



Worcester, Massachusetts.

Current market data.

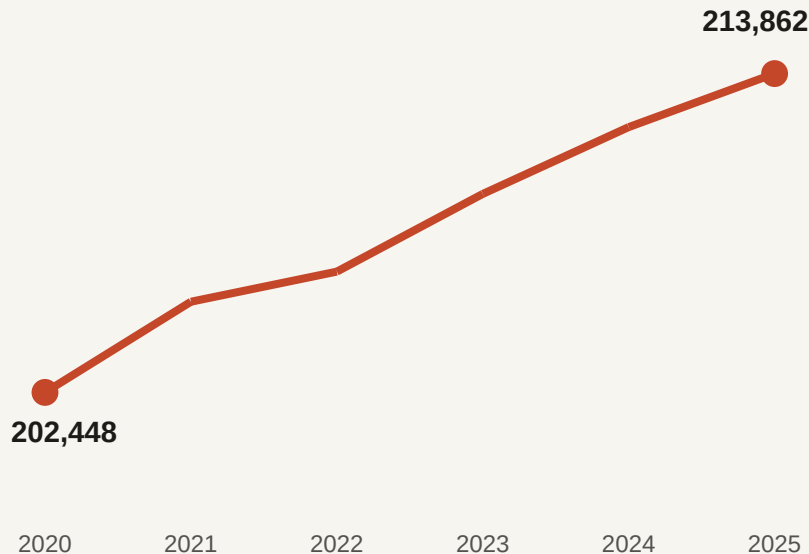
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

**Growing. Up 5.6% since
2020.**

213,862

people, the 2nd-largest of Massachusetts's cities and towns.



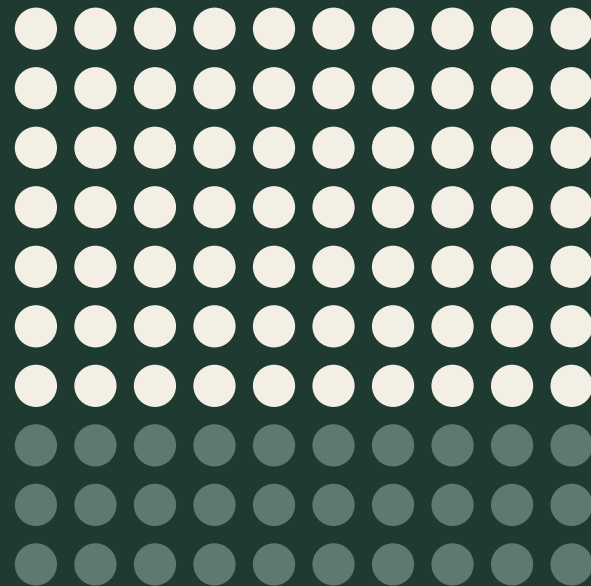
THE WORKDAY

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

69.6%

of 109,712 jobs located in Worcester are filled by in-commuters.

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023



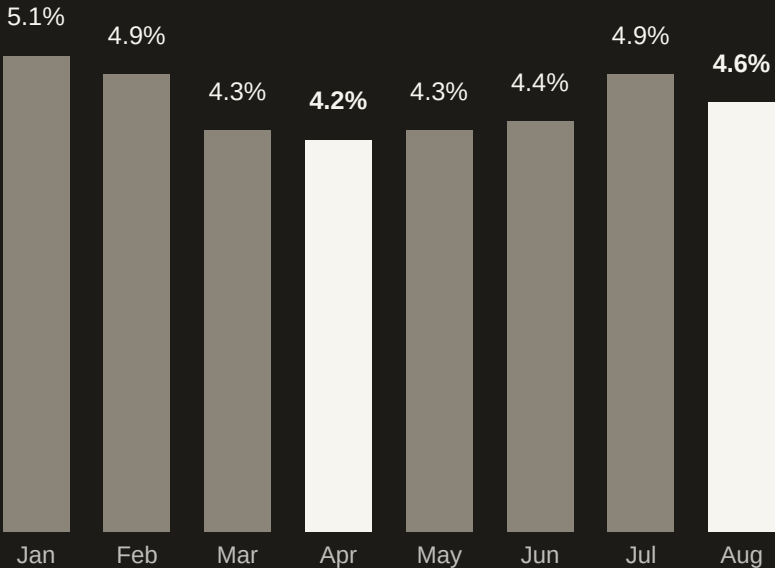
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
4.2%.

4.6%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 5.0%.



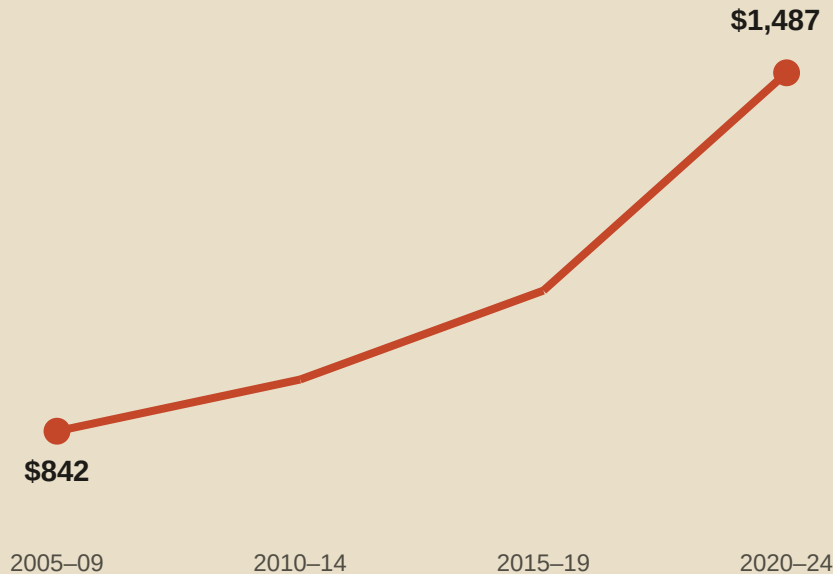
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 77%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,487

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$2,142 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Worcester County.

TRACT 7431

\$948

TRACT 7424.01

\$3,090



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,186–\$1,780



\$1,487 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

2,494

homes permitted, 2022–2025

88%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

91%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 1% to the 85,876 homes here.

508–1,097

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 33%
less than
Massachusetts's.

\$374,400

median home value in Worcester.

Worcester



\$374,400

Massachusetts



\$562,100

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS WORCESTER'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/worcester/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/ma/worcester/)

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