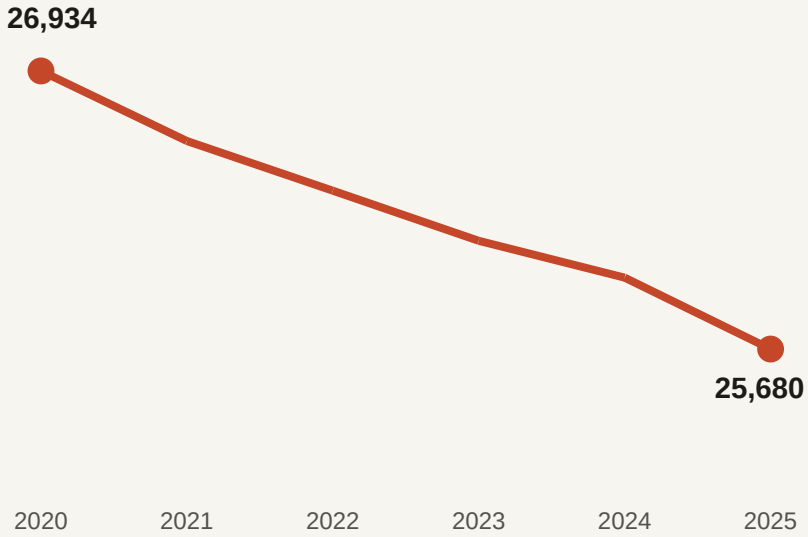
Wheeling, West Virginia.

Current market data.

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

POPULATION

Down 4.7% since 2020.



25,680

people, the 5th-largest of West Virginia's cities and towns.

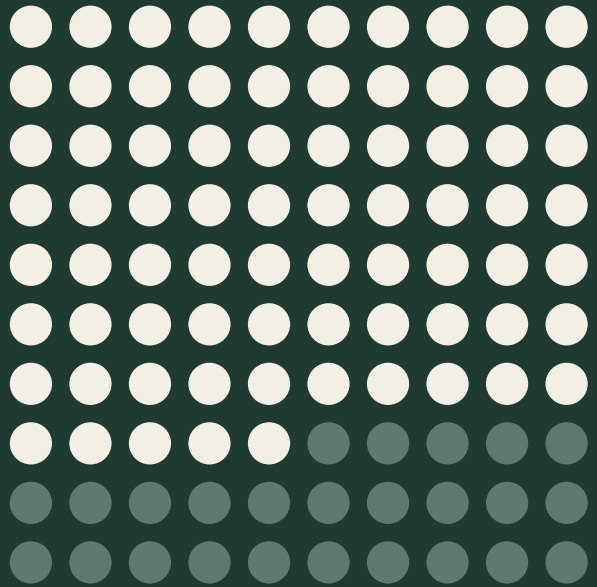
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

74.6%

of 20,299 jobs located in Wheeling are filled by in-commuters.



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

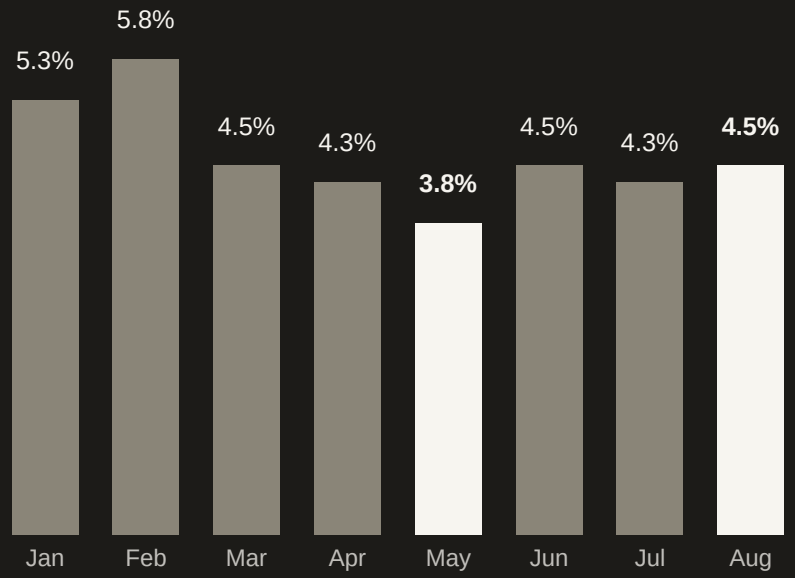
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May: 3.8%.

4.5%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.8%.



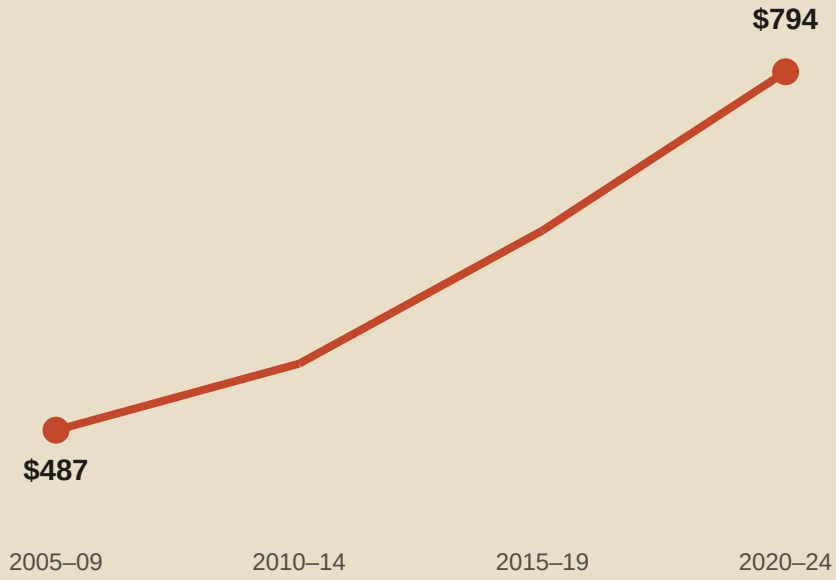
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 63% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$794

