Cookeville, Tennessee.

Current market data.

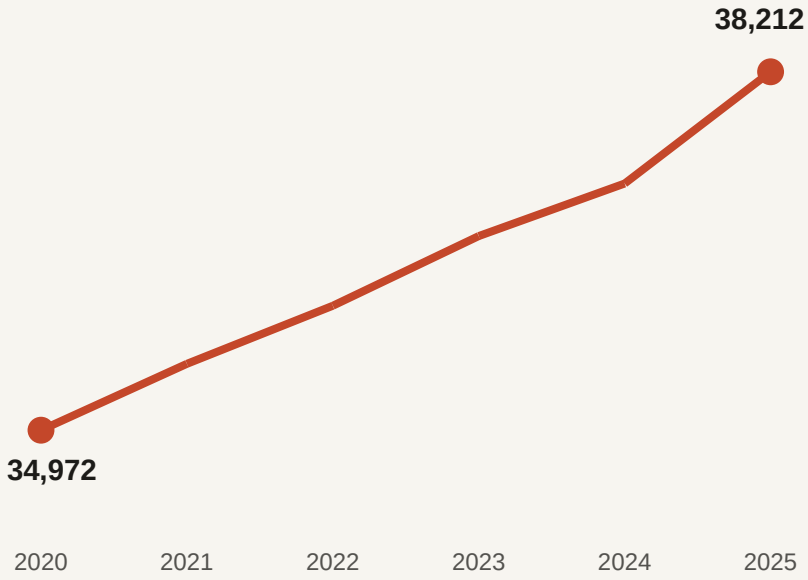
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 9.3% since 2020.

38,212

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



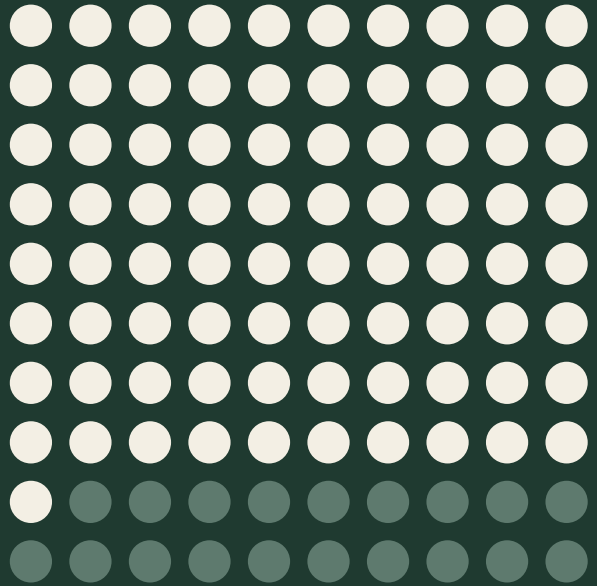
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

80.9%

of 34,249 jobs located in Cookeville are filled by in-commuters.



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

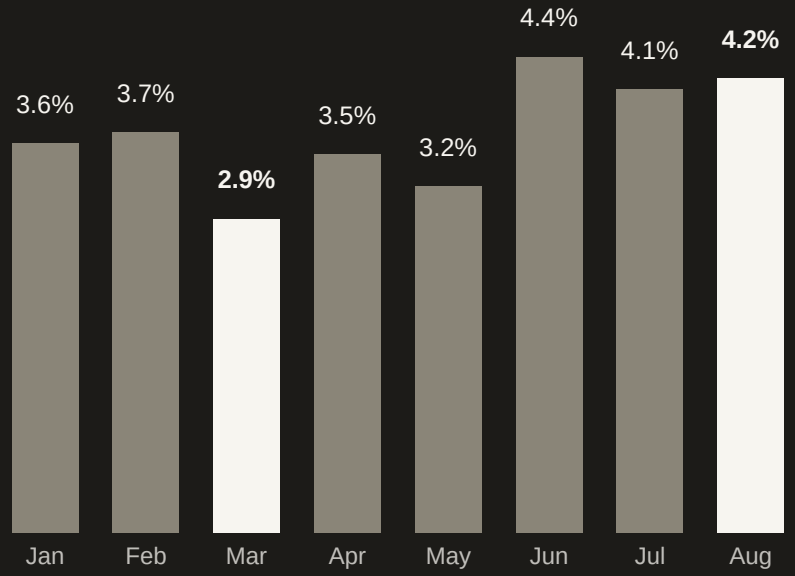
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in March: 2.9%.

