Columbus, Mississippi.

Current market data.

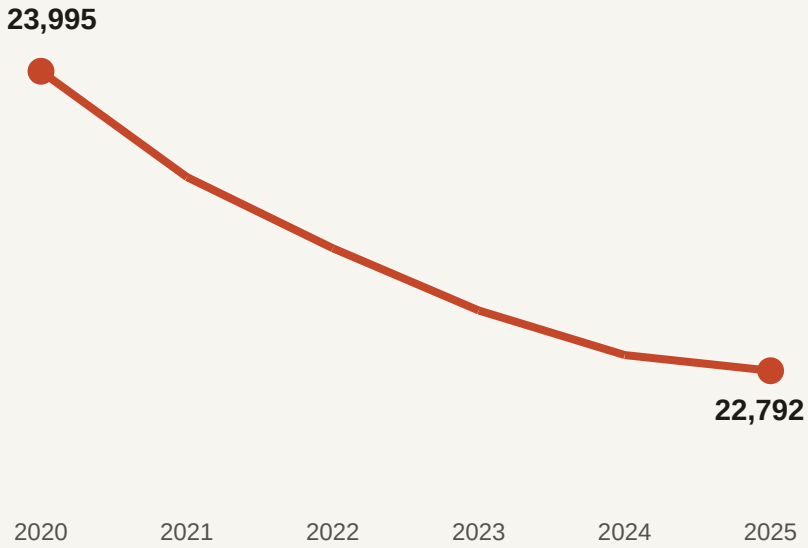
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 5.0% since 2020.

22,792

people, the 18th-largest of Mississippi's cities and towns.



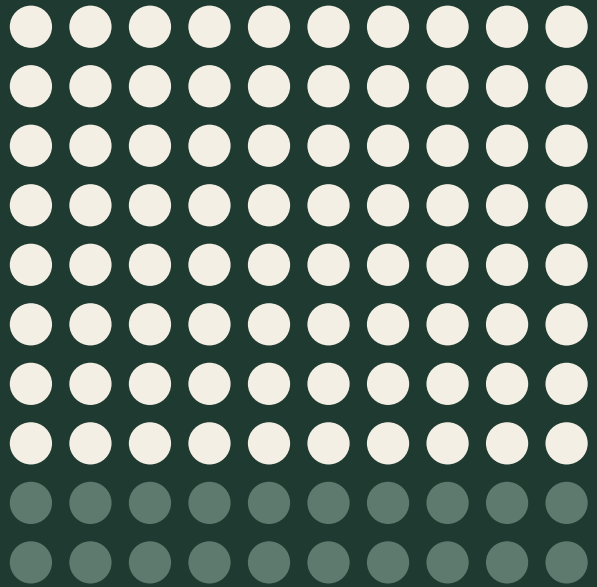
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

79.5%

of 17,124 jobs located in Columbus are filled by in-commuters.



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

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April: 4.1%.

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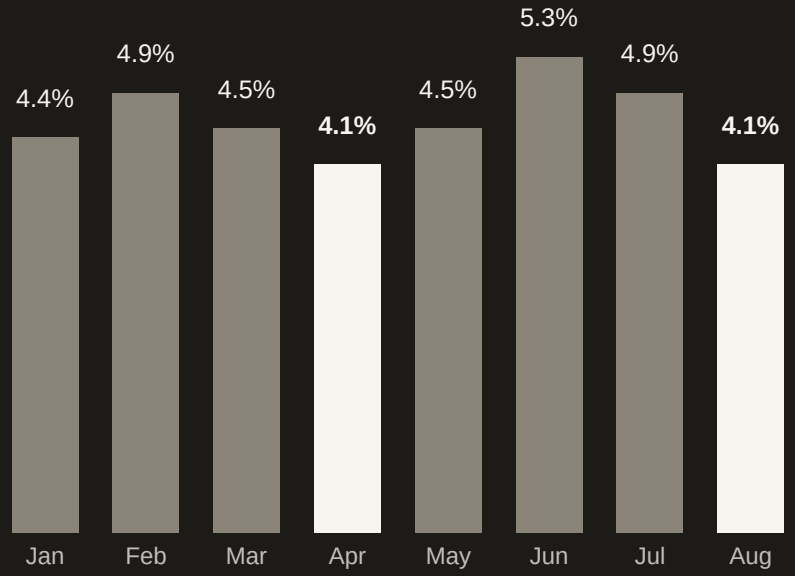
in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.7%.