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

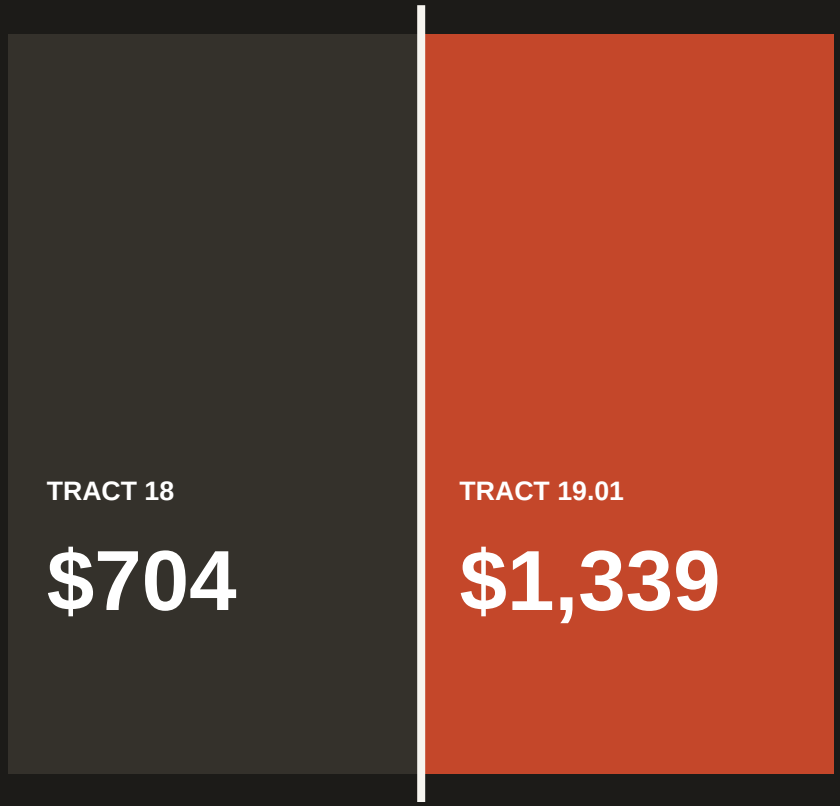


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $635 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Ohio County.



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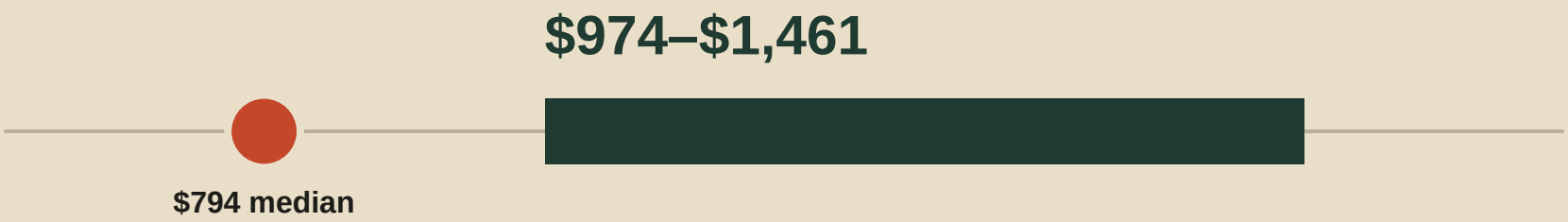
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

165

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

84%

of those were in multifamily buildings

93%

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 0.3–1.4% to the 14,569 homes here.

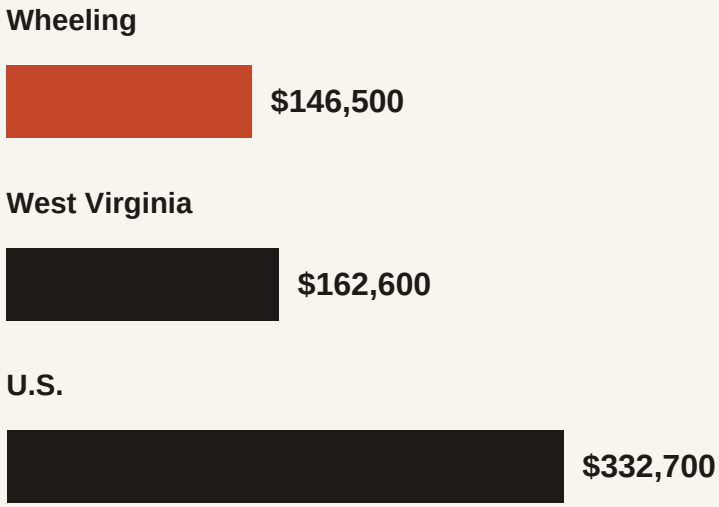
43–203

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 10% less than West Virginia's.



$146,500

median home value in Wheeling.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS WHEELING'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/wheeling/**