Welch, West Virginia.

Current market data.

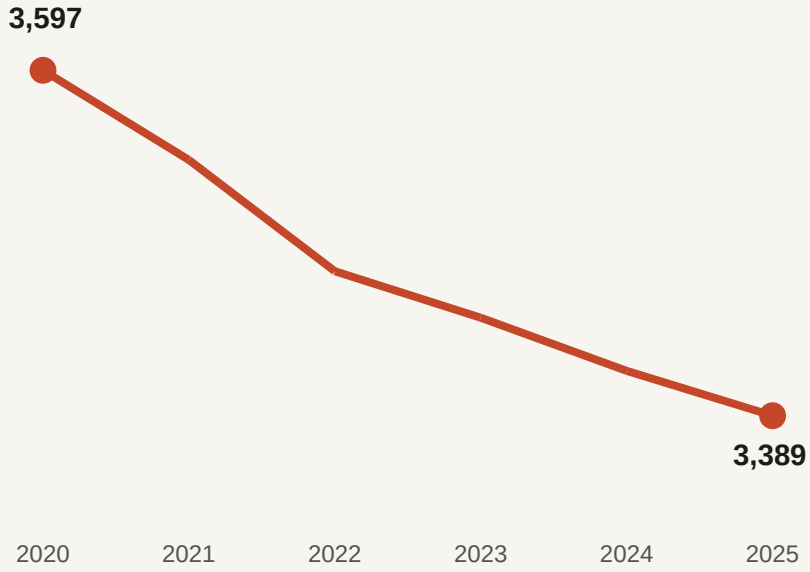
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 5.8% since 2020.

3,389

people, the 36th-largest of West Virginia's cities and towns.



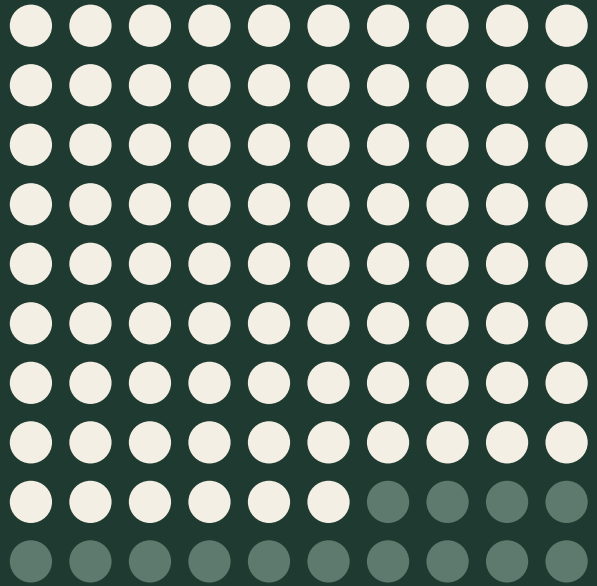
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

86.4%

of 1,616 jobs located in Welch are filled by in-commuters.



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

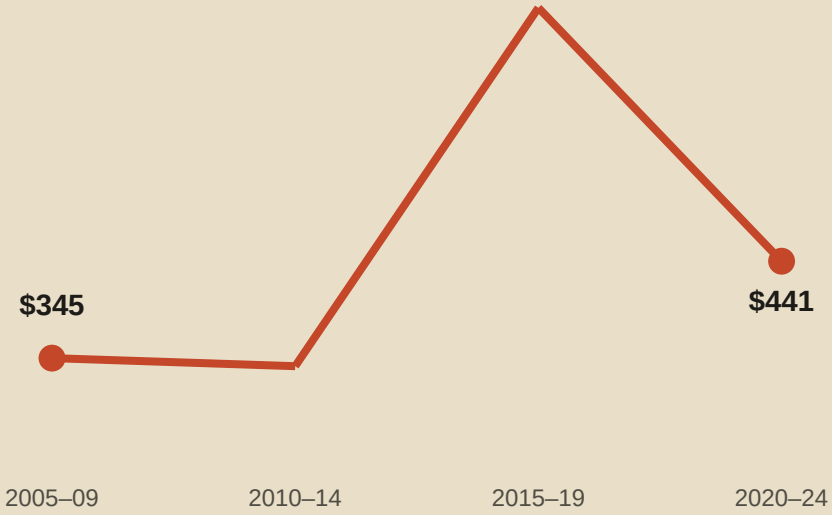
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 28% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$441