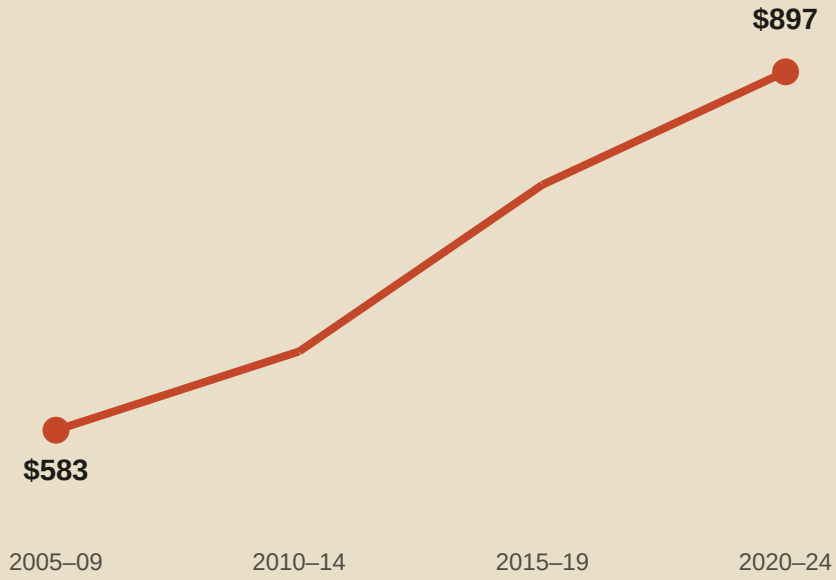
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 54% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$897

a month. Mississippi's median is $954.

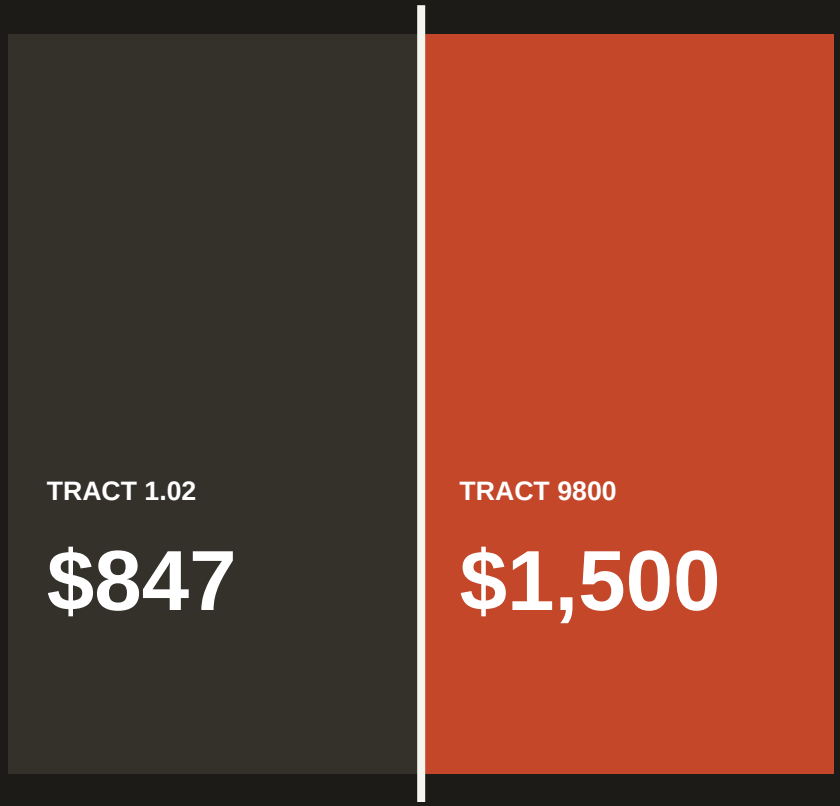


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $653.

A $653 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Lowndes County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

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.

57

homes permitted, 2022–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily buildings

91%

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 0.4–1.4% to the 11,850 homes here.

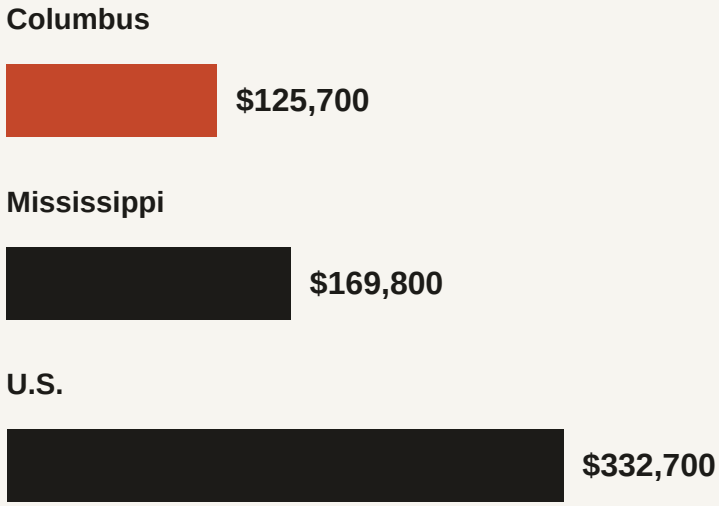
49–171

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 26% less than Mississippi's.



$125,700

median home value in Columbus.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS COLUMBUS'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/ms/columbus/**