Dubuque, Iowa.

Current market data.

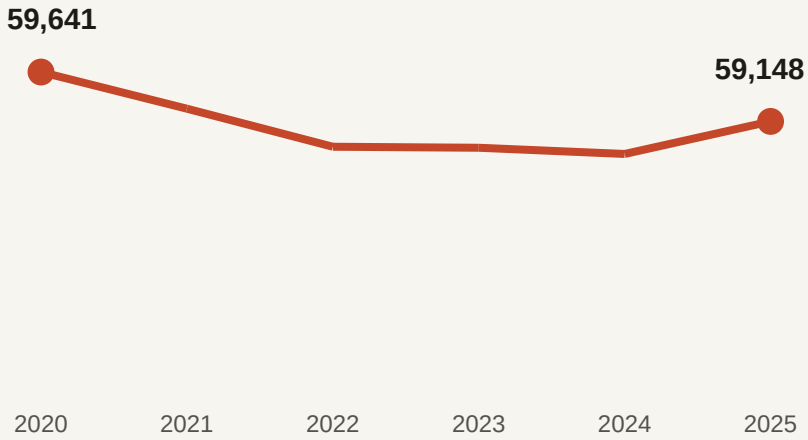
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 0.8% since 2020.

59,148

people, the 11th-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



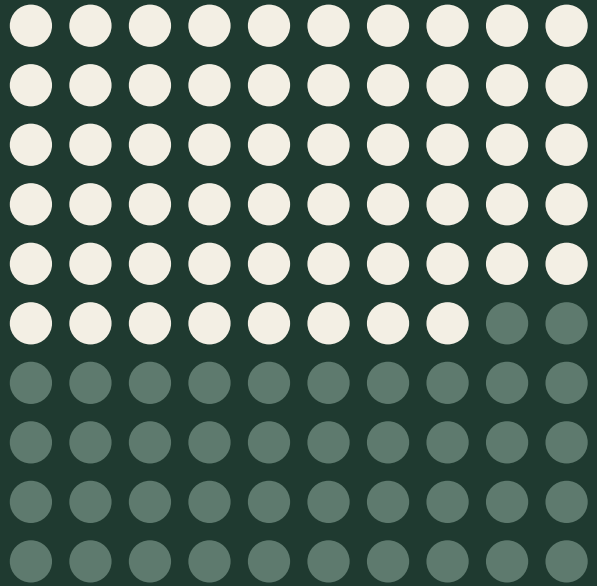
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

57.5%

of 44,033 jobs located in Dubuque are filled by in-commuters.



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

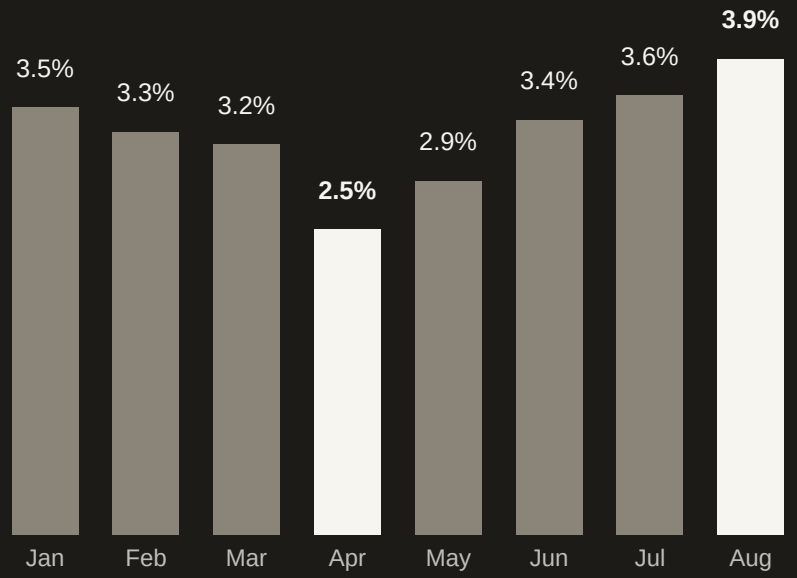
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April: 2.5%.

3.9%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.0%.



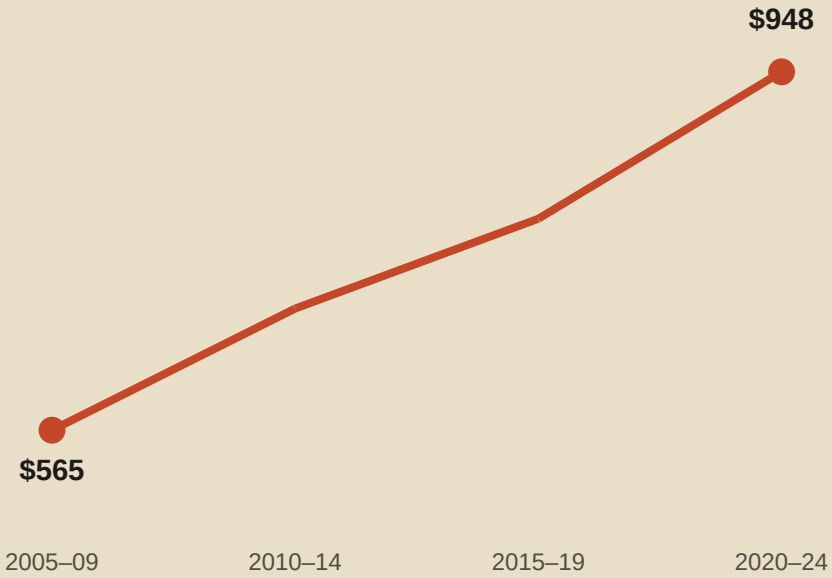
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 68% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$948

a month. Iowa's median is $972.

