Grimes, Iowa.

Current market data.

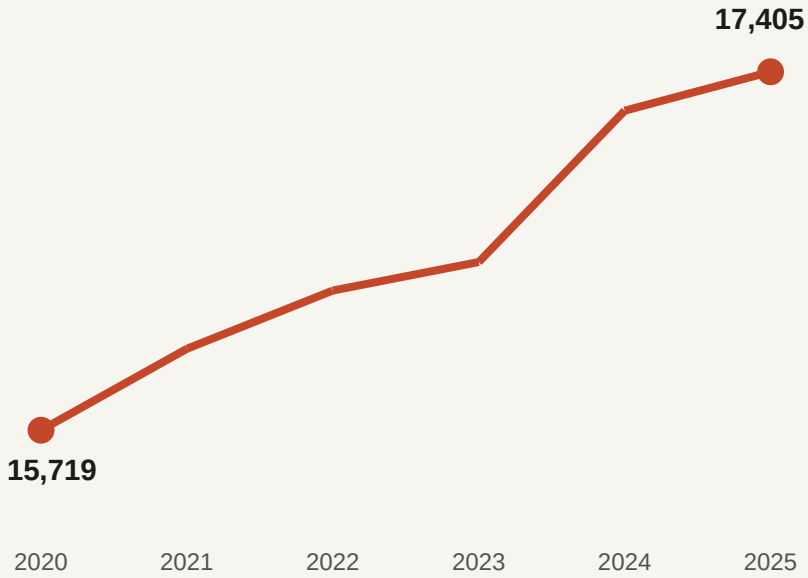
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 10.7% since 2020.

17,405

people, the 29th-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



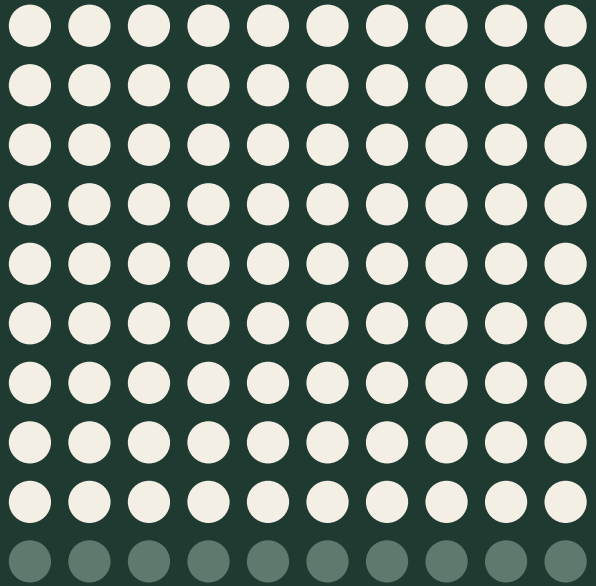
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

89.9%

of 8,493 jobs located in Grimes are filled by in-commuters.



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

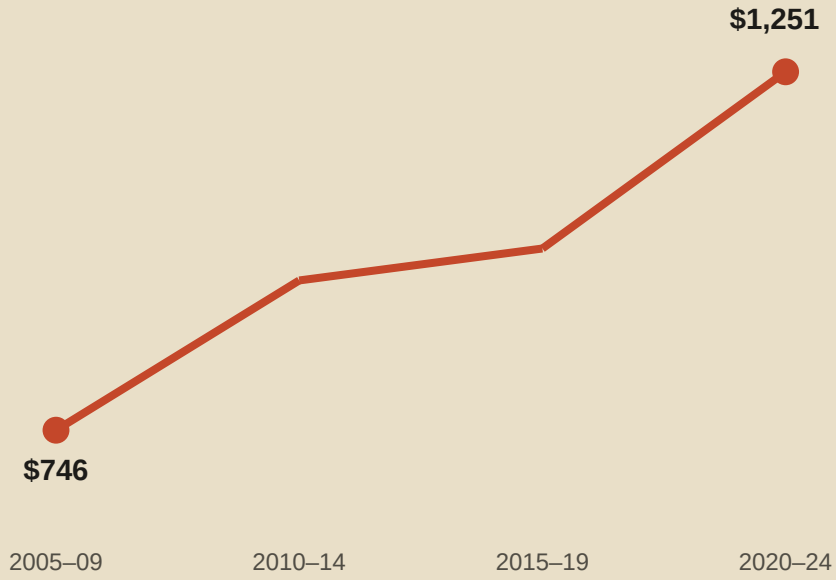
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

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

$1,251

a month. Iowa's median is $972.

