



Clear Lake, Iowa.

Current market data.

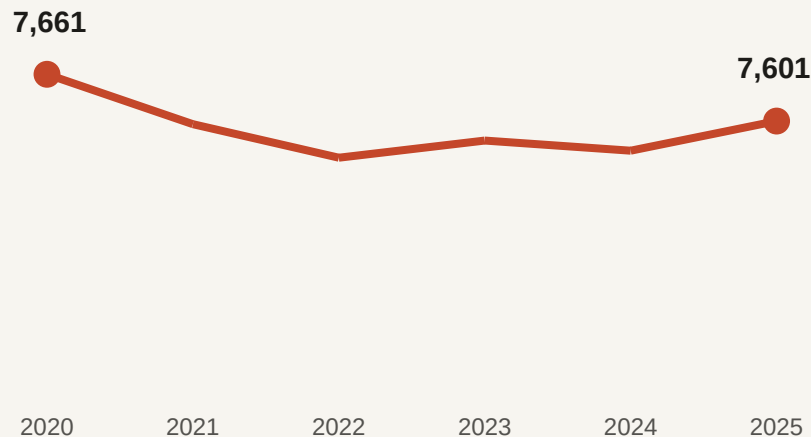
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 0.8% since 2020.

7,601

people, the 52nd-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.

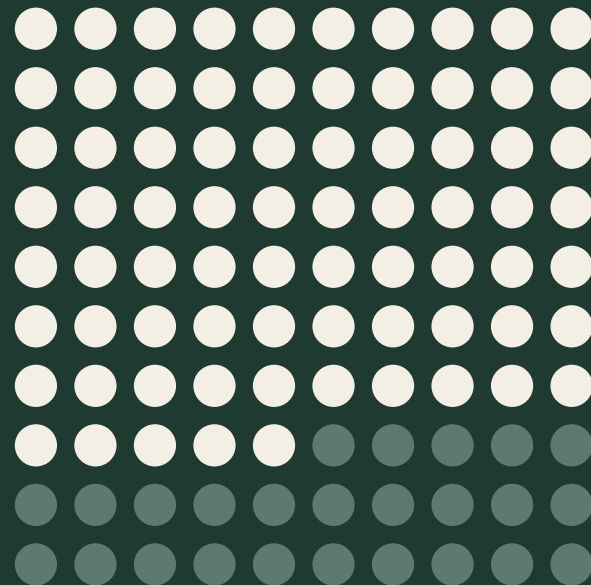


THE WORKDAY

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

75.0%

of 3,863 jobs located in Clear Lake are filled by in-commuters.



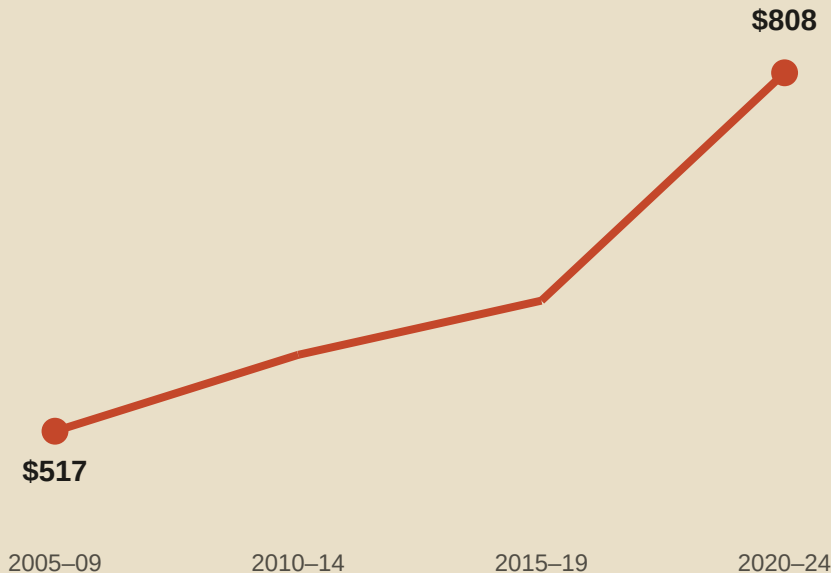
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 56%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$808

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps \$447.

A \$447 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Cerro Gordo County.

TRACT 9506

\$553

TRACT 9514

\$1,000

ROOM TO BUILD

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



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

195

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

35%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

80%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.2–0.9% to the 4,470 homes here.

7–39

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 25% more than Iowa's.

\$259,500

median home value in Clear Lake.

Clear Lake



\$259,500

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS CLEAR LAKE'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/clear-lake/

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