



Hickory, North Carolina.

Current market data.

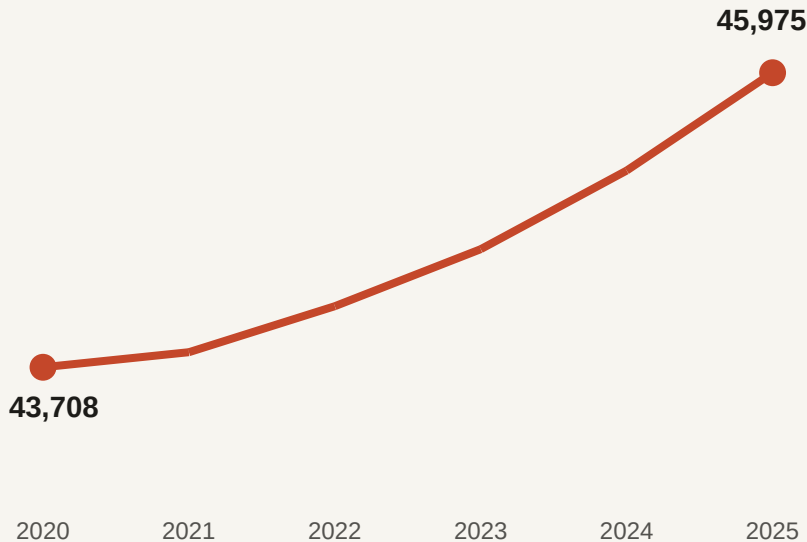
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

**Growing. Up 5.2% since
2020.**

45,975

people, the 26th-largest of North Carolina's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

85.8%

of 47,515 jobs located in Hickory are filled by in-commuters.



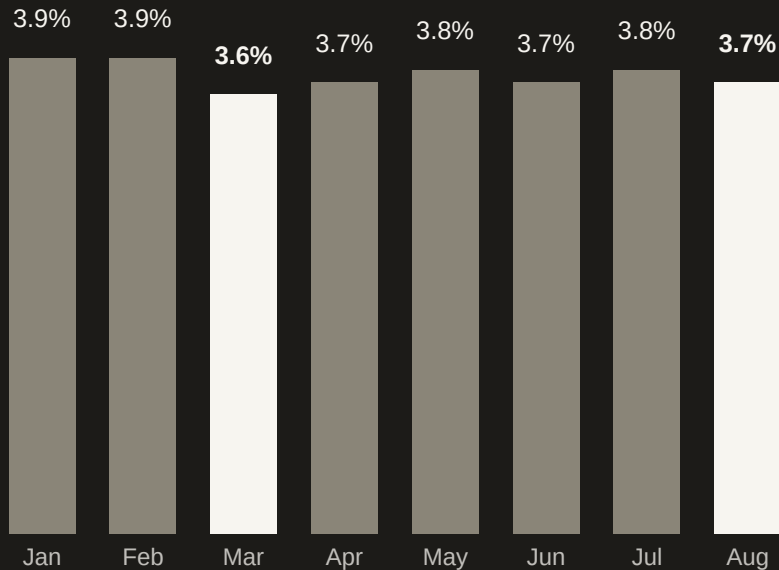
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in March:
3.6%.

3.7%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.3%.

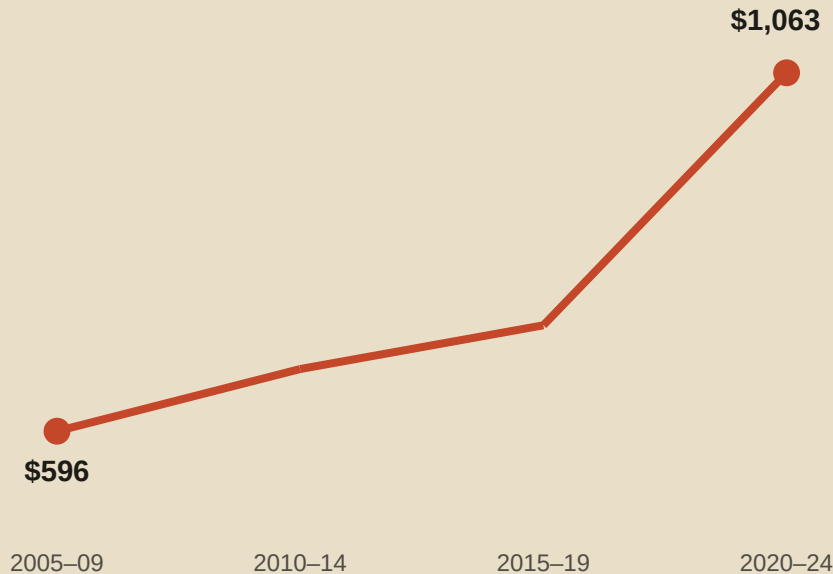


RENT

Median rent is up 78%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,063

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$687 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Catawba County.

TRACT 111.01

\$648

TRACT 118.01

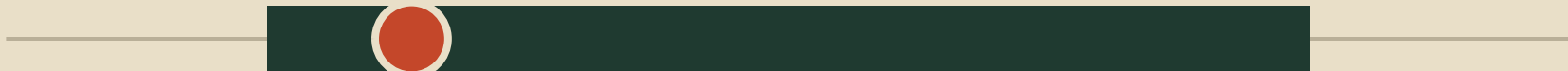
\$1,335



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$994–\$1,491



\$1,063 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.



BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

78%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.4–2.4% to the 19,955 homes here.

86–475

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 4%
less than North Carolina's.

\$278,400

median home value in Hickory.

Hickory



\$278,400

North Carolina



\$288,900

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS HICKORY'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/hickory/

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