



Central, Louisiana.

Current market data.

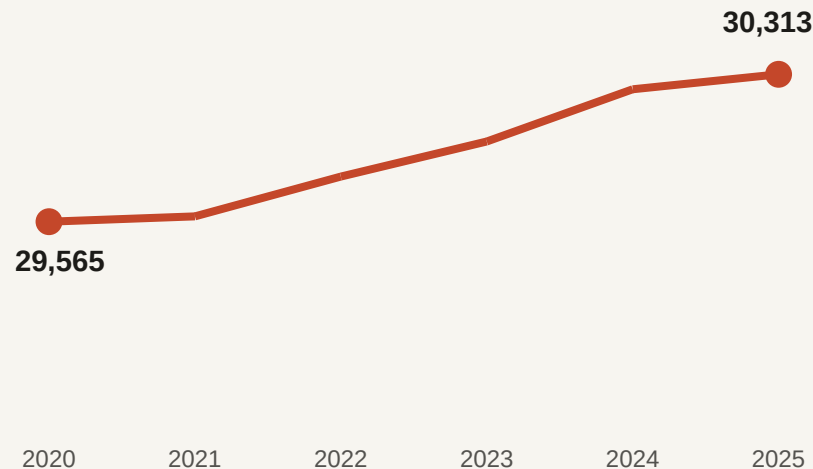
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 2.5% since 2020.

30,313

people, the 11th-largest of Louisiana's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

77.2%

of 6,379 jobs located in Central are filled by in-commuters.



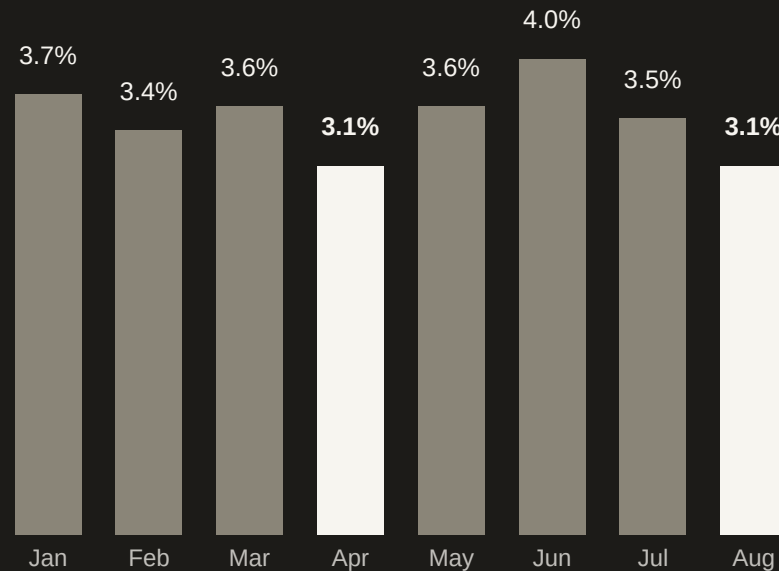
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
3.1%.

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in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 3.5%.



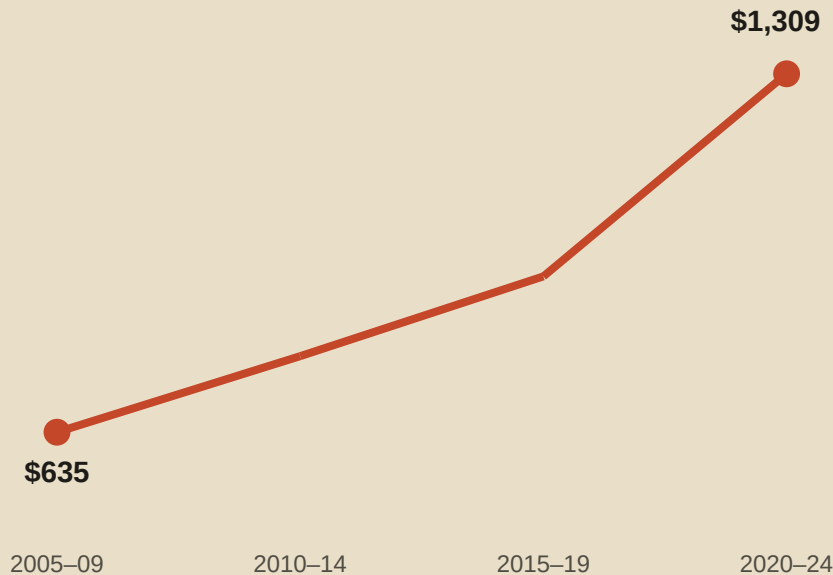


RENT

**Median rent is up 106%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.**

\$1,309

a month. Louisiana's median is \$1,064.



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$1,068 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in East Baton Rouge Parish.

TRACT 40.19

\$1,010

TRACT 40.26

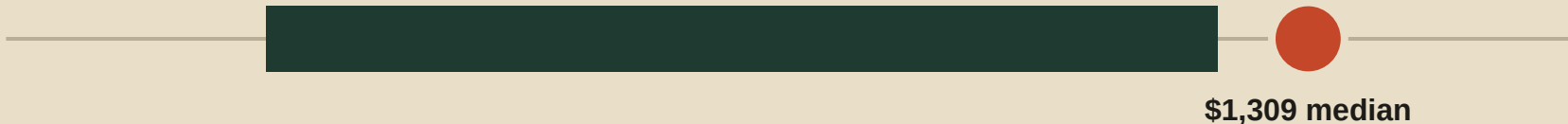
\$2,078



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent is above what local wages can carry.

\$846–\$1,269



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

62% of the housing here was built before 2000.

1,392

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

1%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

62%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.1–0.5% to the 12,372 homes here.

14–64

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



HOME VALUE

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

\$288,700

median home value in Central.

Central



\$288,700

Louisiana



\$216,500

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS CENTRAL'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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