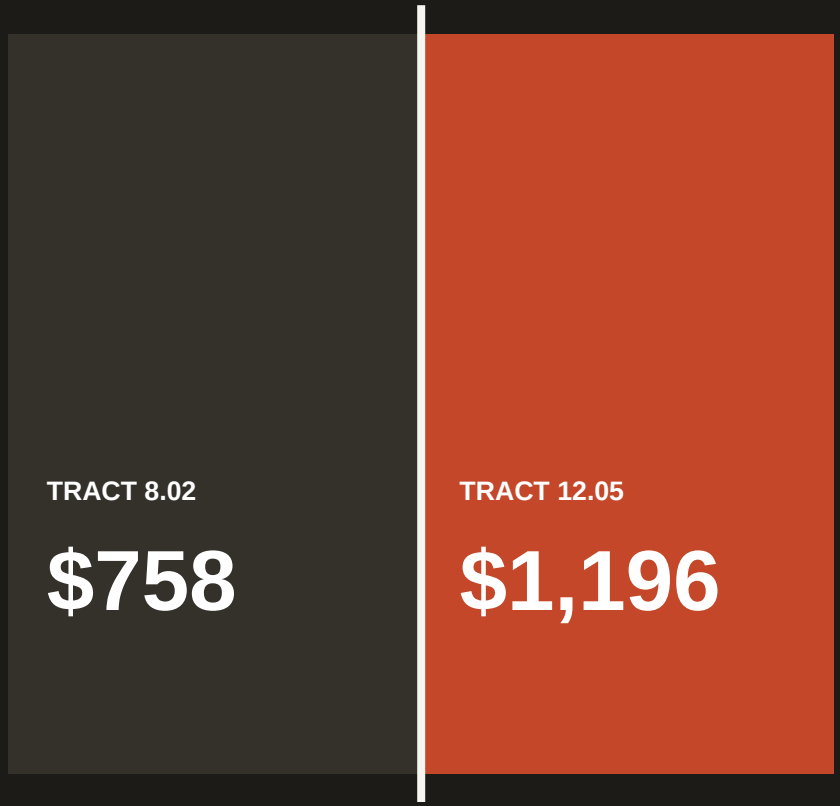


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $438.

A $438 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Dubuque County.



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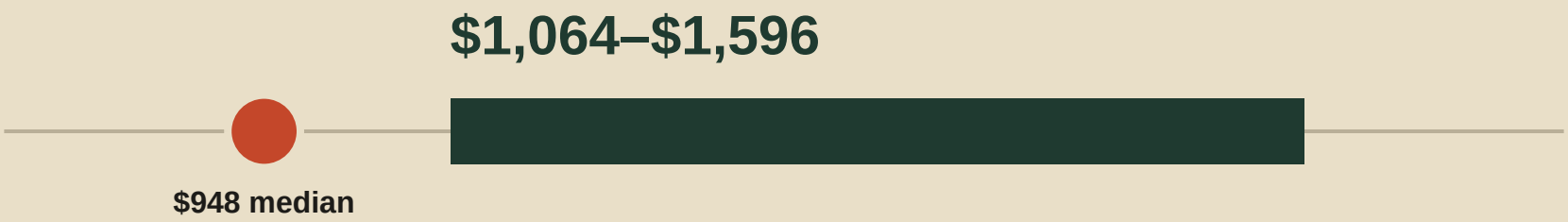
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

1,424

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

61%

of those were in multifamily buildings

85%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2016-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.6% to the 27,832 homes here.

84–440

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

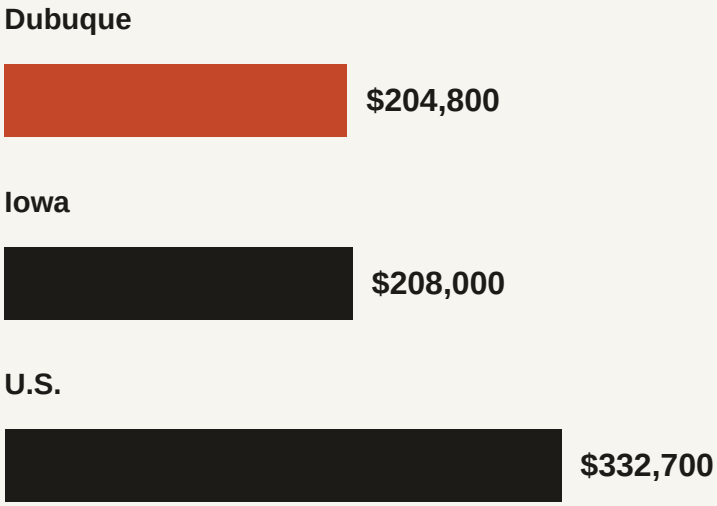
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 2% less than Iowa's.

$204,800

median home value in Dubuque.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS DUBUQUE'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/dubuque/**