



Portage, Michigan.

Current market data.

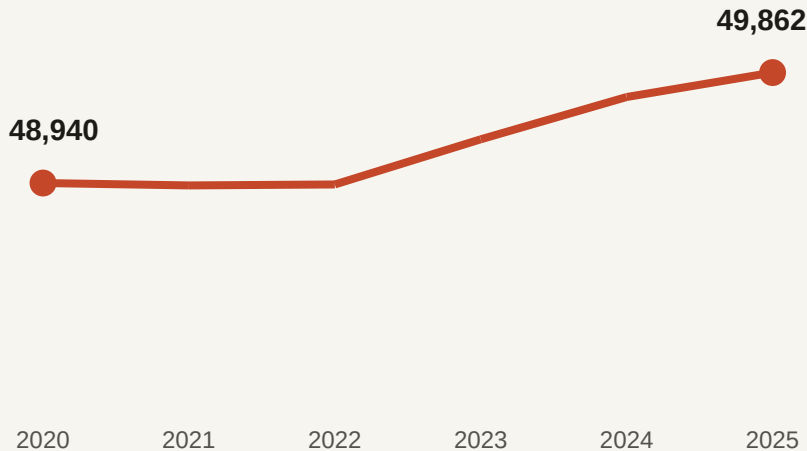
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 1.9% since 2020.

49,862

people, the 25th-largest of Michigan's cities and towns.

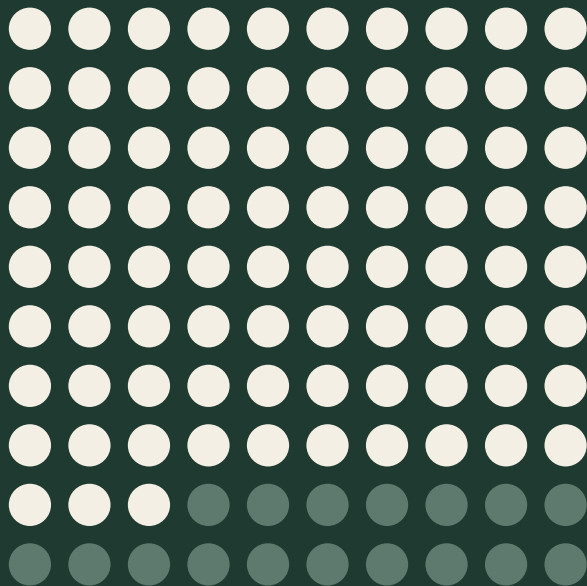


THE WORKDAY

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

83.4%

of 27,928 jobs located in Portage are filled by in-commuters.



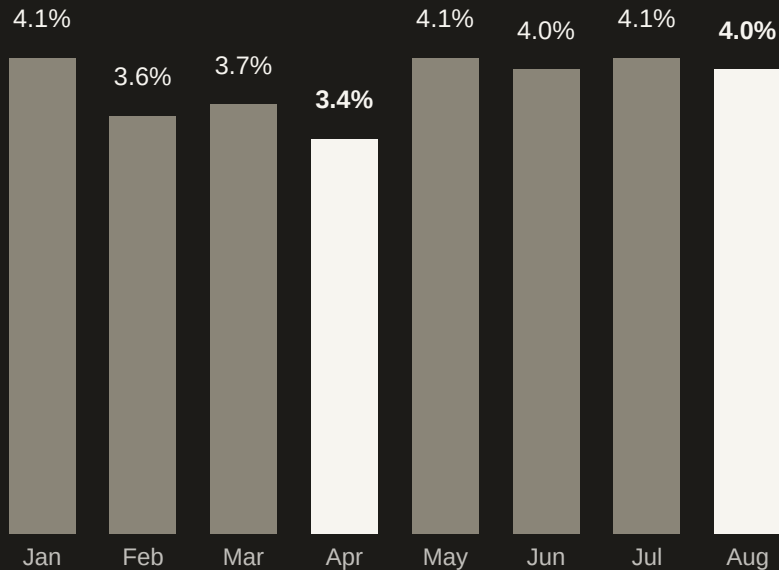
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
3.4%.

4.0%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.2%.

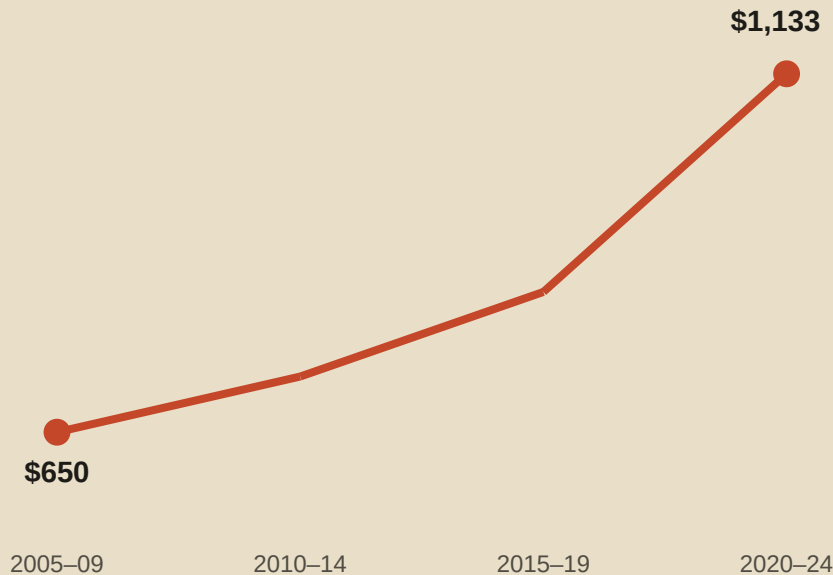


RENT

Median rent is up 74%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,133

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



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$1,167 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Kalamazoo County.

TRACT 29.09

\$1,165

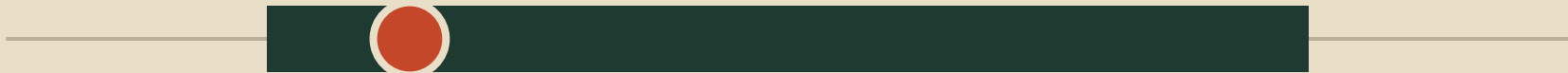
TRACT 29.08

\$2,332

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,060–\$1,591



\$1,133 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

659

homes permitted, 2022–2025

43%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

79%

of all homes were built before 2000



UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.3% to the 21,881 homes here.

64–279

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 13%
more than Michigan's.

\$262,300

median home value in Portage.

Portage



\$262,300

Michigan



\$231,600

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS PORTAGE'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/portage/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/mi/portage/)

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