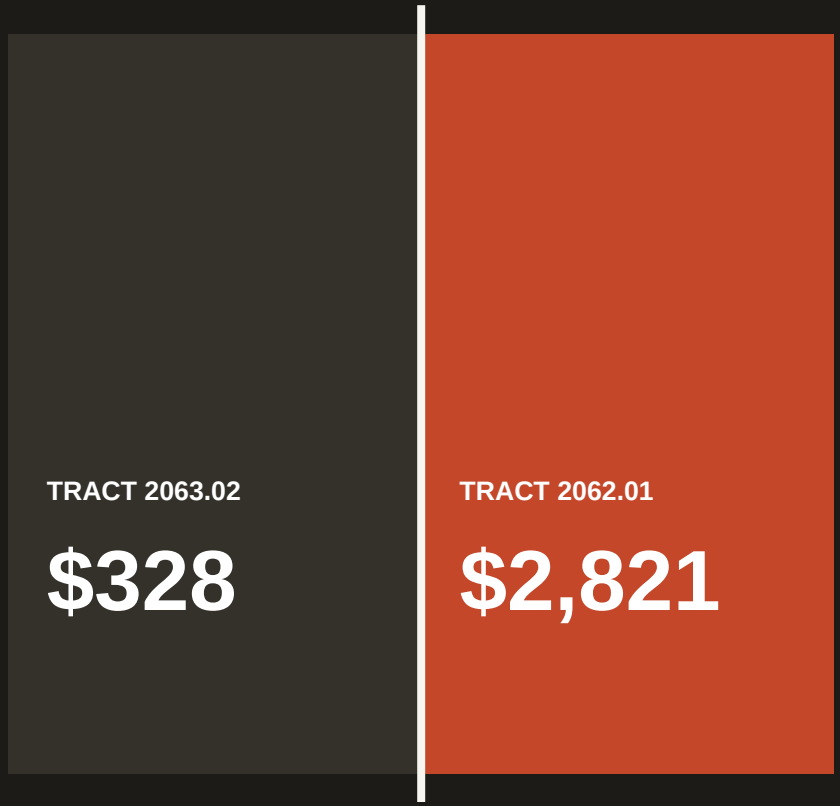


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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.

408

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

43%

of those were in multifamily buildings

89%

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 1–3% to the 5,292 homes here.

39–155

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

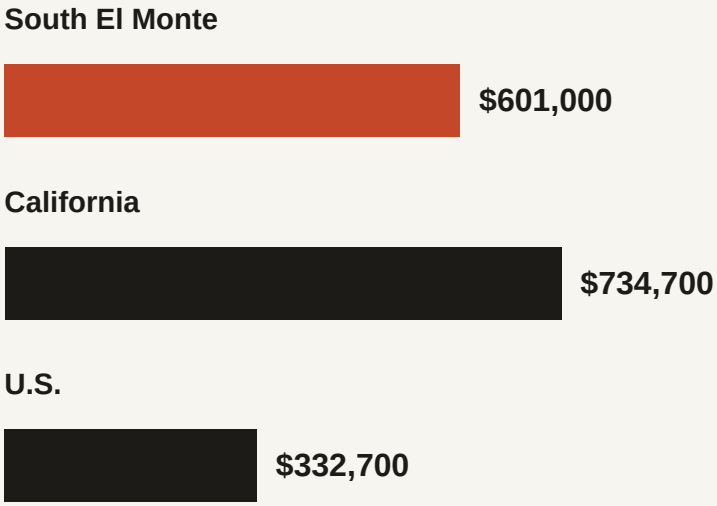
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 18% less than California's.

$601,000

median home value in South El Monte.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS SOUTH EL MONTE'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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