Morganton, North Carolina.

Current market data.

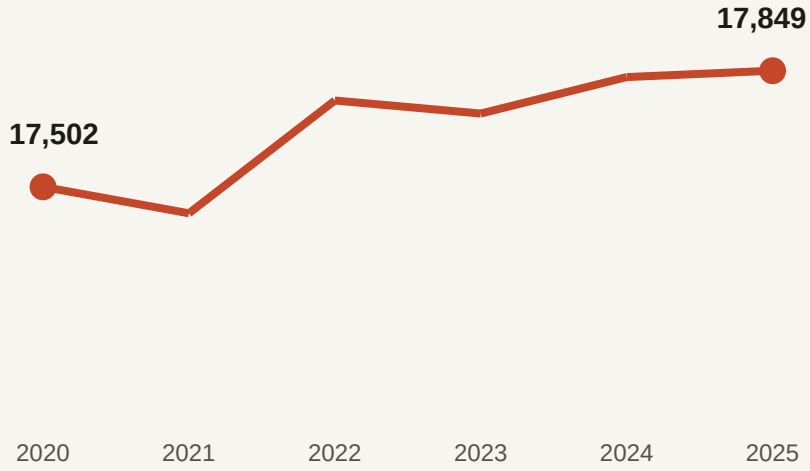
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 2.0% since 2020.

17,849

people, the 62nd-largest of North Carolina's cities and towns.



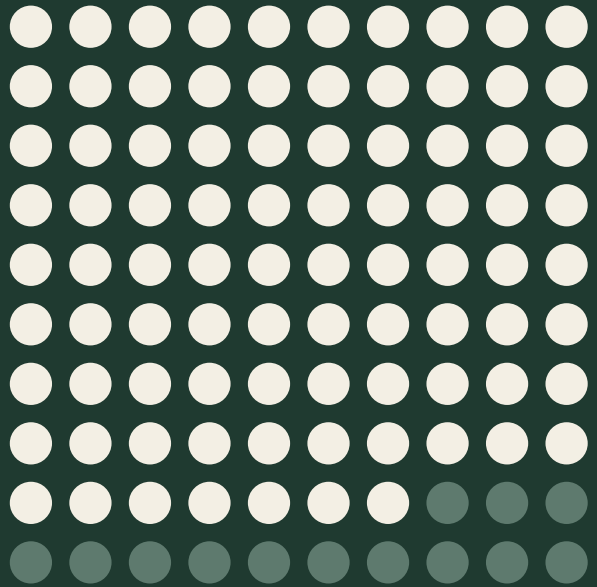
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

87.4%

of 19,384 jobs located in Morganton are filled by in-commuters.



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

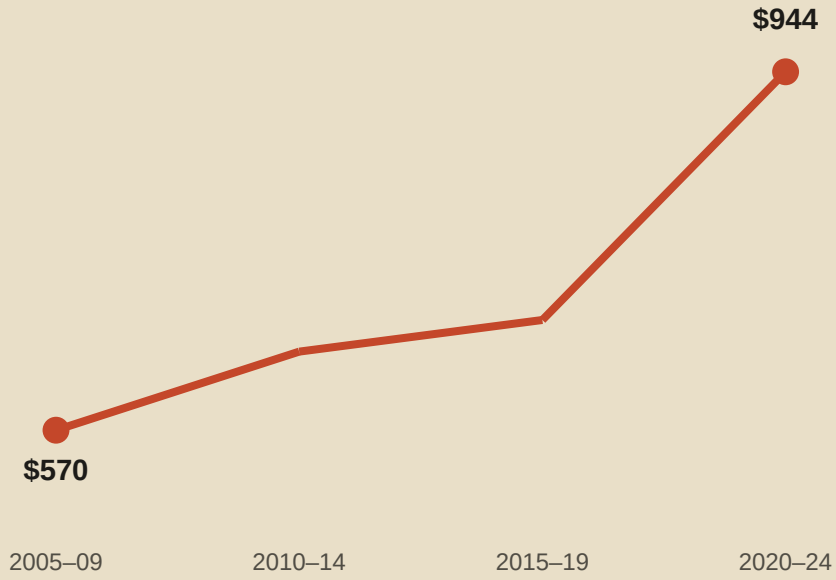
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 66% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$944

