



Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Current market data.

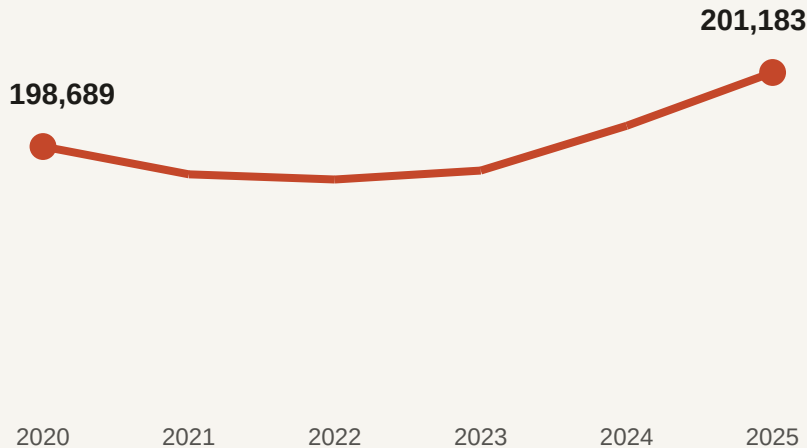
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 1.3% since 2020.

201,183

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



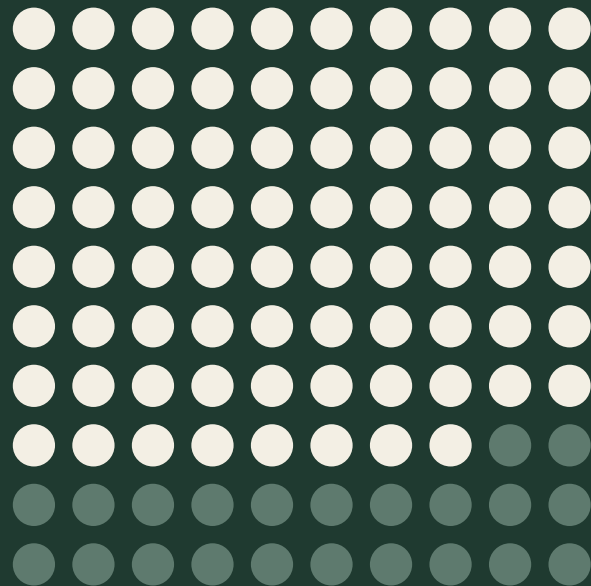
THE WORKDAY

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

78.1%

of 133,712 jobs located in Grand Rapids are filled by
in-commuters.

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2021



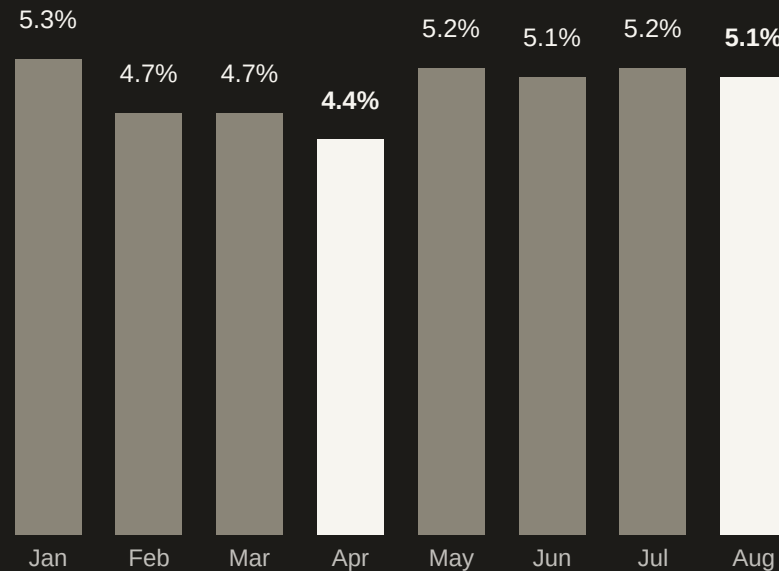
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
4.4%.

5.1%

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

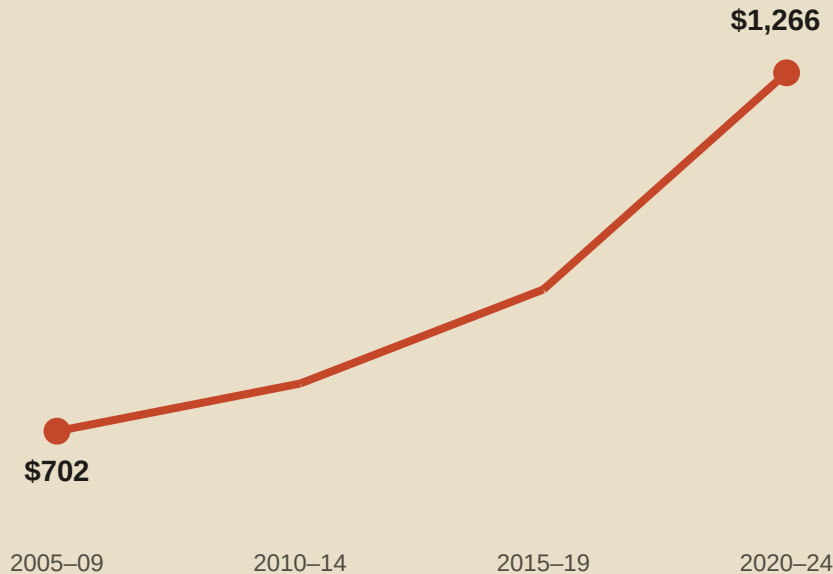


RENT

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

\$1,266

a month. Michigan's median is \$1,129.





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$2,204 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Kent County.

TRACT 17

\$399

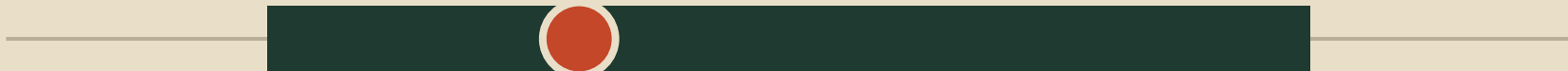
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\$2,603

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,101–\$1,652



\$1,266 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

6,365

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

87%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

89%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.5–1.6% to the 84,894 homes here.

384–1,337

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 6% more than Michigan's.

\$244,500

median home value in Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids



\$244,500

Michigan



\$231,600

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS GRAND RAPIDS'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/mi/grand-rapids/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/mi/grand-rapids/)

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