Sophia, West Virginia.

Current market data.

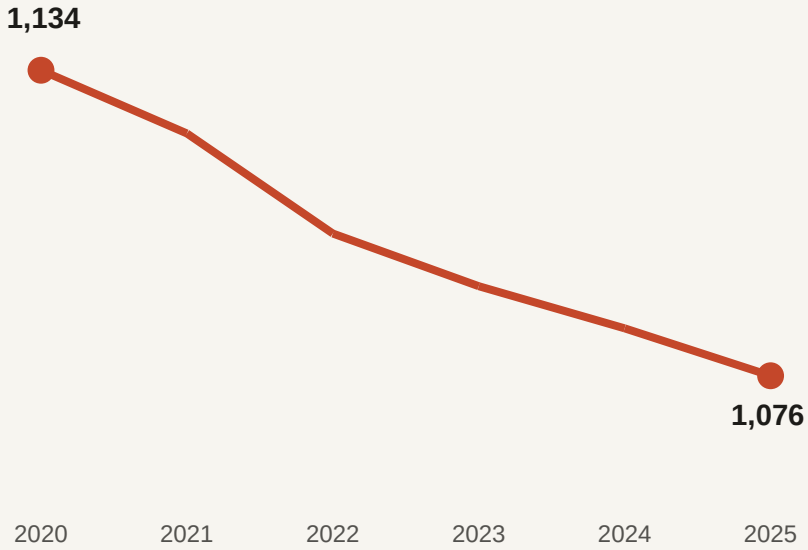
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 5.1% since 2020.

1,076

people, the 97th-largest of West Virginia's cities and towns.



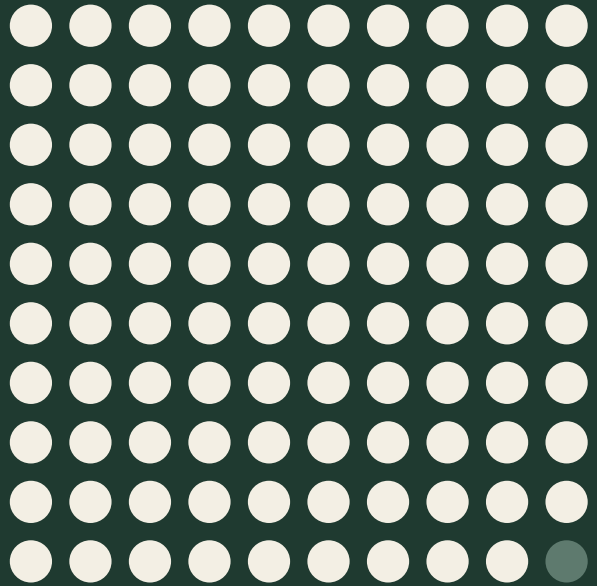
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

98.9%

of 918 jobs located in Sophia are filled by in-commuters.



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

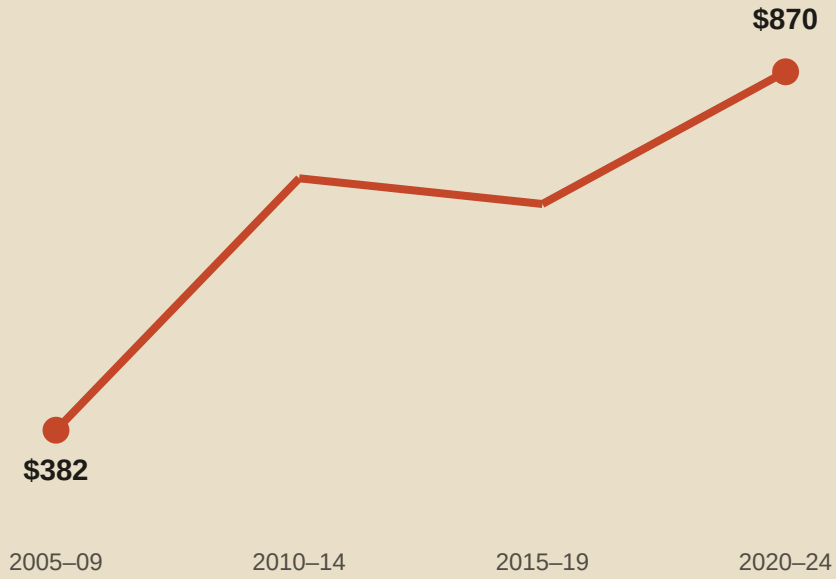
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 128% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$870

