West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Current market data.

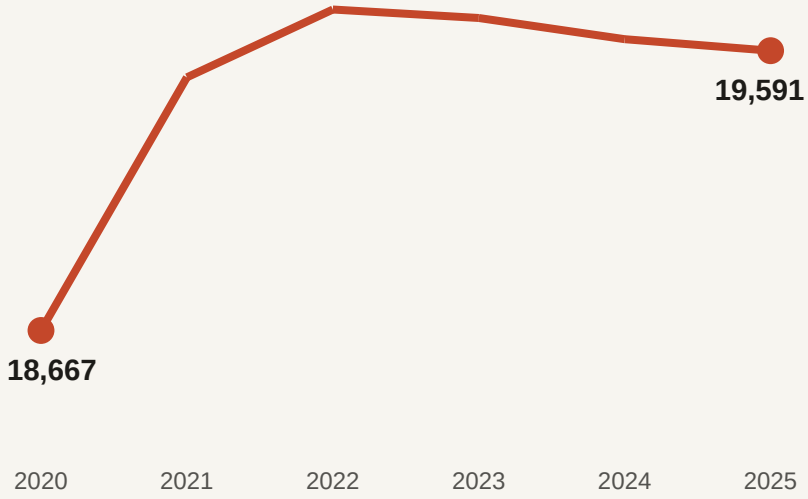
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 4.9% since 2020.

19,591

people, the 32nd-largest of Pennsylvania's cities and towns.



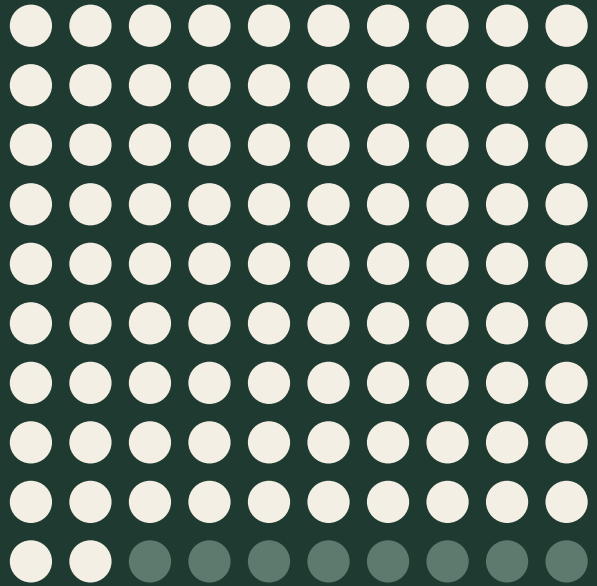
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

91.8%

of 9,449 jobs located in West Chester are filled by in-commuters.



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

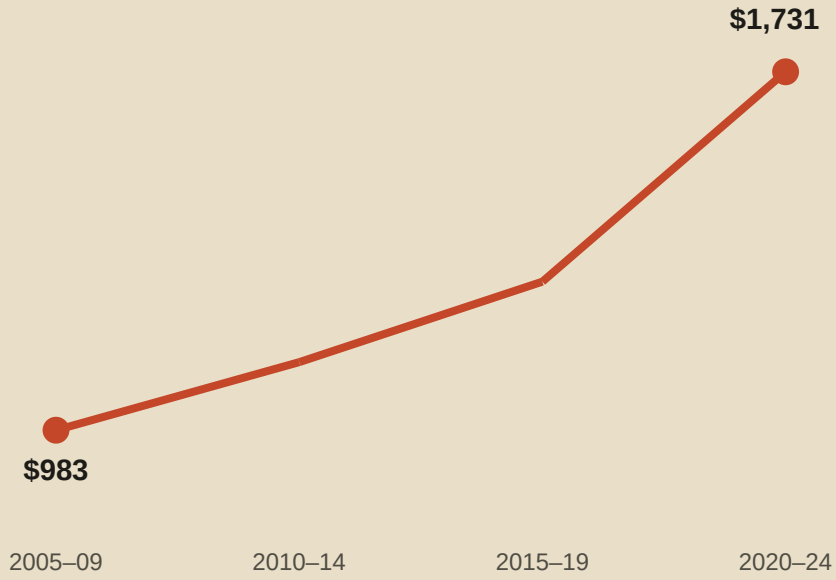
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 76% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,731

a month. Pennsylvania's median is $1,209.