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

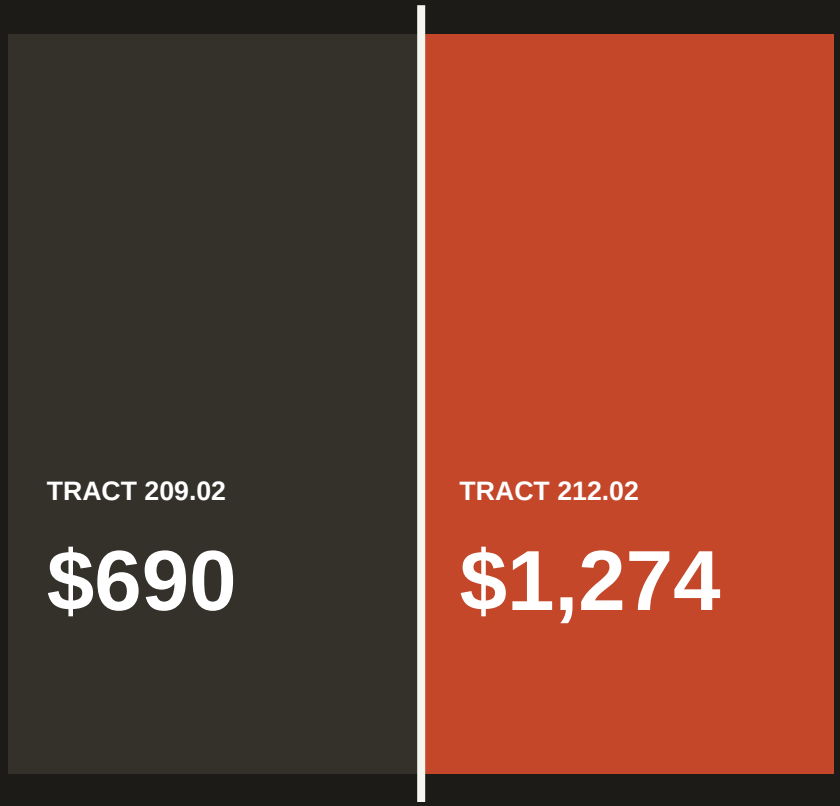


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $584.

A $584 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Burke 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.

895

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

88%

of those were in multifamily buildings

87%

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 0.5–2.6% to the 7,547 homes here.

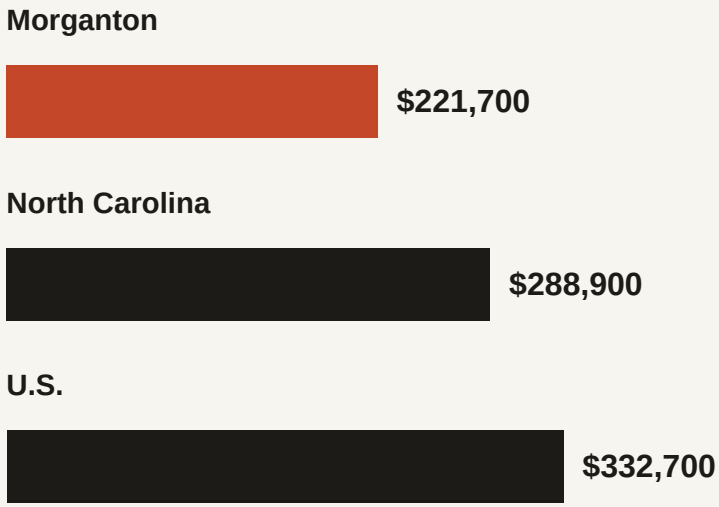
34–194

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 23% less than North Carolina's.



$221,700

median home value in Morganton.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS MORGANTON'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/morganton/**