West Palm Beach, Florida.

Current market data.

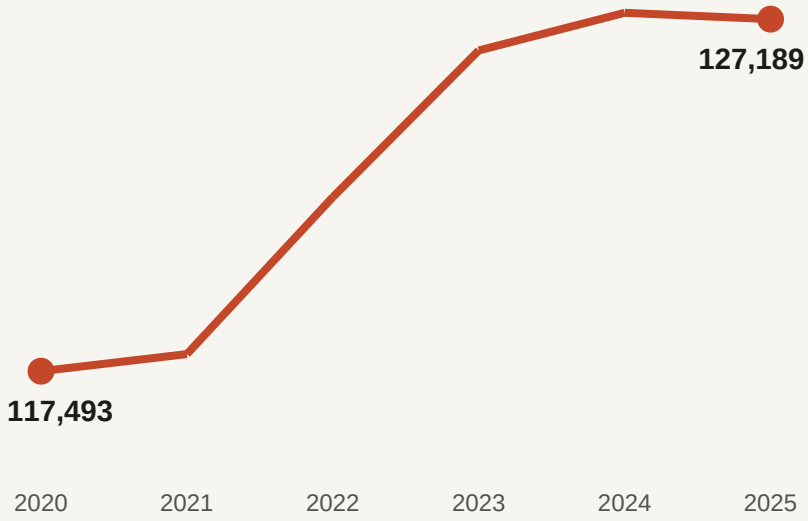
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 8.3% since 2020.

127,189

people, the 17th-largest of Florida's cities and towns.



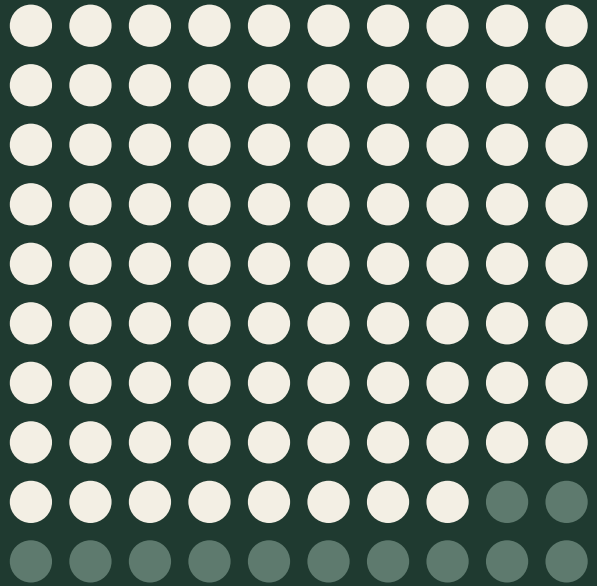
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

88.3%

of 95,634 jobs located in West Palm Beach are filled by in-commuters.



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

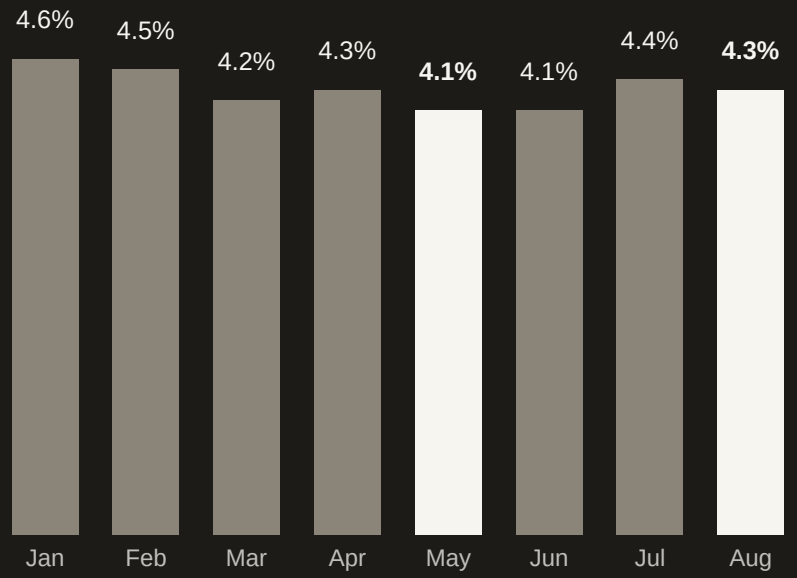
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May: 4.1%.

