



Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Current market data.

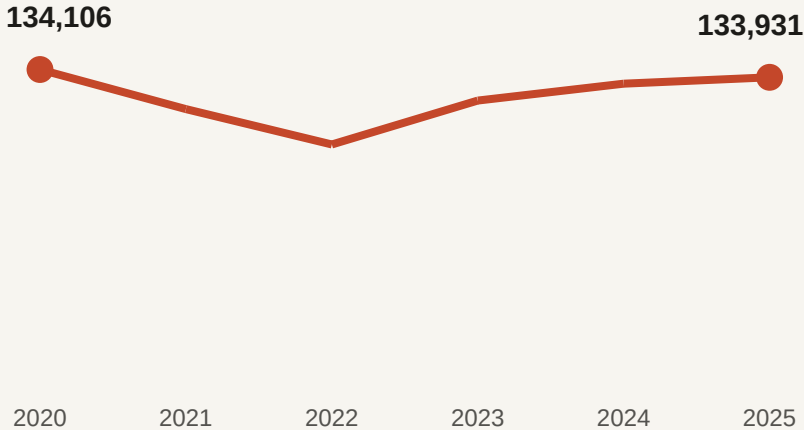
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 0.1% since 2020.

133,931

people, the 4th-largest of Michigan's cities and towns.



Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

87.8%

of 55,021 jobs located in Sterling Heights are filled by in-commuters.



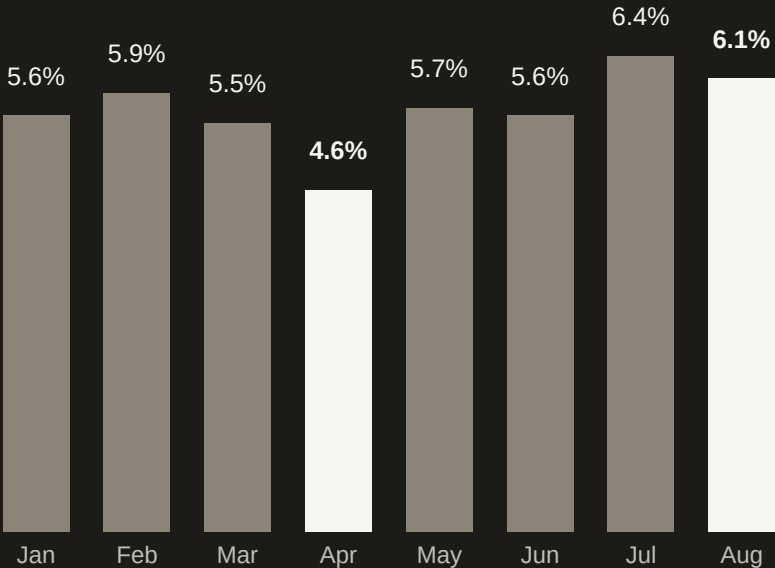
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
4.6%.

6.1%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.8%.



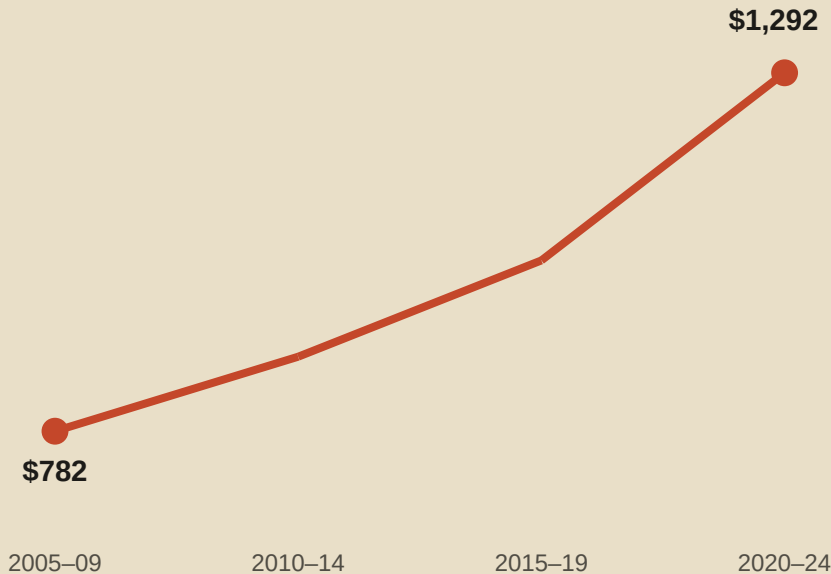
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 65%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,292

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



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$1,917 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Macomb County.

TRACT 2305.02

\$1,103

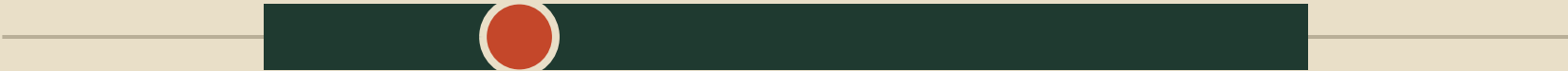
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\$3,020

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,151–\$1,726



\$1,292 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2021; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

2,526

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

55%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

84%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.0% to the 53,607 homes here.

135–550

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs **18%**
more than Michigan's.

\$274,300

median home value in Sterling Heights.

Sterling Heights



\$274,300

Michigan



\$231,600

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS STERLING HEIGHTS'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/sterling-heights/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/mi/sterling-heights/)

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