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

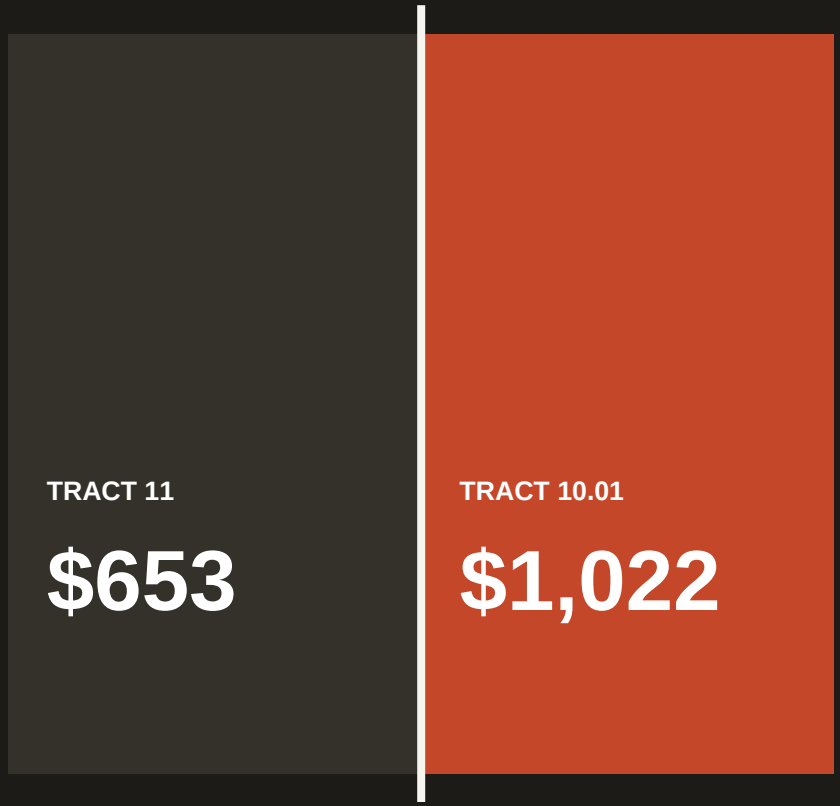


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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.



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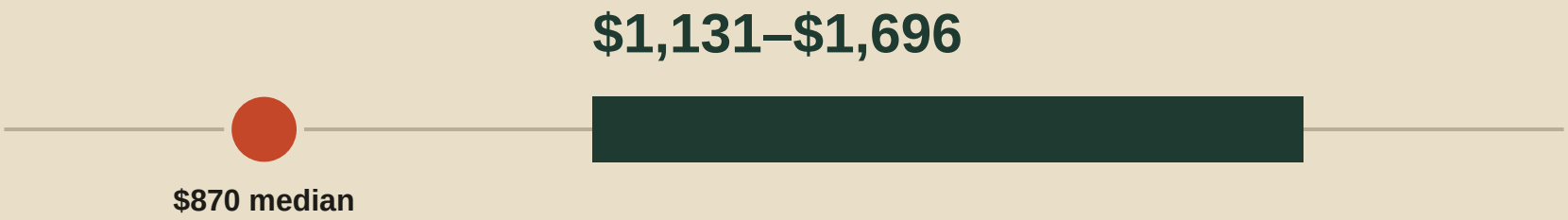
ROOM TO BUILD

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

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

0

homes permitted, 2018–2025

83%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2018-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.1–1.2% to the 753 homes here.

1–9

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

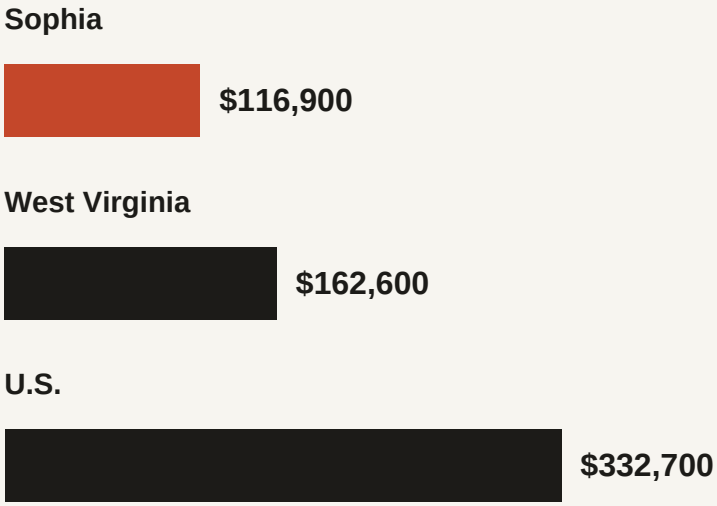
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 28% less than West Virginia's.

$116,900

median home value in Sophia.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS SOPHIA'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/sophia/**