Lowell, Massachusetts.

Current market data.

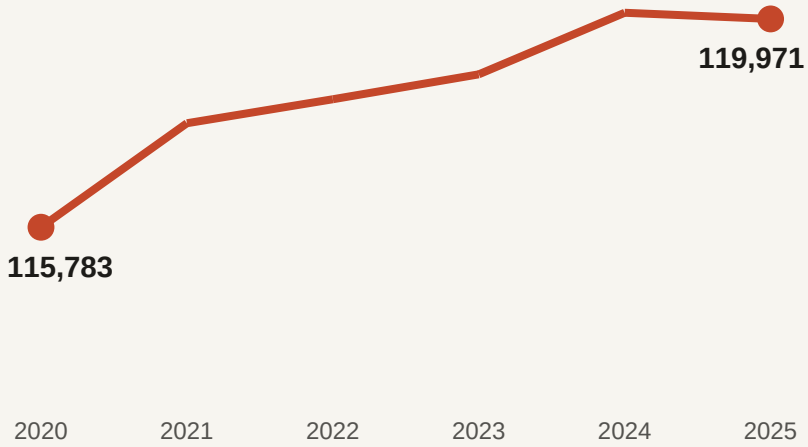
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 3.6% since 2020.

119,971

people, the 5th-largest of Massachusetts's cities and towns.



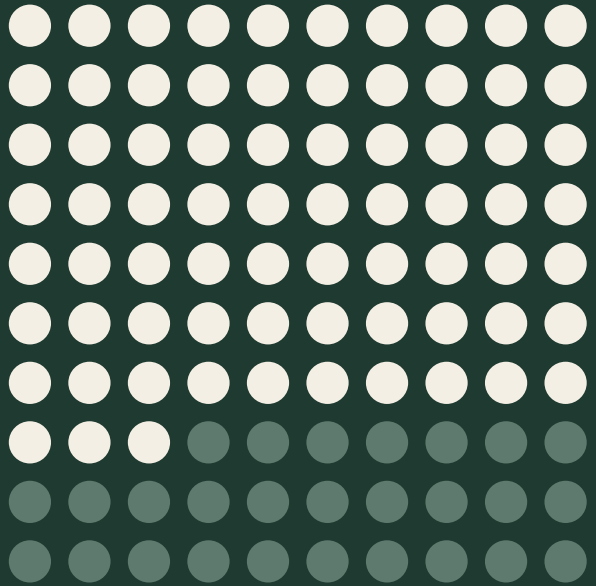
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

73.5%

of 39,327 jobs located in Lowell are filled by in-commuters.



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

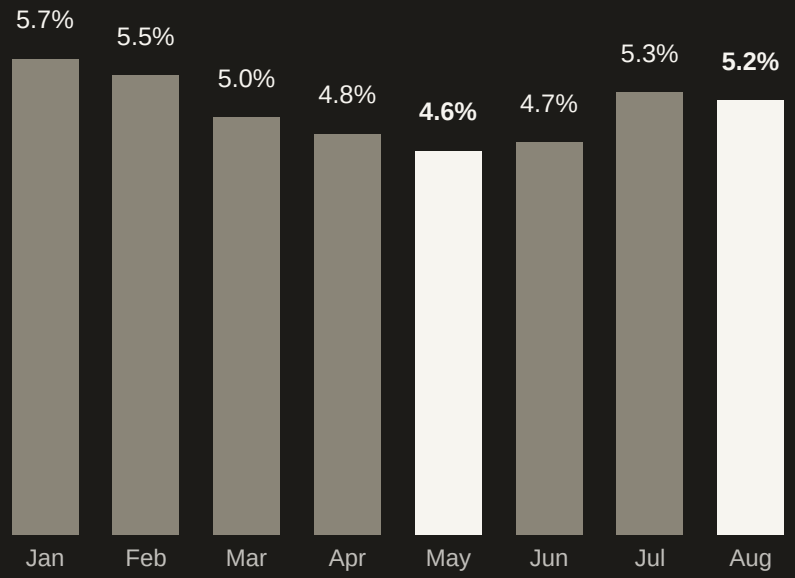
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May: 4.6%.

5.2%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 5.4%.



