



Chester, Iowa.

Current market data.

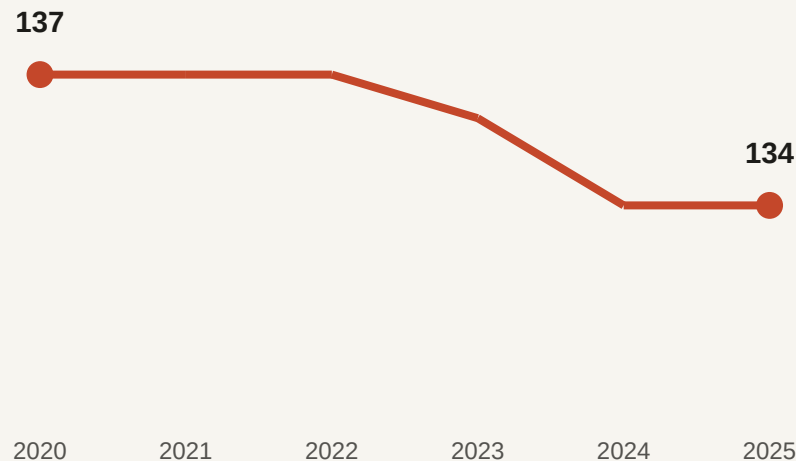
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 2.2% since 2020.

134

people, the 760th-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

Every job here goes to
someone who lives
somewhere else.

100.0%

of 34 jobs located in Chester are filled by in-commuters.



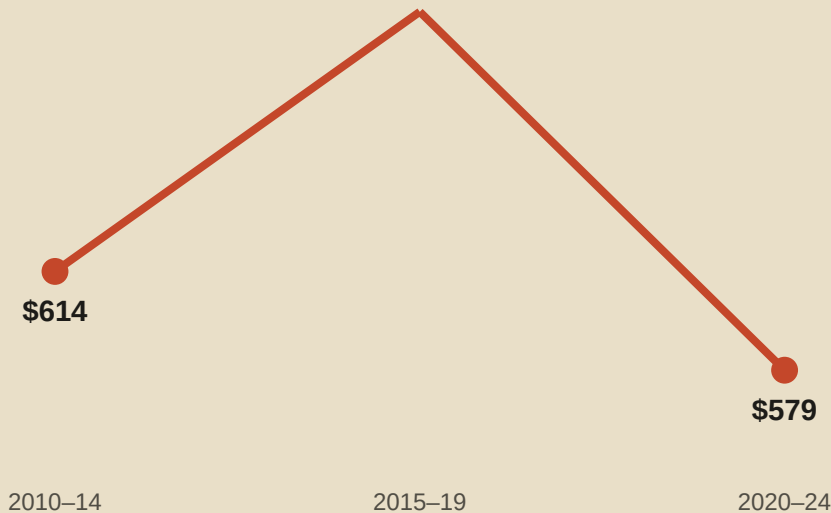
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is down 6%
since the 2010–2014
survey, before inflation.

\$579

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



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps \$8.

A \$8 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Howard County.

TRACT 9603

\$706

TRACT 9602

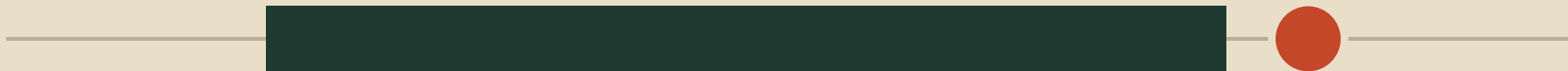
\$714



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent is above what local wages can carry.

\$375–\$563



\$579 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.



BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

0

homes permitted, 2022–2025

95%

of all homes were built before 2000



UNITS NEEDED

None of three estimates finds a housing shortfall here.

0

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 42%
less than Iowa's.

\$120,800

median home value in Chester.

Chester



\$120,800

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700



THAT WAS CHESTER'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/chester/

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