



Altoona, Iowa.

Current market data.

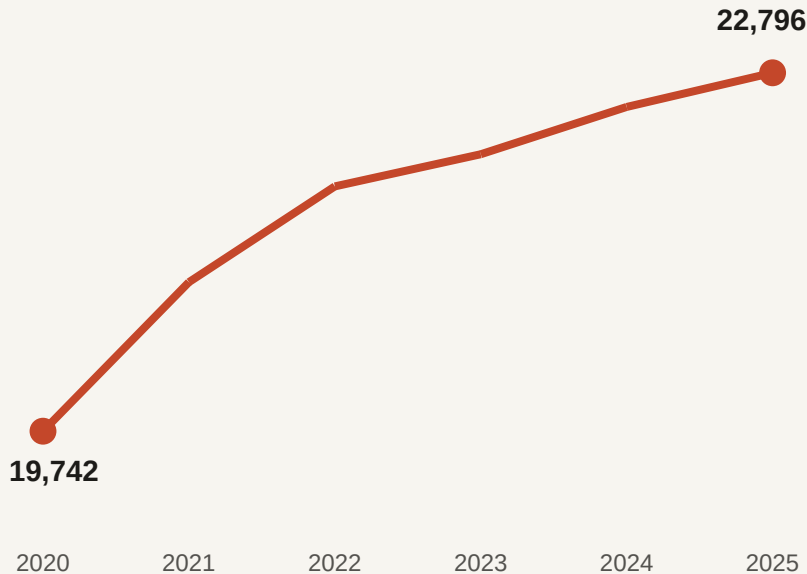
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 15.5% since 2020.

22,796

people, the 26th-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

89.5%

of 10,440 jobs located in Altoona are filled by in-commuters.



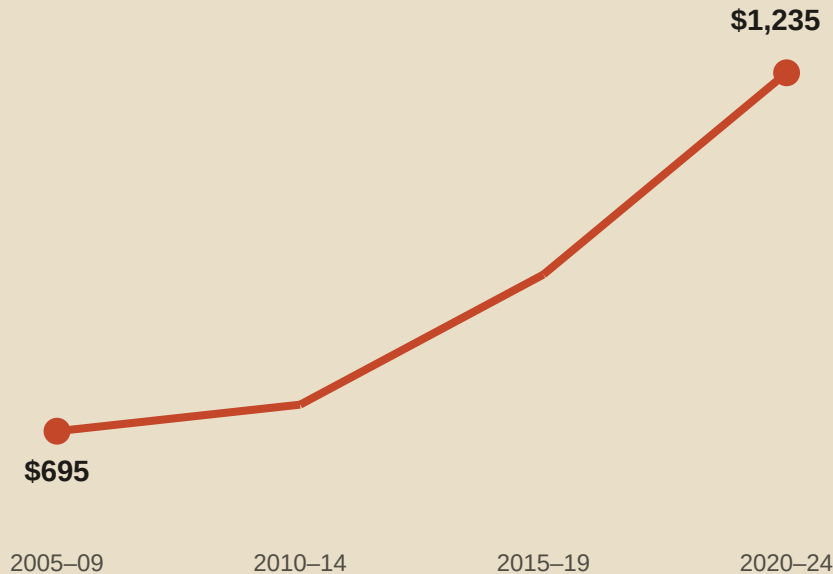
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 78%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,235

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$925 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Polk County.

TRACT 102.07

\$736

TRACT 102.15

\$1,661

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$930–\$1,395



\$1,235 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

53% of the housing here was built before 2000.

2,625

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

32%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

53%

of all homes were built before 2000



UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.2% to the 8,773 homes here.

30–104

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 32% more than Iowa's.

\$274,600

median home value in Altoona.

Altoona



\$274,600

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS ALTOONA'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/altoona/

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