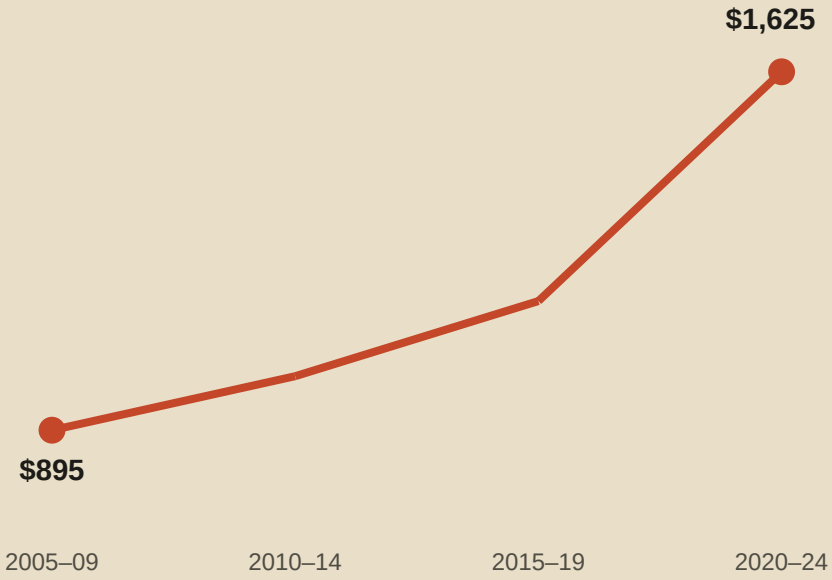
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 82% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,625

a month. Massachusetts's median is $1,762.

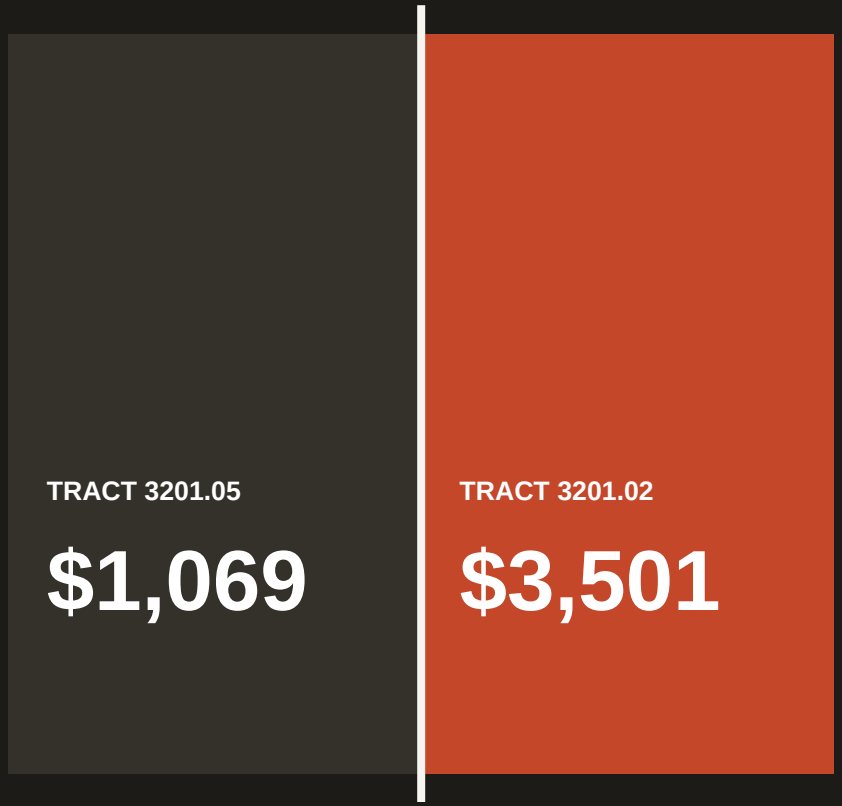


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $2,432 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Middlesex County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside 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.

1,173

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

78%

of those were in multifamily buildings

90%

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 0.6–0.9% to the 44,850 homes here.

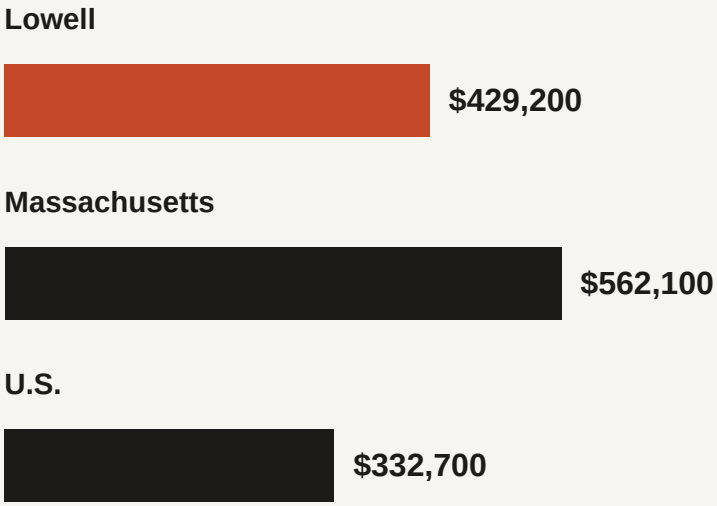
283–393

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 24% less than Massachusetts's.



$429,200

median home value in Lowell.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS LOWELL'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/ma/lowell/**