Hollywood — #1 of 7: Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)

Hollywood has the longest commute in Charleston tri-county

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Hollywood leads the Charleston tri-county in average commute duration.

This 34.5-minute average reflects a growing trend of suburbanization, where residents choose lower-cost housing farther from employment hubs. The data reveals a market where distance is not a deterrent but a strategic trade-off—longer commutes correlate with affordability, not disinvestment.

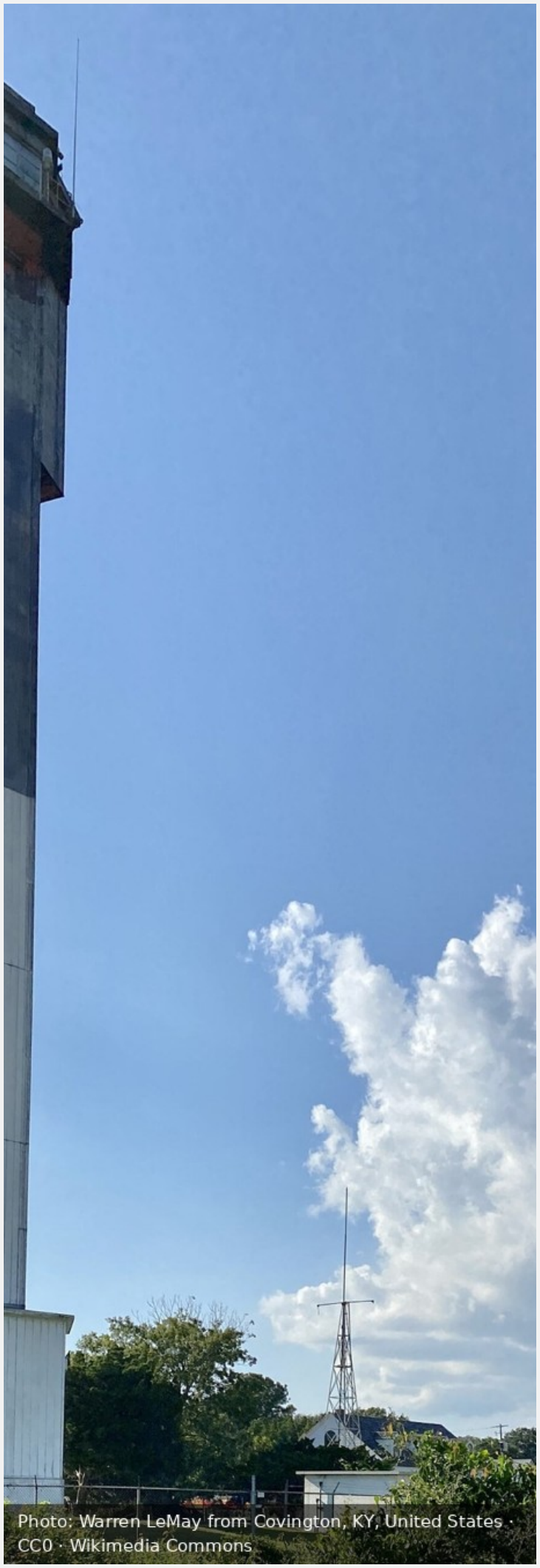


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Commuting is a pricing signal

This suggests that housing in areas with longer commutes is not declining—it’s being revalued. The premium is no longer in proximity to downtown, but in the ability to sustain a longer commute with stable employment. This shift is reshaping how we assess real estate value in the tri-county.

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Urban core pressure is driving suburban migration

This is not a failure of infrastructure, but a success of urbanization. The city is becoming a magnet, not a home. The 34.5-minute commute is not a burden—it's a badge of access. It signals that the market is allocating space based on willingness to trade time for cost, with Hollywood at the frontier of this trend.

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