Fairfax, Virginia.

Current market data.

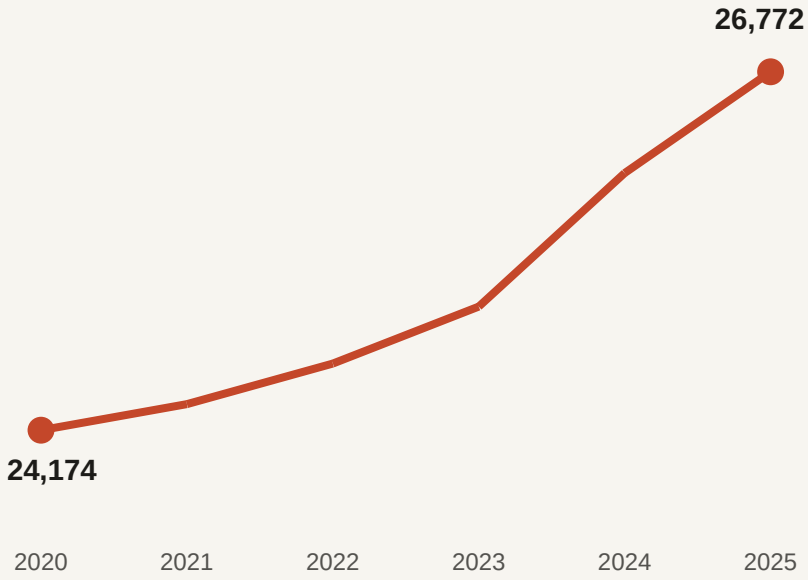
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 10.7% since 2020.

26,772

people, the 22nd-largest of Virginia's cities and towns.



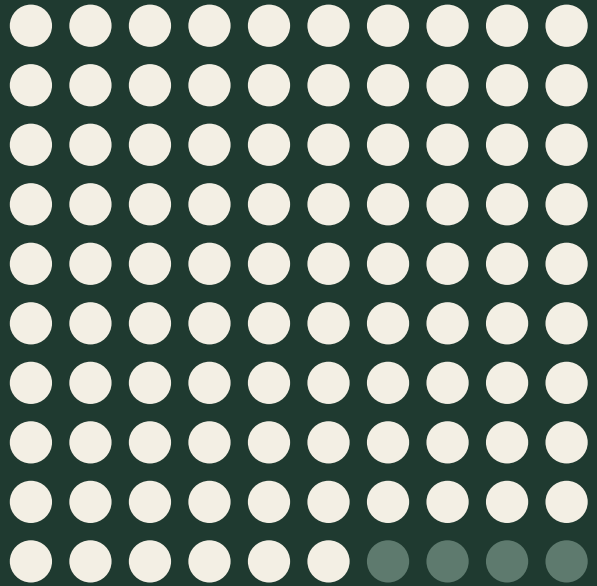
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

96.2%

of 24,910 jobs located in Fairfax are filled by in-commuters.



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

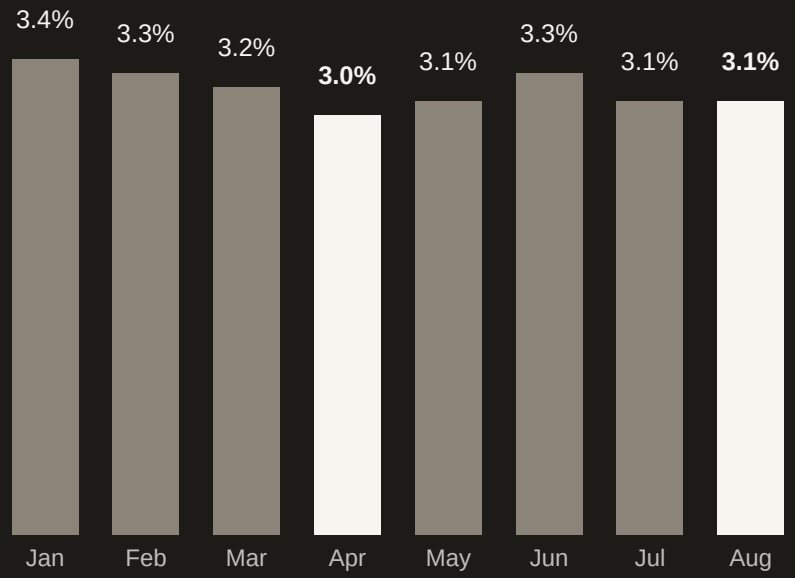
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April: 3.0%.

3.1%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 3.2%.



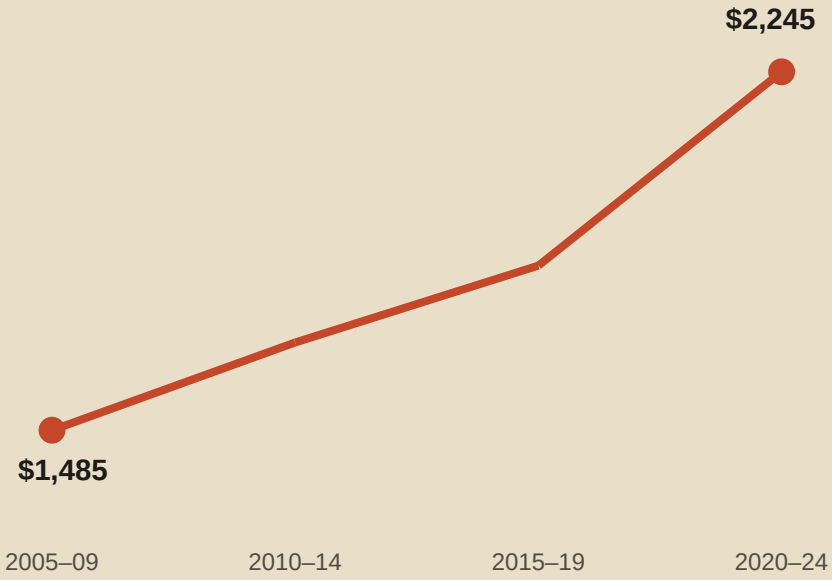
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 51% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$2,245

a month. Virginia's median is $1,579.

