Mountain Lake, Minnesota.

Current market data.

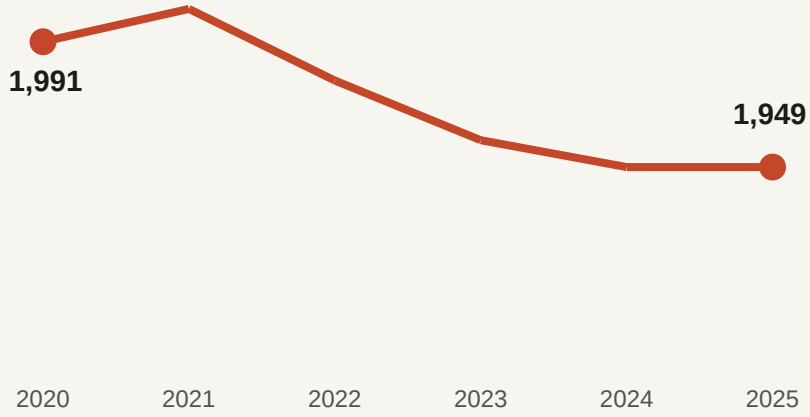
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 2.1% since 2020.

1,949

people, the 272nd-largest of Minnesota's cities and towns.



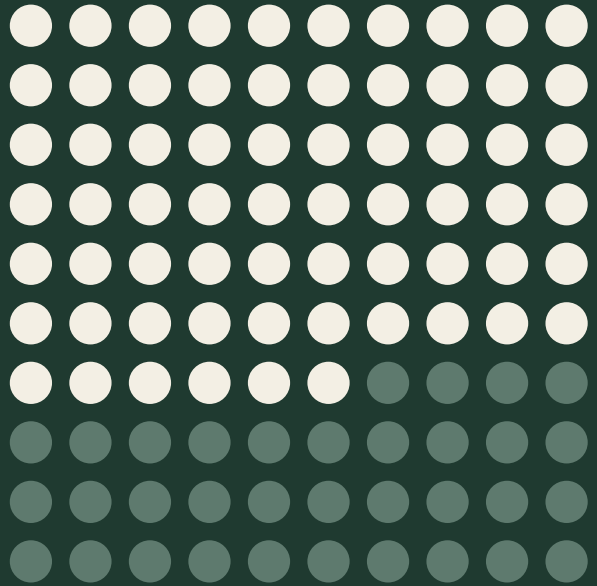
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

65.6%

of 697 jobs located in Mountain Lake are filled by in-commuters.



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

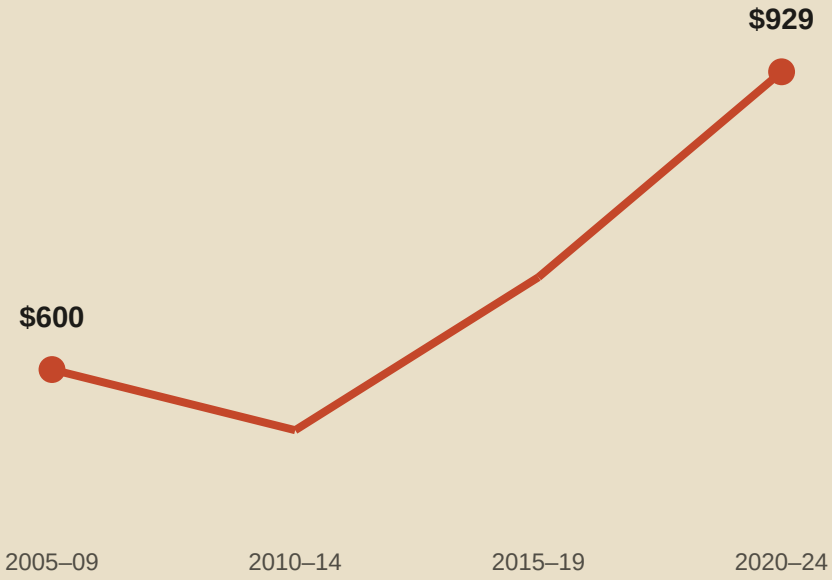
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 55% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$929

