



Lester, West Virginia.

Current market data.

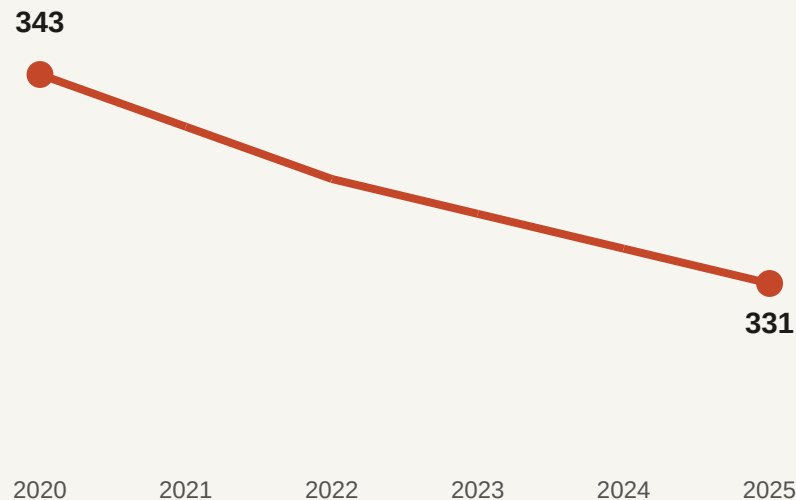
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 3.5% since 2020.

331

people, the 176th-largest of West Virginia's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

Every job here goes to
someone who lives
somewhere else.

100.0%

of 8 jobs located in Lester are filled by in-commuters.



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

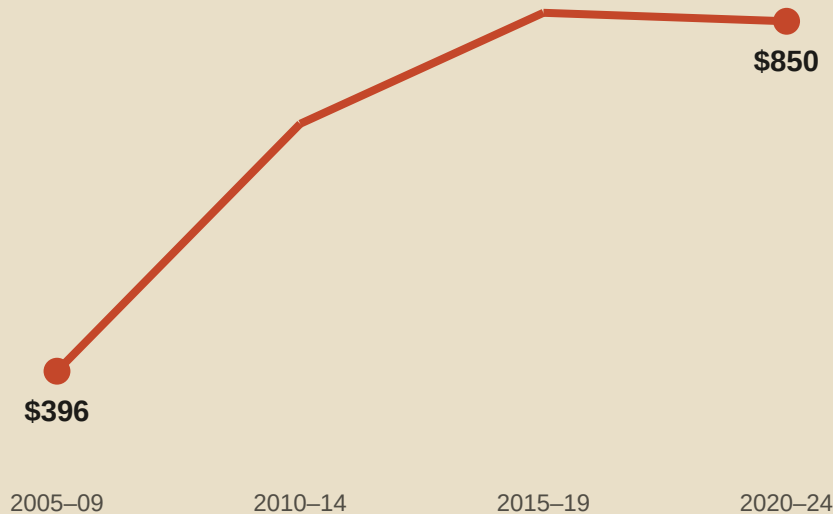


RENT

Median rent is up 115%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$850

a month. West Virginia's median is \$872.





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps \$369.

A \$369 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Raleigh County.

TRACT 11

\$653

TRACT 10.01

\$1,022



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$688–\$1,031



\$850 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

74% of the housing here was built before 2000.

0

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

74%

of all homes were built before 2000



UNITS NEEDED

None of three estimates finds a housing shortfall here.

0

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 45% less than West Virginia's.

\$89,400

median home value in Lester.

Lester



\$89,400

West Virginia



\$162,600

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS LESTER'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/wv/lester/

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