



Columbus, North Carolina.

Current market data.

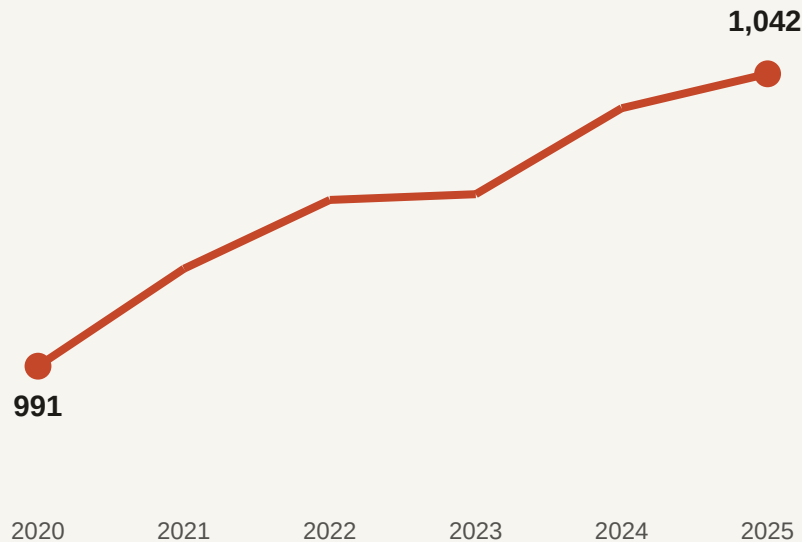
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 5.1% since 2020.

1,042

people, the 333rd-largest of North Carolina's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

Nearly every job here goes
to someone who lives
somewhere else.

97.6%

of 2,033 jobs located in Columbus are filled by in-commuters.



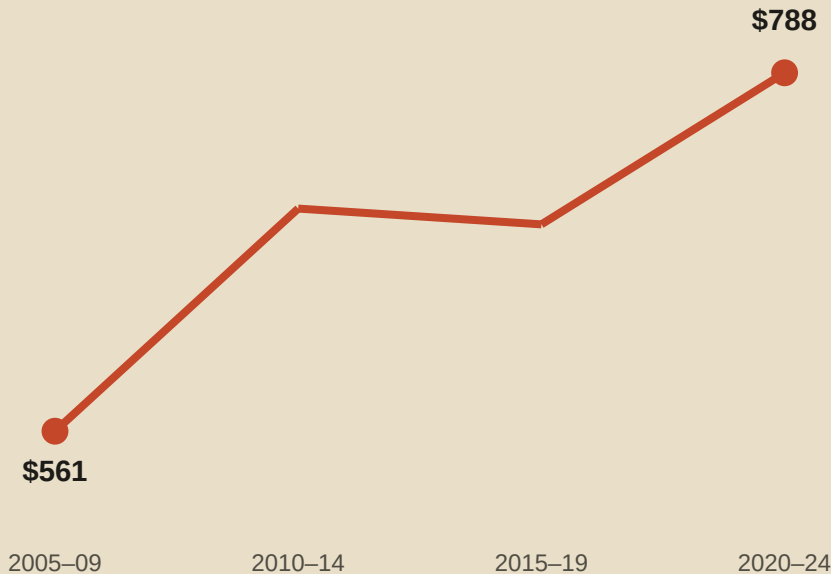
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 40%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$788

a month. North Carolina's median is \$1,228.



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$2,318 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Polk County.

TRACT 9202.01

\$684

TRACT 9201.04

\$3,002



ROOM TO BUILD

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

\$817–\$1,225



\$788 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.



BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

87%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.2–3.8% to the 525 homes here.

1–20

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 8%
less than North Carolina's.

\$265,700

median home value in Columbus.

Columbus



\$265,700

North Carolina



\$288,900

U.S.



\$332,700

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/nc/columbus/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/nc/columbus/)

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