Battle Creek, Iowa.

Current market data.

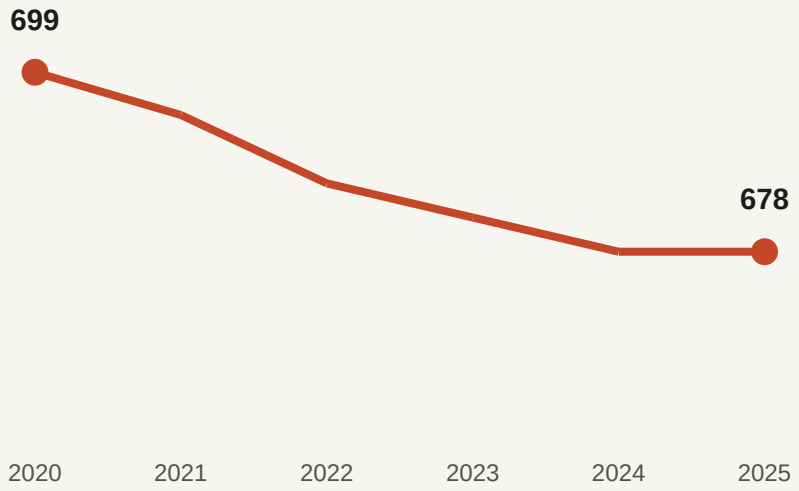
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 3.0% since 2020.

678

people, the 381st-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



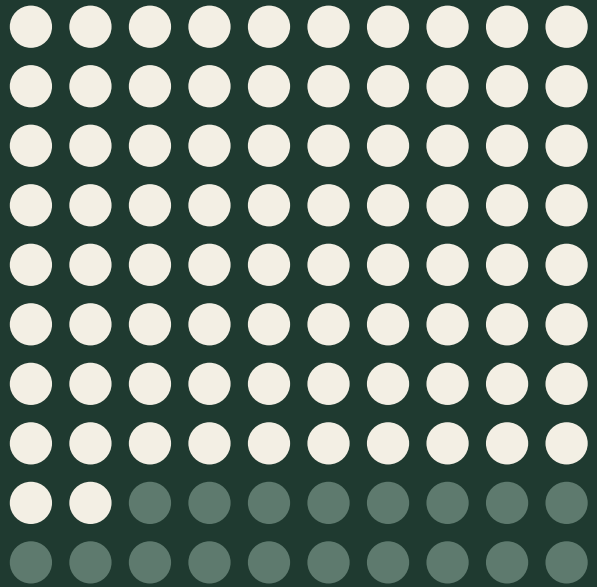
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

82.2%

of 101 jobs located in Battle Creek are filled by in-commuters.



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

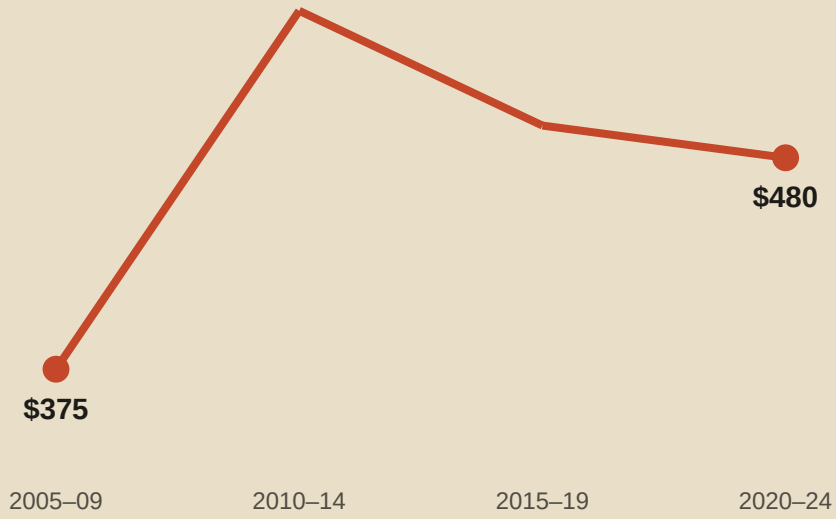
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

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

$480

a month. Iowa's median is $972.