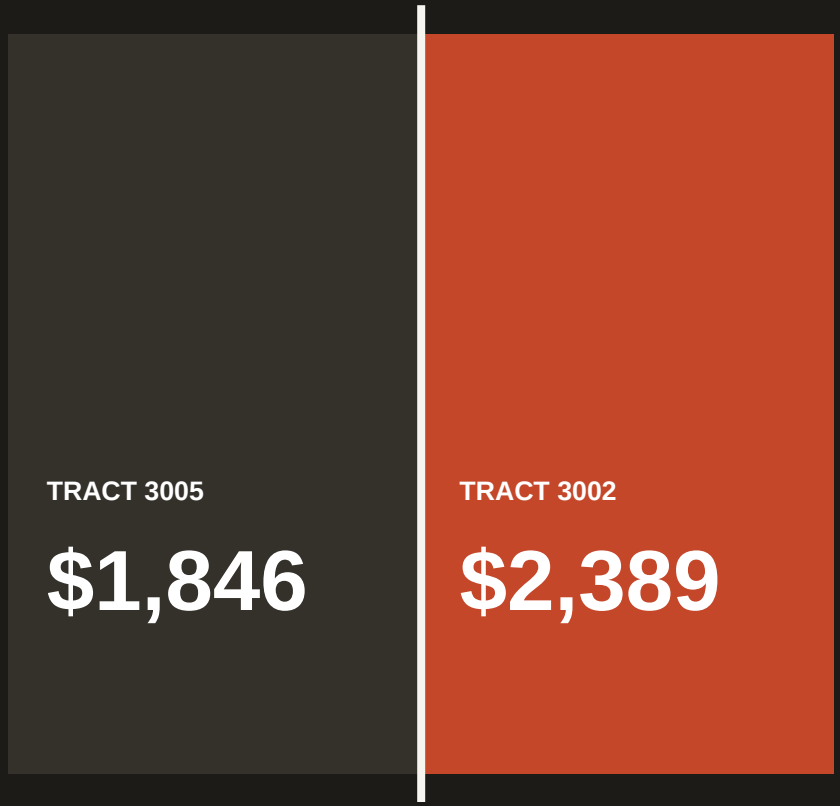


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $543.

A $543 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Fairfax city.



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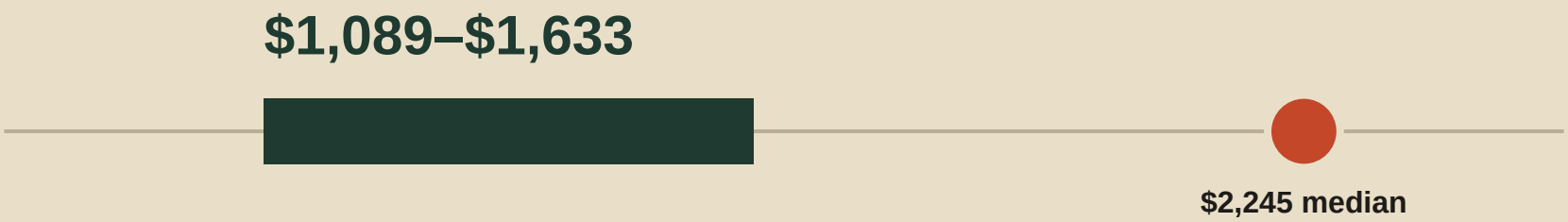
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

597

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

22%

of those were in multifamily buildings

82%

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 0.4–2.7% to the 9,313 homes here.

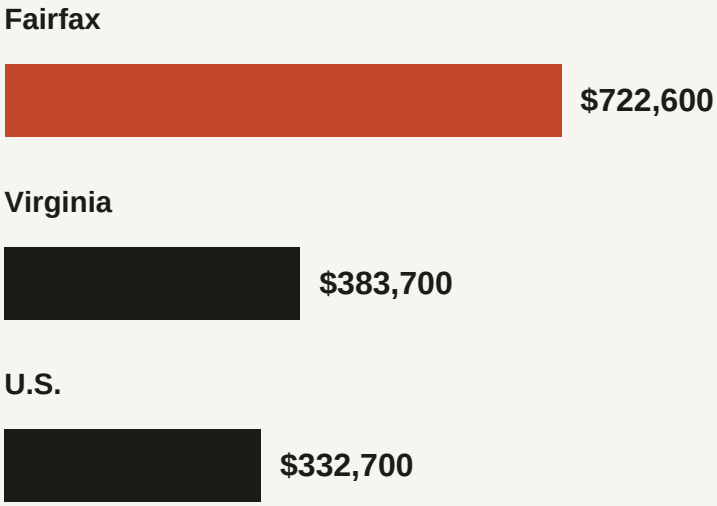
33–249

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 88% more than Virginia's.



$722,600

median home value in Fairfax.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS FAIRFAX'S 2026

Every number came from a public source, with its date.

New Census data usually lands in December. The next Edition follows it.

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