4.2%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.0%.



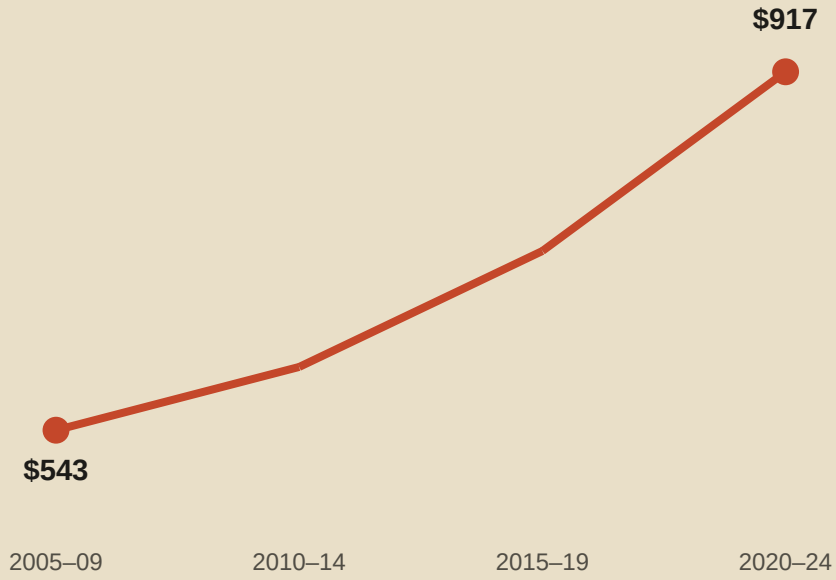
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 69% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$917

a month. Tennessee's median is $1,189.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $548.

A $548 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Putnam County.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

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

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

65% of the housing here was built before 2000.

1,284

homes permitted, 2022–2025

14%

of those were in multifamily buildings

65%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2022-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 1–2% to the 16,024 homes here.

93–342

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

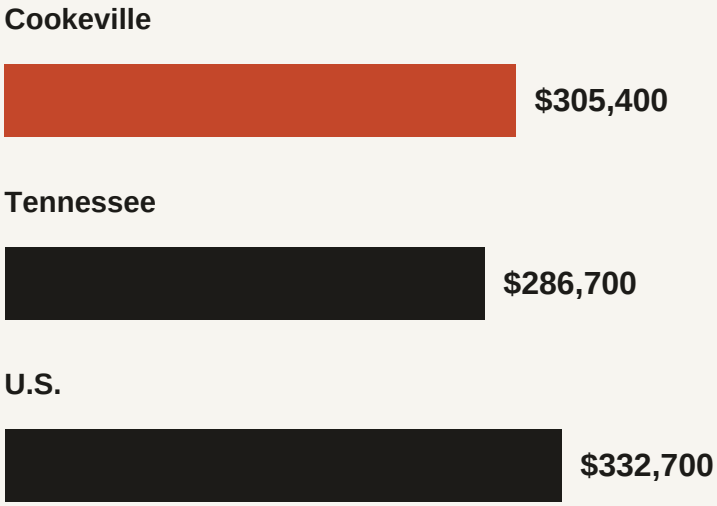
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 7% more than Tennessee's.

$305,400

median home value in Cookeville.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS COOKEVILLE'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/tn/cookeville/**