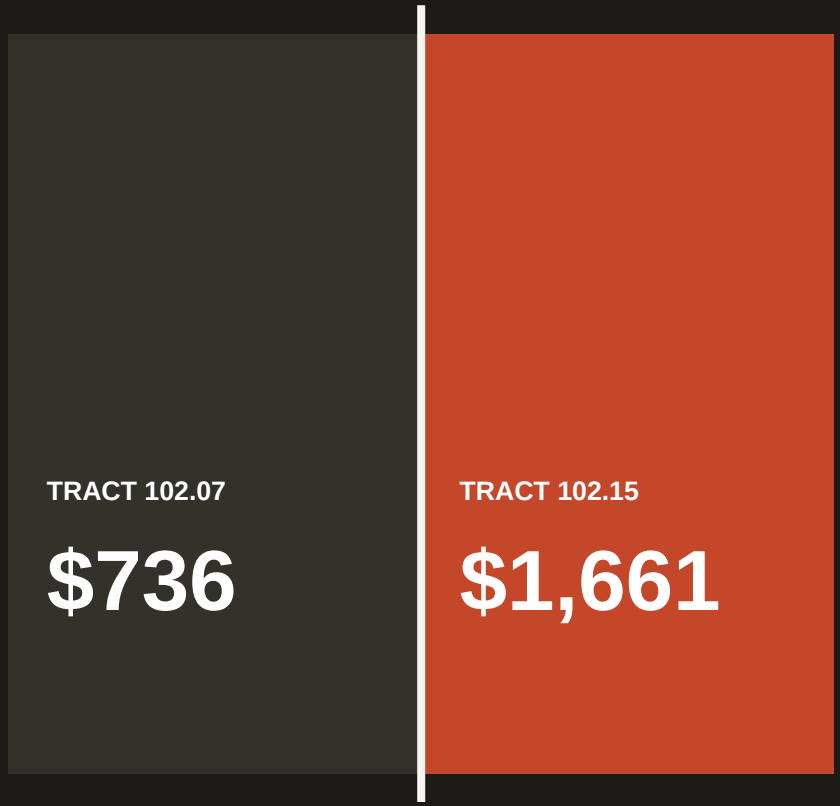


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $925 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Polk County.



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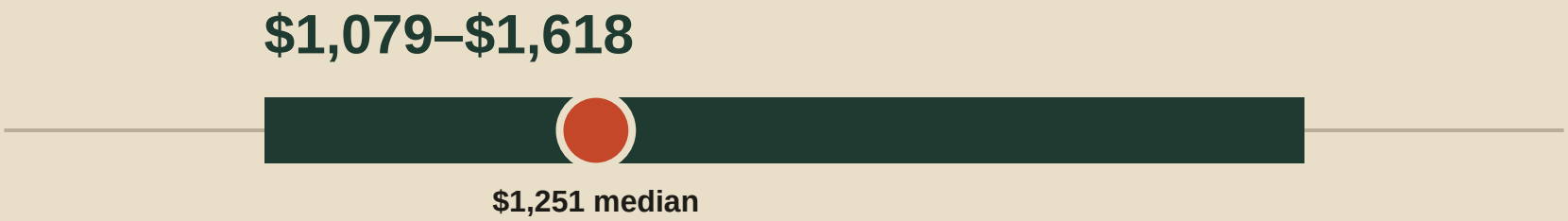
ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.



is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

34% of the housing here was built before 2000.

2,593

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

44%

of those were in multifamily buildings

34%

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 0.3–1.4% to the 6,224 homes here.

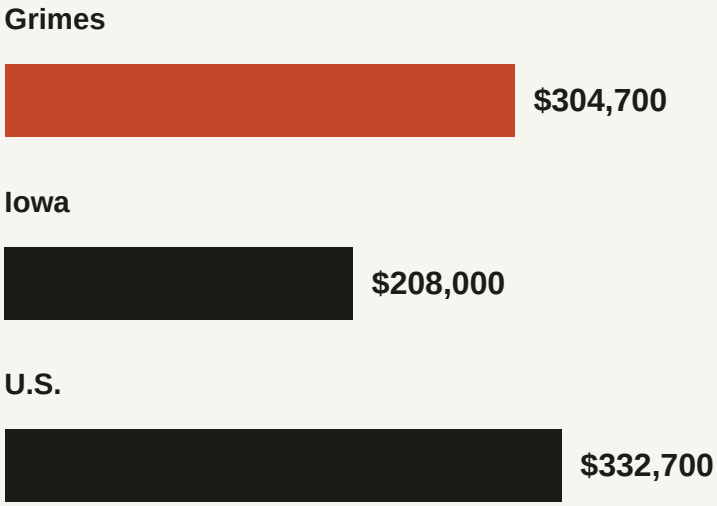
21–85

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 46% more than Iowa's.



$304,700

median home value in Grimes.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS GRIMES'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/grimes/**