



Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Current market data.

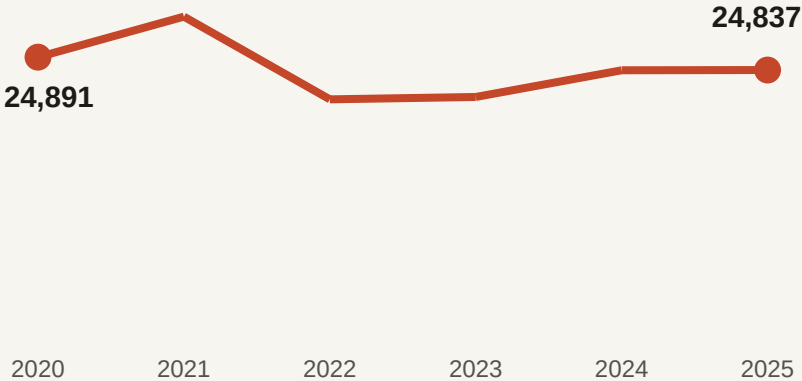
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Steady. Within 1% of 2020,
every year since.

24,837

people, the 21st-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

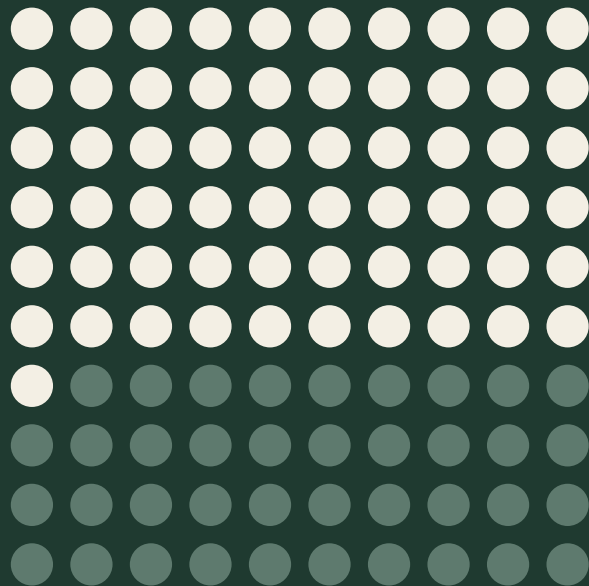
THE WORKDAY

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

61.3%

of 13,593 jobs located in Fort Dodge are filled by
in-commuters.

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023



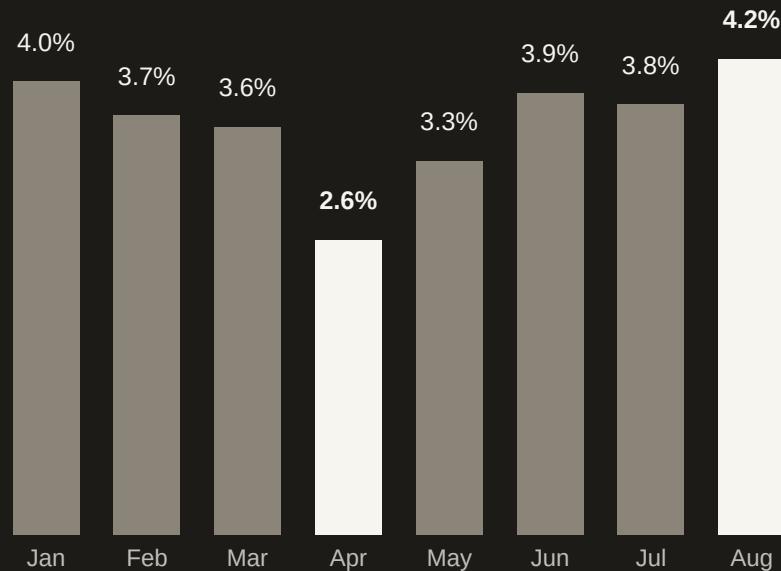
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
2.6%.

4.2%

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

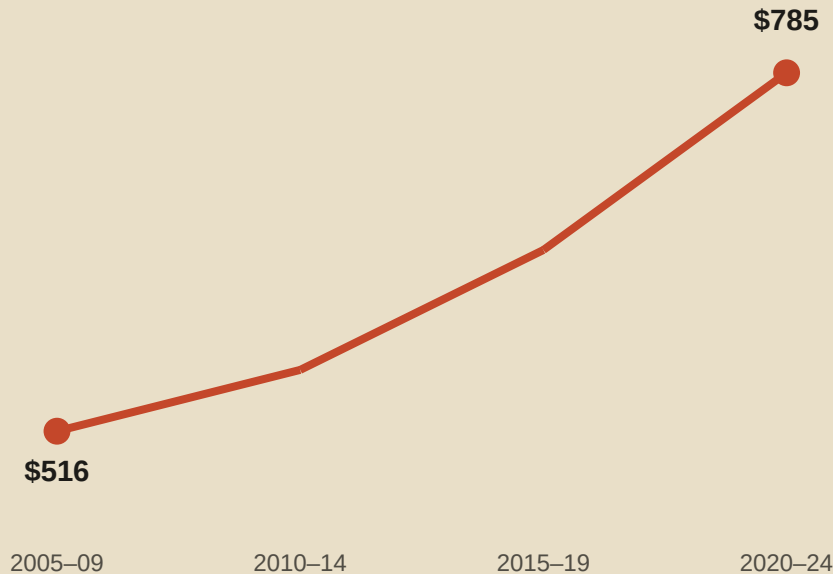


RENT

Median rent is up 52%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$785

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$530 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Webster County.

TRACT 7

\$520

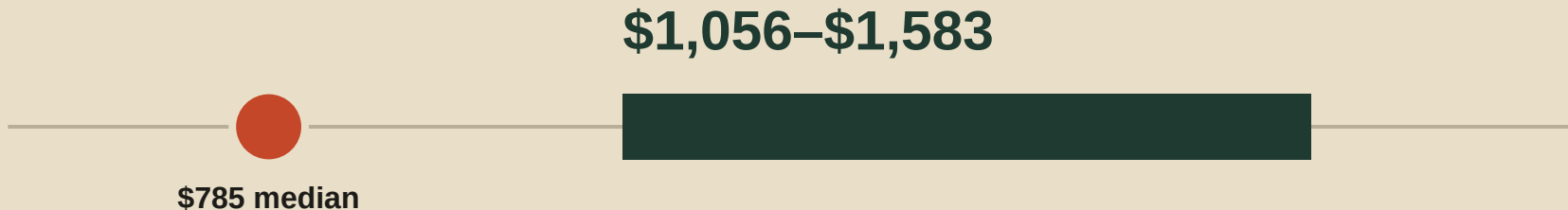
TRACT 5

\$1,050



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.

164

homes permitted, 2022–2025

92%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

89%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.2% to the 11,475 homes here.

37–136

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 31% less than Iowa's.

\$144,100

median home value in Fort Dodge.

Fort Dodge



\$144,100

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS FORT DODGE'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/fort-dodge/

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