4.3%

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



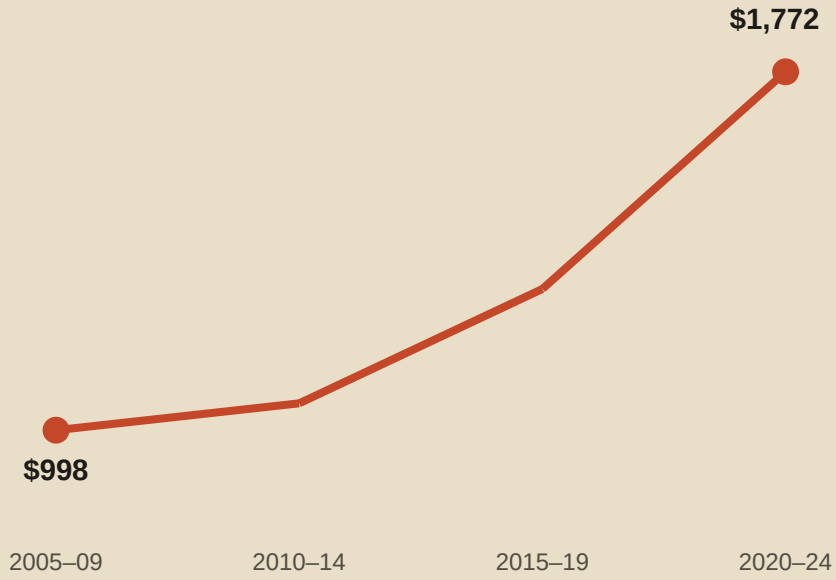
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 78% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,772

a month. Florida's median is $1,669.

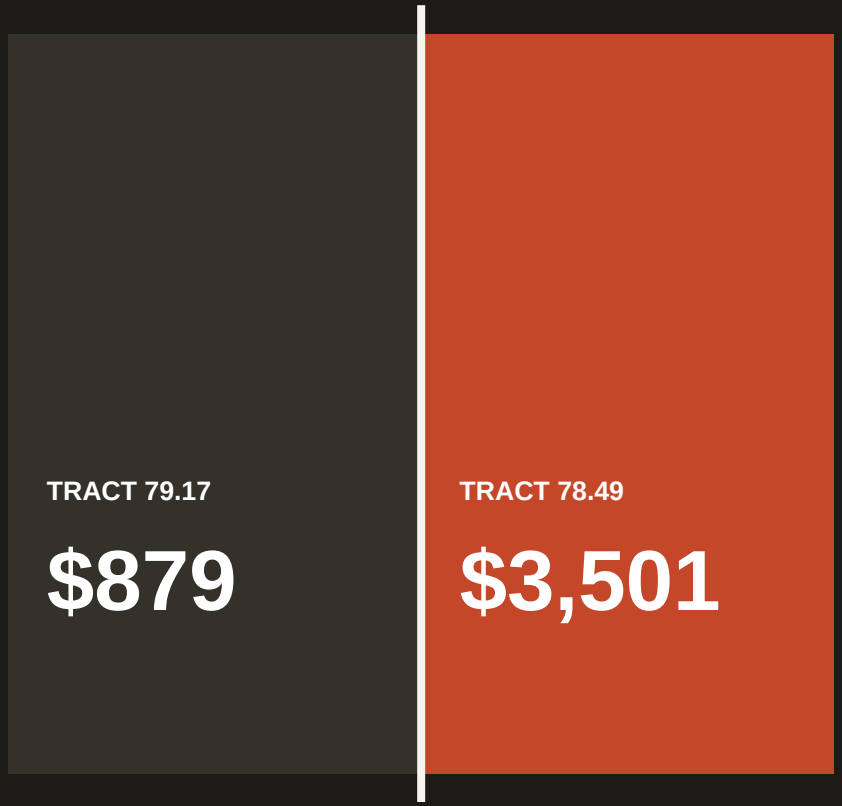


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $2,622 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Palm Beach 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

64% of the housing here was built before 2000.

6,726

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

87%

of those were in multifamily buildings

64%

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 0.4–1.5% to the 62,464 homes here.

261–956

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

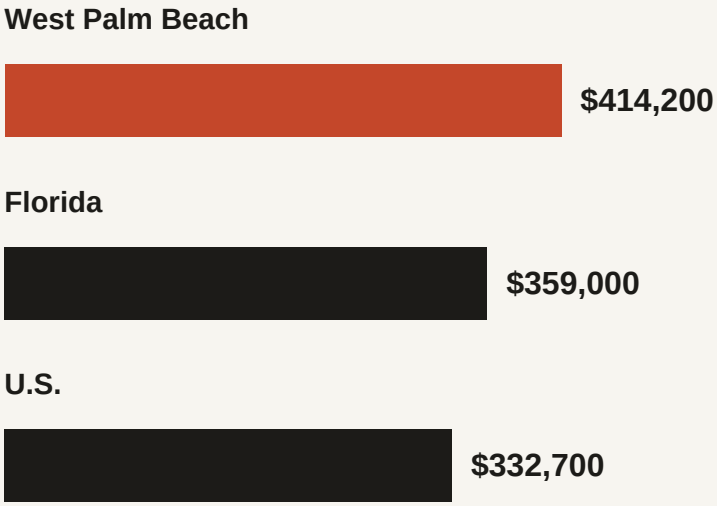
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 15% more than Florida's.

$414,200

median home value in West Palm Beach.



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THAT WAS WEST PALM BEACH'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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