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

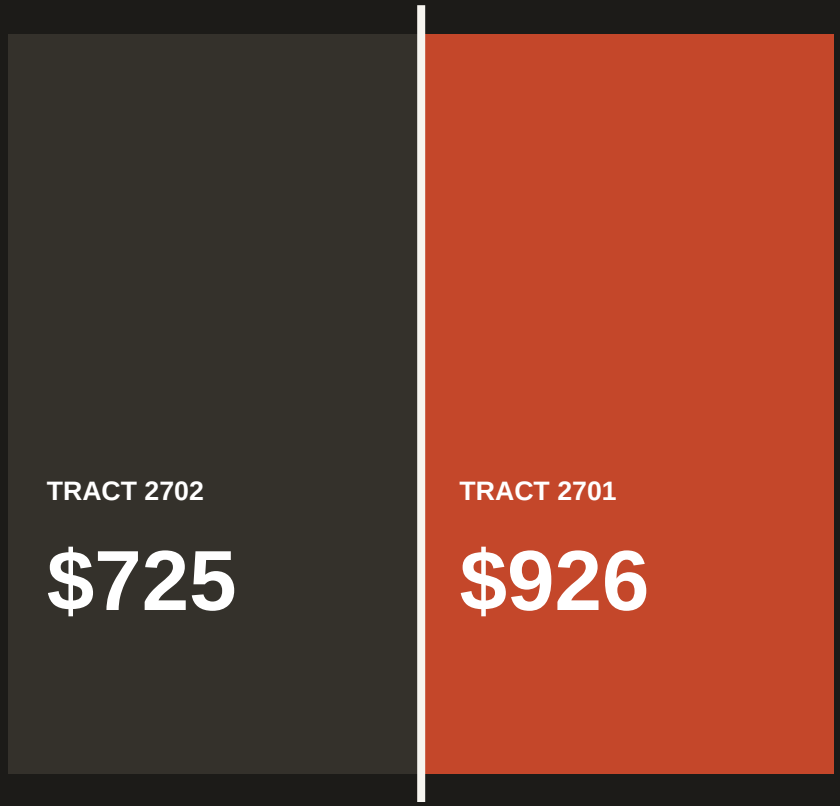


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $201.

A $201 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Cottonwood County.

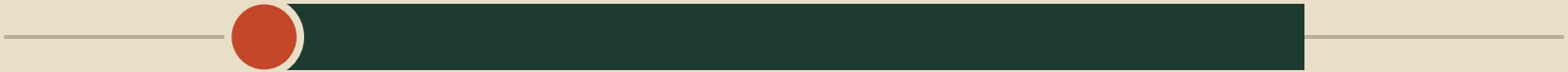


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

Local wages can carry more rent than the median charged today.

$934–$1,401



$929 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

5

homes permitted, 2022–2025

60%

of those were in multifamily buildings

93%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2022-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.1–0.9% to the 773 homes here.

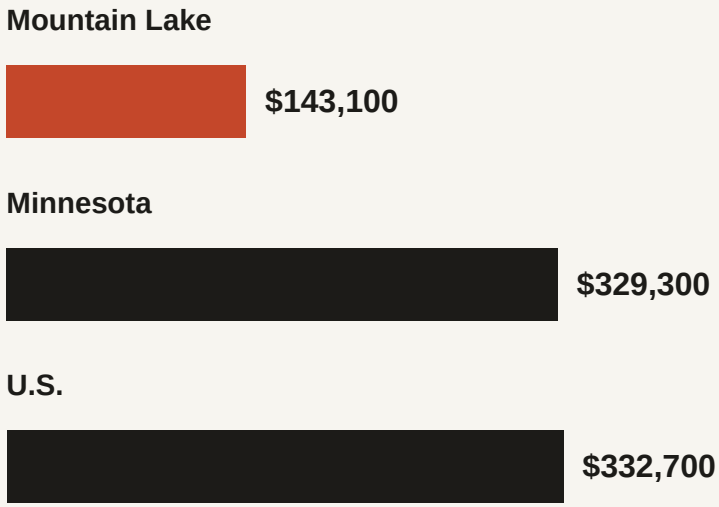
1–7

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

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 57% less than Minnesota's.



$143,100

median home value in Mountain Lake.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS MOUNTAIN LAKE'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/mountain-lake/**