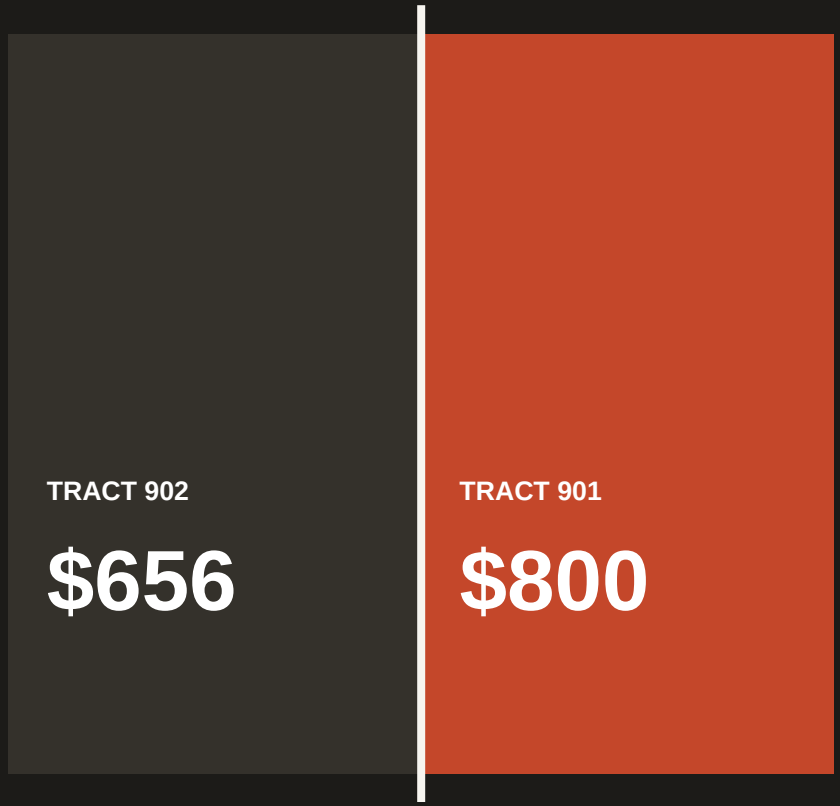


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $144.

A $144 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Ida County.



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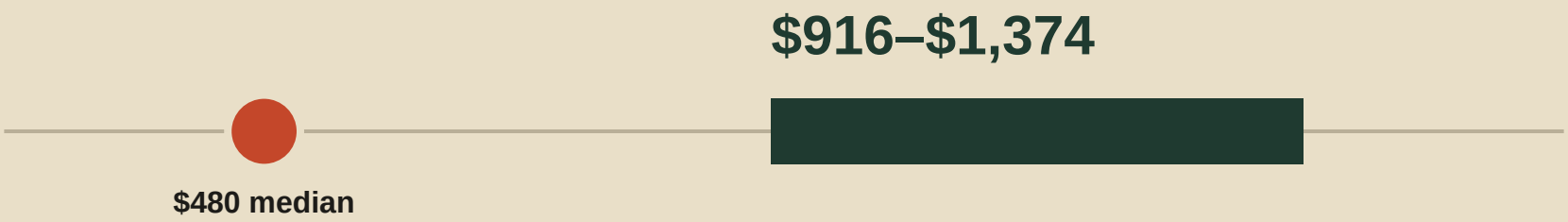
ROOM TO BUILD

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 0–0.3% to the 381 homes here.

0–1

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

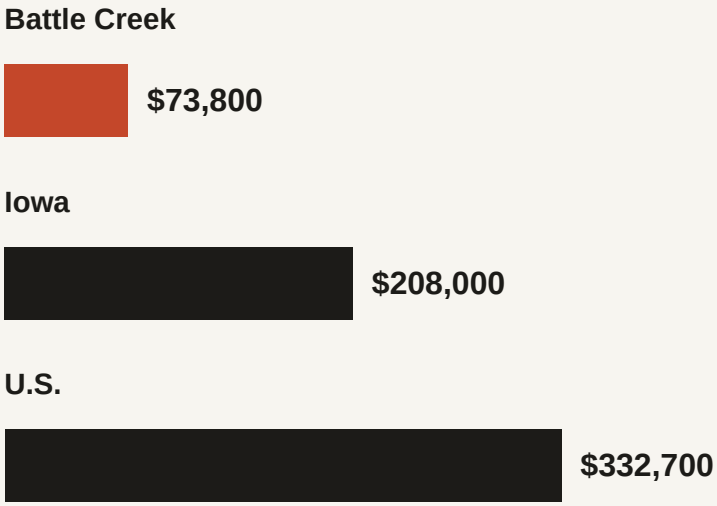
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 65% less than Iowa's.

$73,800

median home value in Battle Creek.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS BATTLE CREEK'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/battle-creek/**