



Central City, Iowa.

Current market data.

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

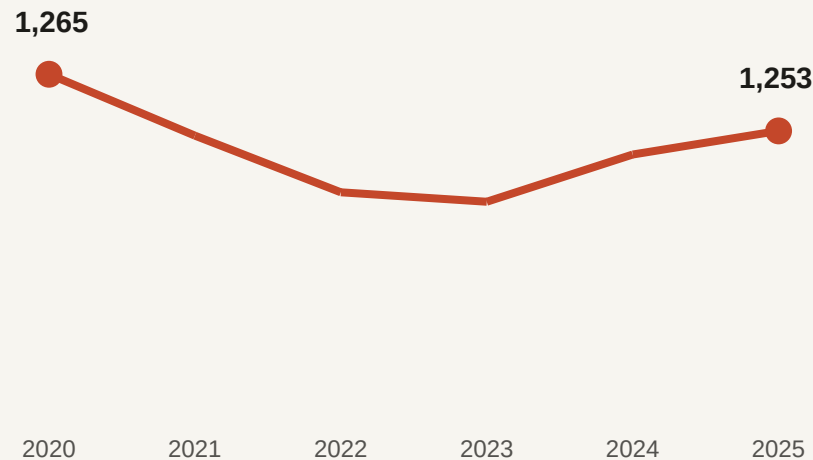


POPULATION

Down 0.9% since 2020.

1,253

people, the 231st-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

92.3%

of 246 jobs located in Central City are filled by in-commuters.



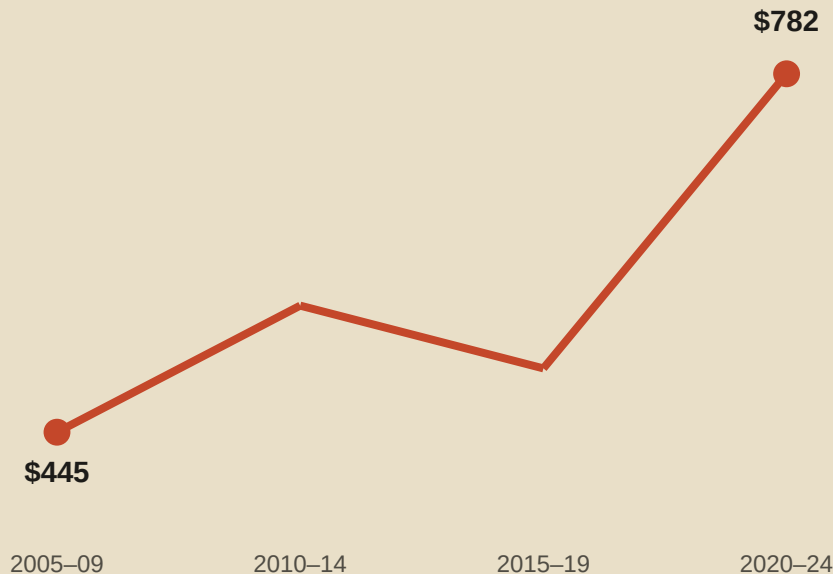
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 76%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$782

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$663 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Linn County.

TRACT 28

\$694

TRACT 16

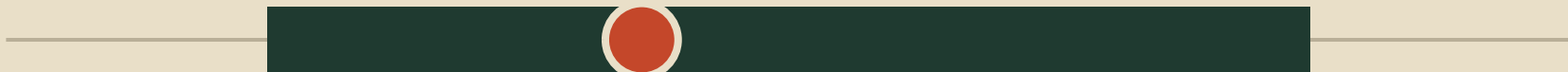
\$1,357



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$663–\$994



\$782 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

19

homes permitted, 2016–2021

11%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

88%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.2–0.3% to the 576 homes here.

1–2

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 14% less than Iowa's.

\$179,700

median home value in Central City.

Central City



\$179,700

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS CENTRAL CITY'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/central-city/

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