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

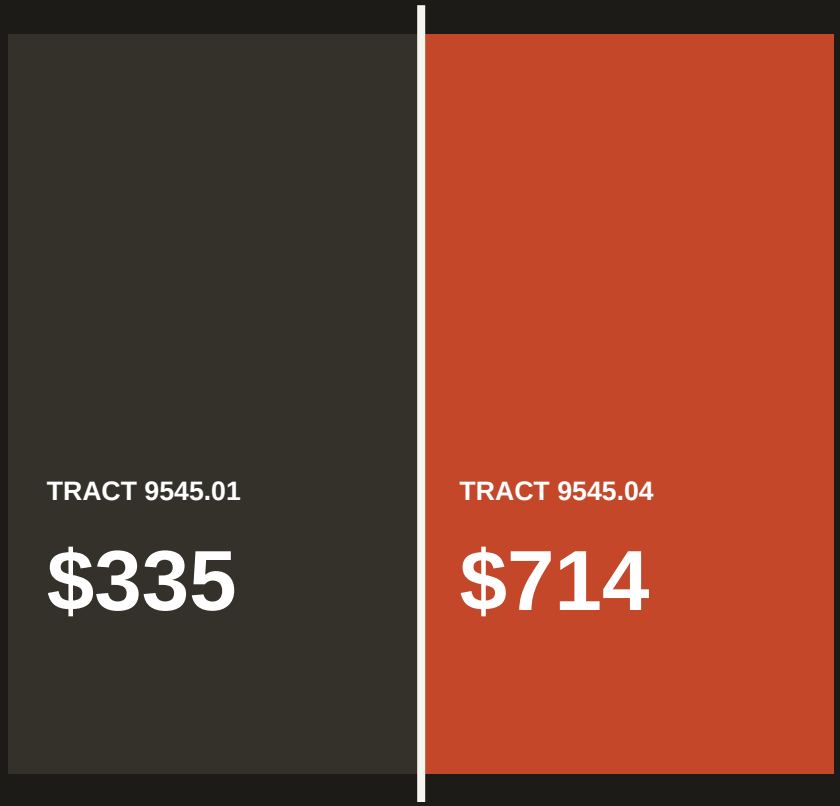


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $379 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in McDowell County.



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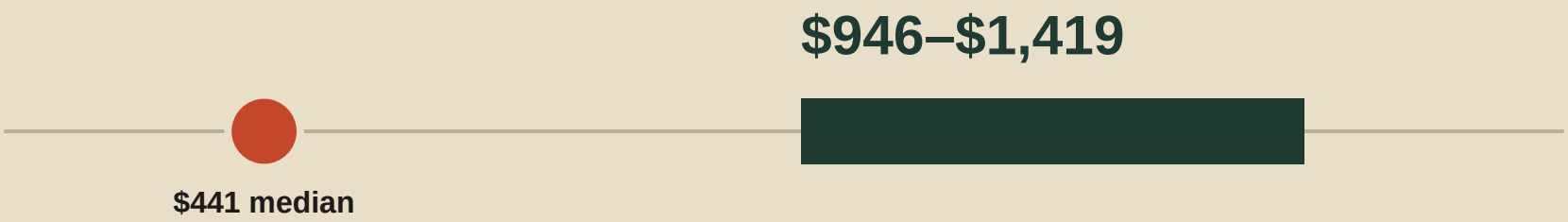
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

96%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.2–1.7% to the 969 homes here.

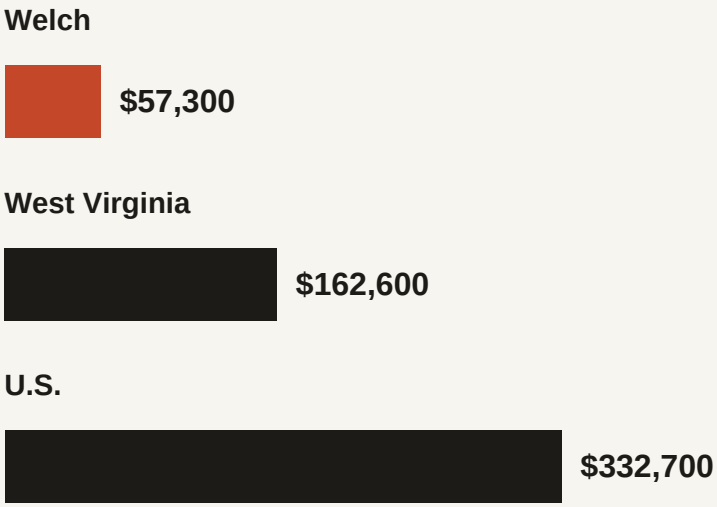
2–16

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 65% less than West Virginia's.



$57,300

median home value in Welch.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS WELCH'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/welch/**