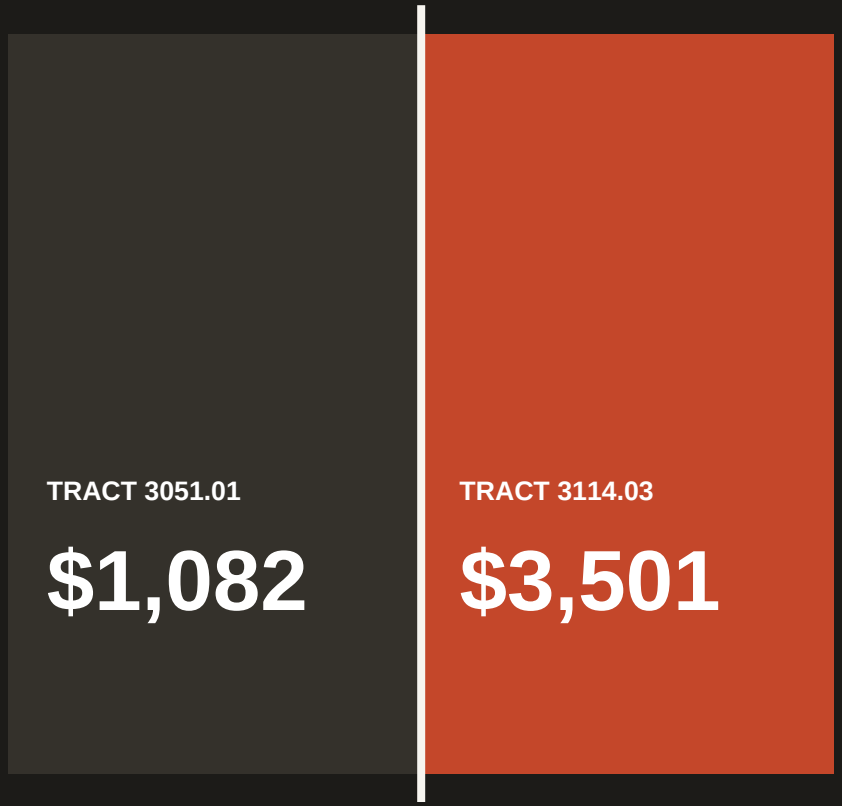


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $2,419 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Chester County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent is above 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.

156

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

33%

of those were in multifamily buildings

84%

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 1% to the 8,087 homes here.

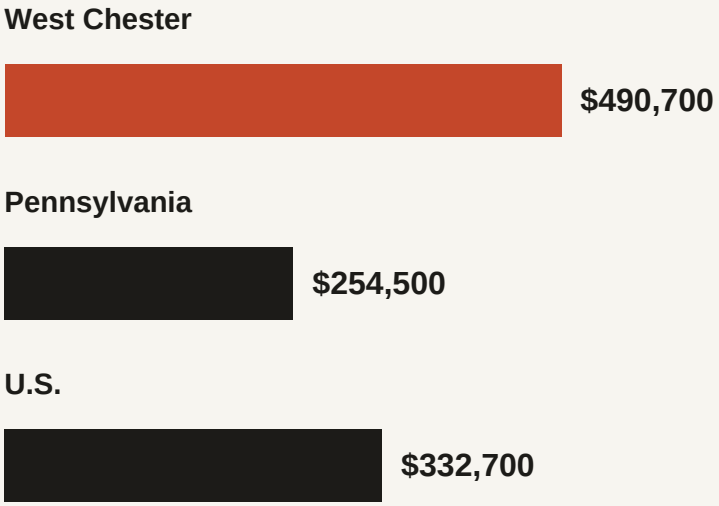
53–94

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 93% more than Pennsylvania's.



$490,700

median home value in West Chester.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS WEST CHESTER'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/pa/west-chester/**