



Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

Current market data.

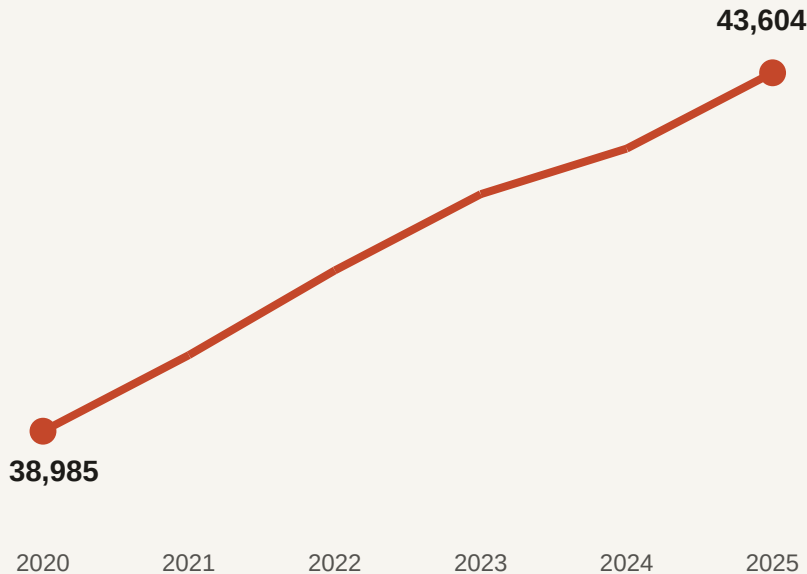
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 11.8% since 2020.

43,604

people, the 24th-largest of Minnesota's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

76.8%

of 11,266 jobs located in Cottage Grove are filled by
in-commuters.



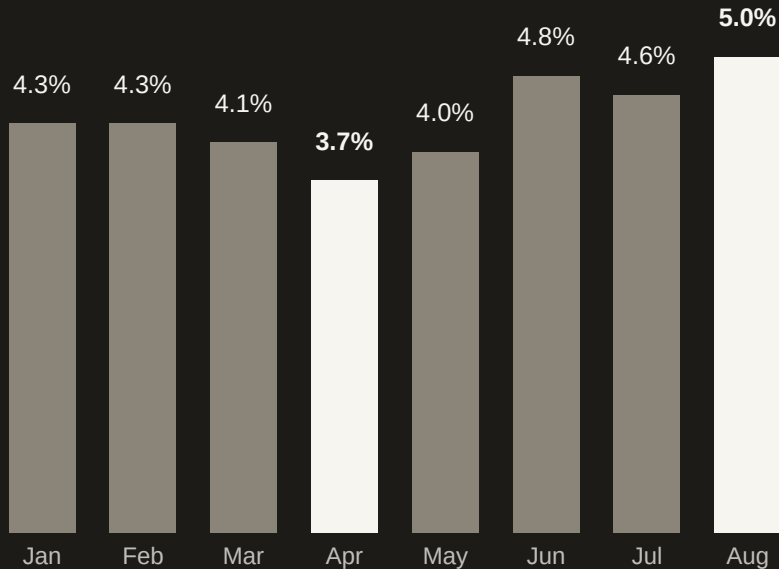
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
3.7%.

5.0%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.0%.

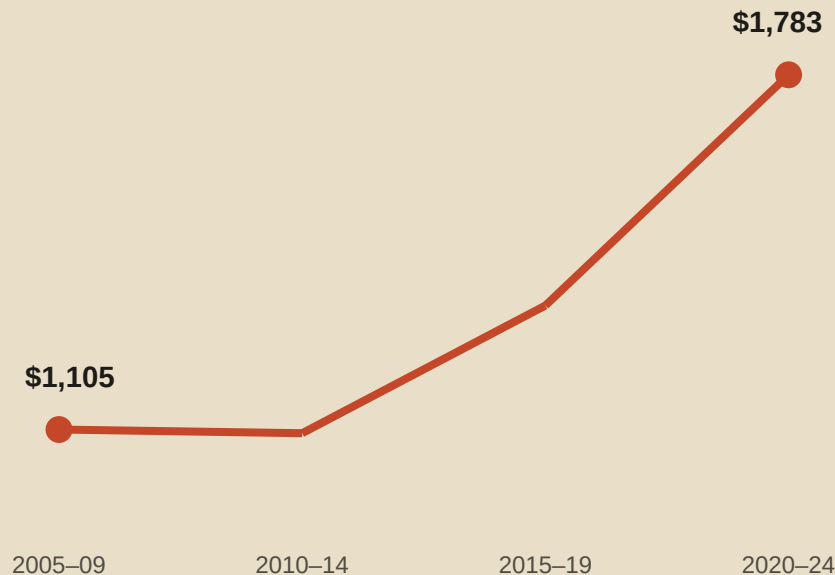


RENT

**Median rent is up 61%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.**

\$1,783

a month. Minnesota's median is \$1,280.





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$2,102 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Washington County.

TRACT 709.10

\$1,399

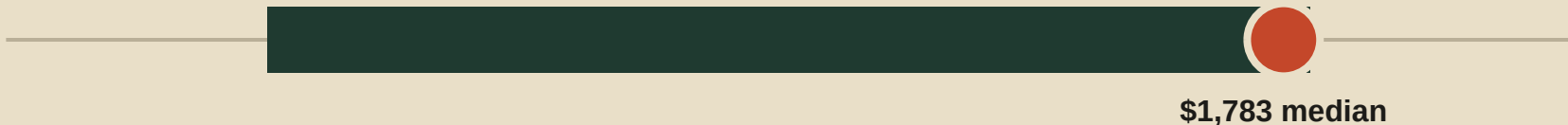
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\$3,501

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,199–\$1,798



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

69% of the housing here was built before 2000.

3,635

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

20%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

69%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.1–0.8% to the 14,487 homes here.

21–113

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 15% more than Minnesota's.

\$378,800

median home value in Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove



\$378,800

Minnesota



\$329,300

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS COTTAGE GROVE'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/mn/cottage-grove/

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