



Alta, Iowa.

Current market data.

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

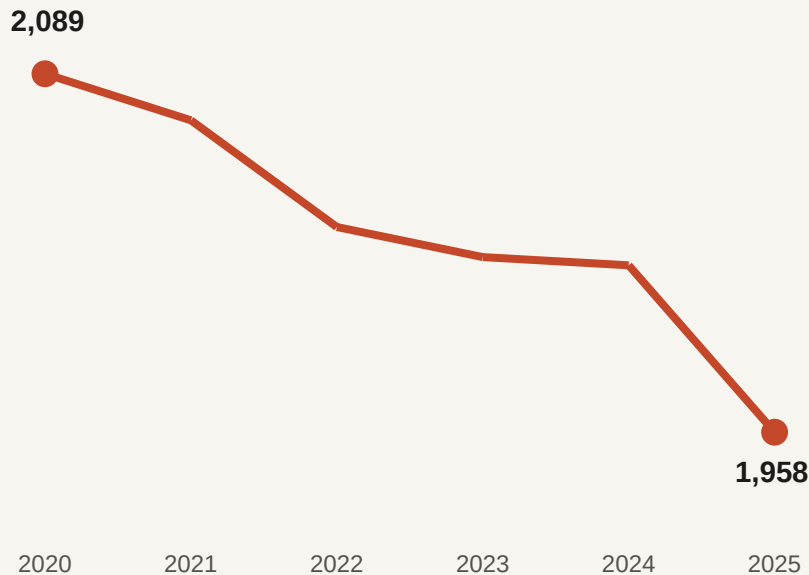


POPULATION

Down 6.3% since 2020.

1,958

people, the 173rd-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.

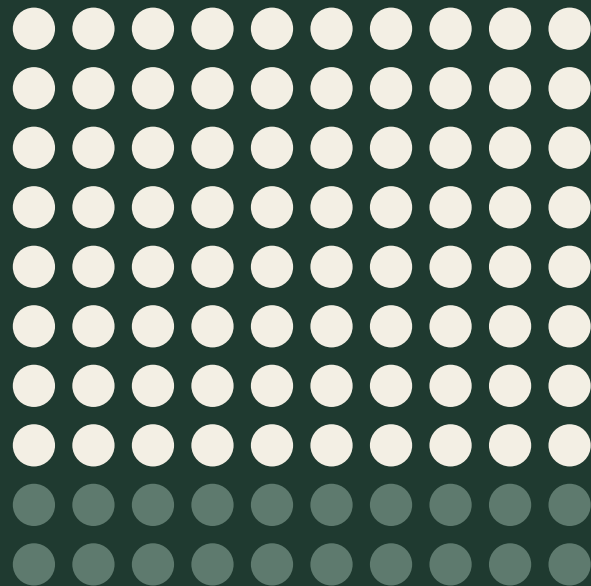


THE WORKDAY

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

79.9%

of 399 jobs located in Alta are filled by in-commuters.



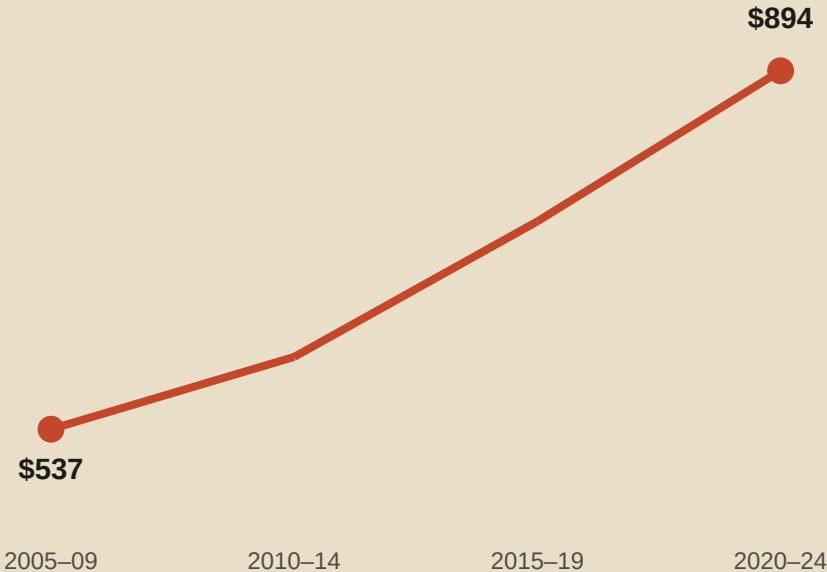
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 66% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

\$894

a month. Iowa's median is \$972.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps \$261.

A \$261 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Buena Vista County.

TRACT 9602

\$684

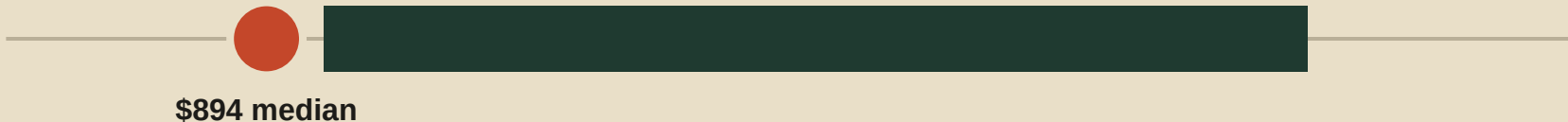
TRACT 9606

\$945

ROOM TO BUILD

Local wages can carry more rent than the median charged today.

\$921–\$1,382



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

7

homes permitted, 2022–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

89%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.1–0.4% to the 909 homes here.

1–4

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 30% less than Iowa's.

\$146,600

median home value in Alta.

Alta



\$146,600

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS ALTA'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/ia/alta/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/ia/alta/)

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