Laurel, Mississippi.

Current market data.

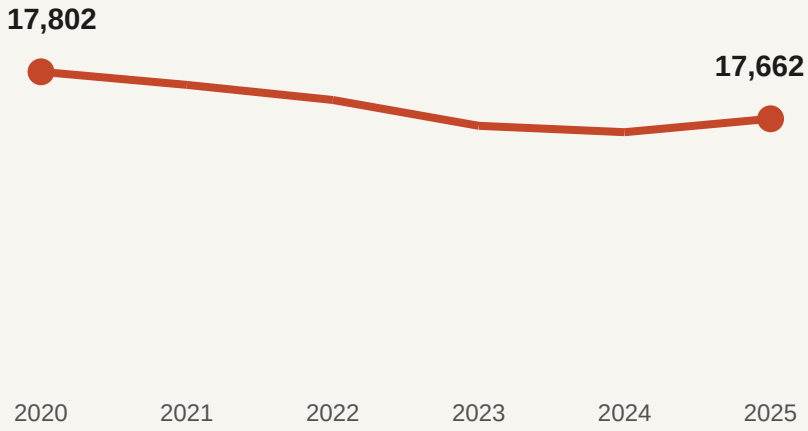
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 0.8% since 2020.

17,662

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



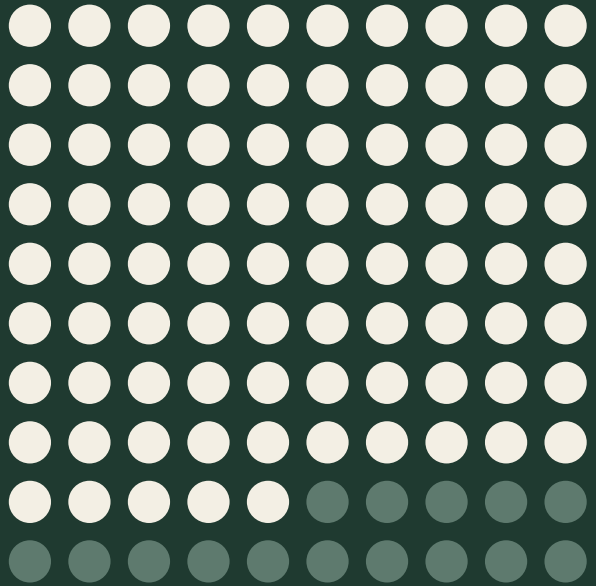
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

84.7%

of 19,584 jobs located in Laurel are filled by in-commuters.



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

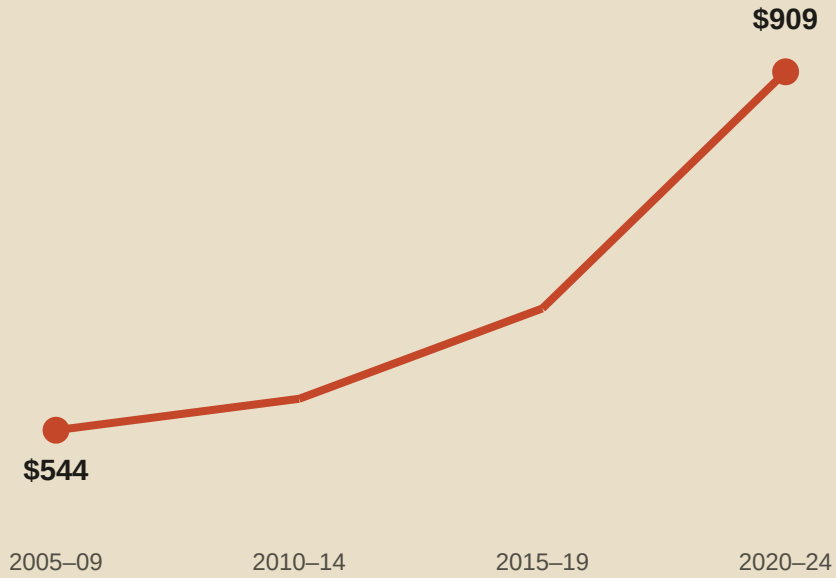
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 67% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$909

a month. Mississippi's median is $954.

