



Johnston, Iowa.

Current market data.

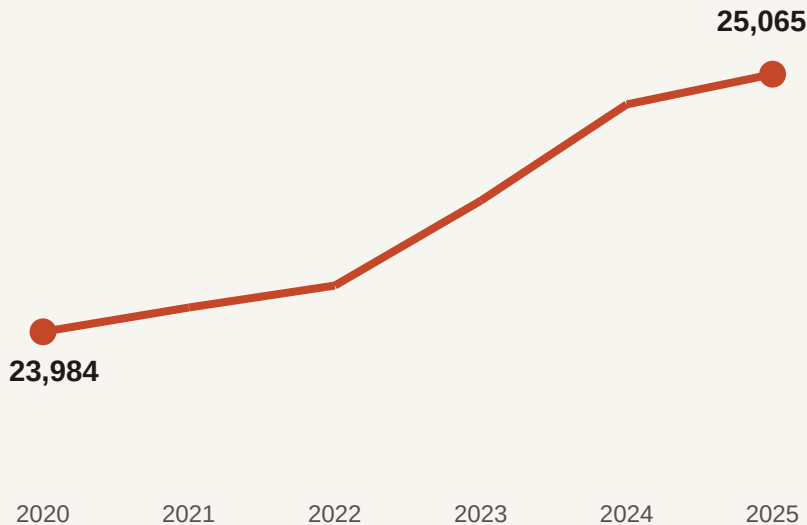
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

**Growing. Up 4.5% since
2020.**

25,065

people, the 20th-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.

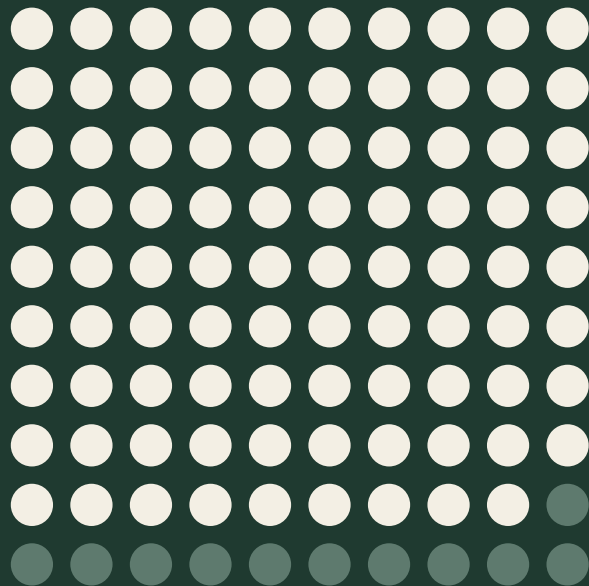


THE WORKDAY

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

88.7%

of 14,703 jobs located in Johnston are filled by in-commuters.



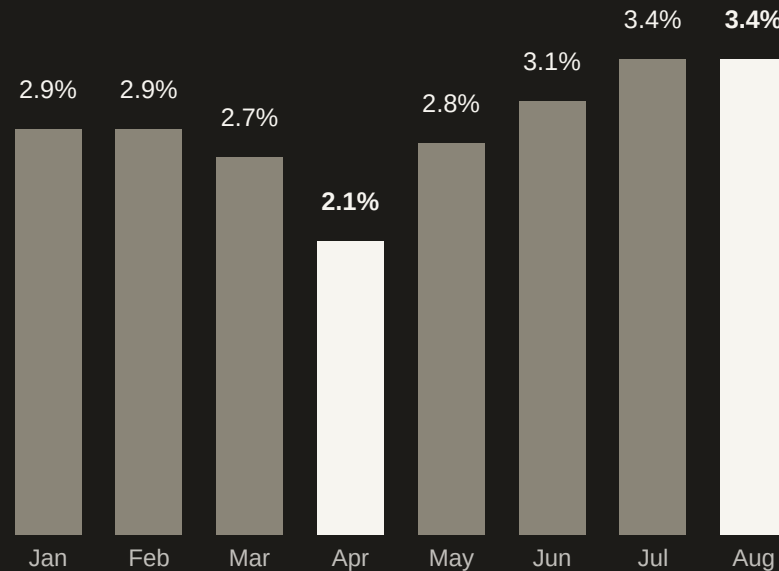
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April:
2.1%.

3.4%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 3.5%.



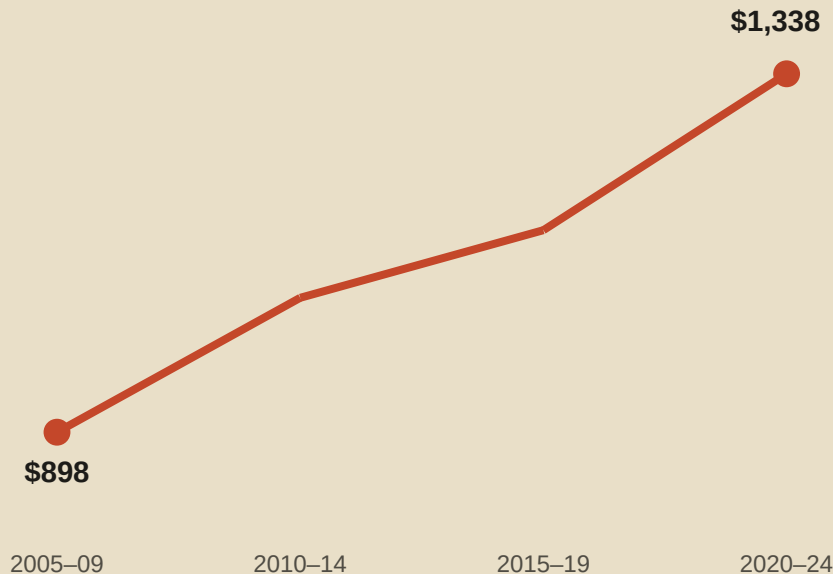


RENT

Median rent is up 49%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,338

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





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.

TRACT 102.07

\$736

TRACT 102.15

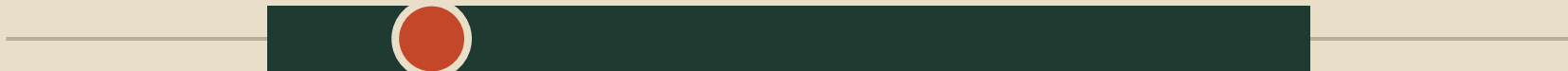
\$1,661



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,240–\$1,860



\$1,338 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

37% of the housing here was built before 2000.

1,764

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

47%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

37%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.5% to the 9,720 homes here.

30–147

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 77%
more than Iowa's.

\$369,100

median home value in Johnston.

Johnston



\$369,100

Iowa



\$208,000

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS JOHNSTON'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/johnston/**](https://almanacdata.ai/e/ia/johnston/)

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