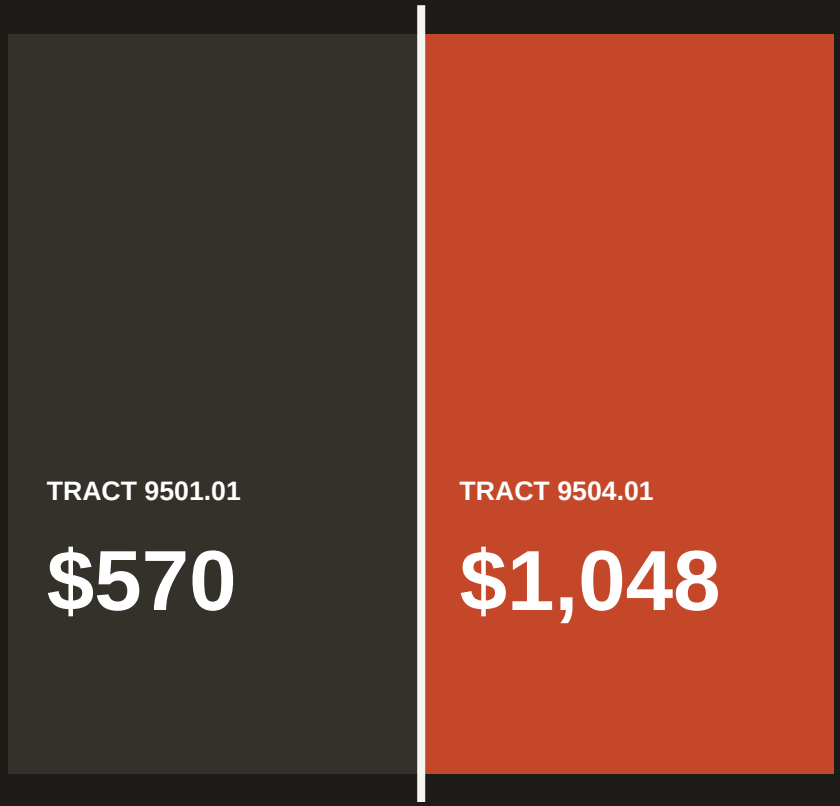


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $478.

A $478 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Jones 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.

340

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

21%

of those were in multifamily buildings

83%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2016-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–2.5% to the 7,805 homes here.

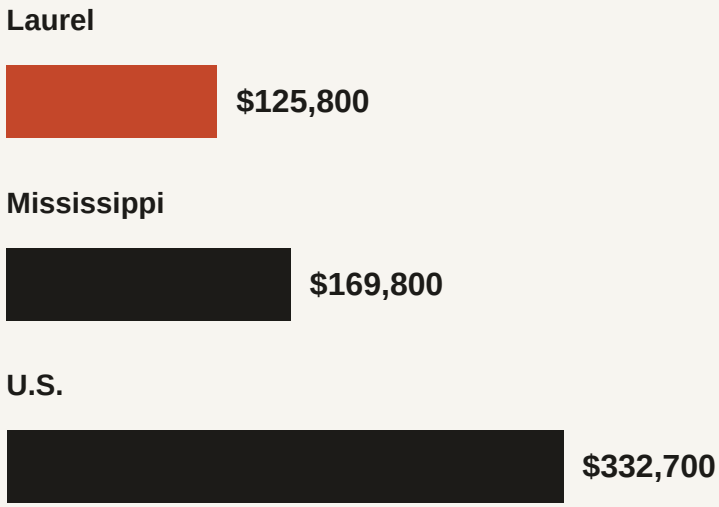
27–196

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.



$125,800

median home value in Laurel.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS LAUREL'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/laurel/**