Olin, Iowa.

Current market data.

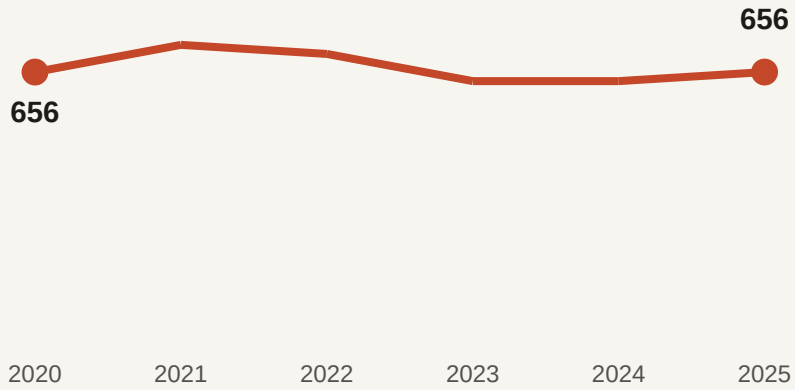
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

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

656

people, the 388th-largest of Iowa's cities and towns.



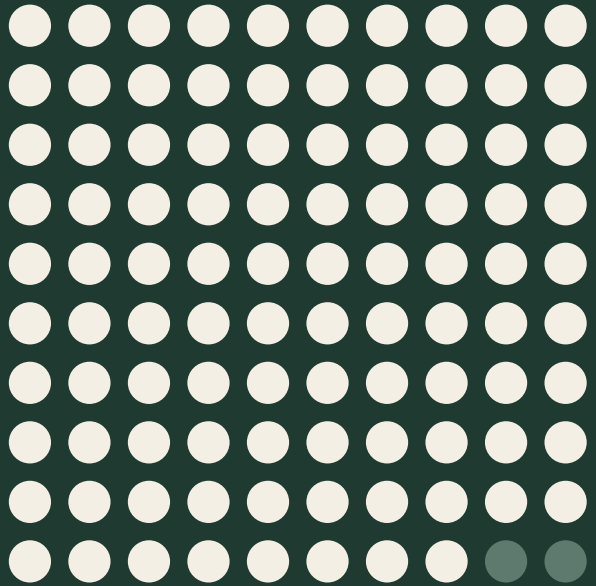
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

Nearly every job here goes to someone who lives somewhere else.

97.6%

of 82 jobs located in Olin are filled by in-commuters.



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

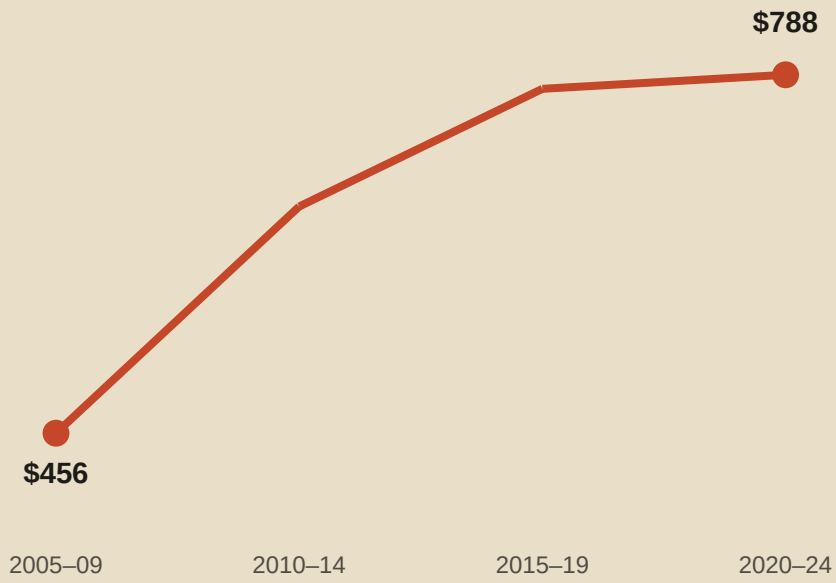
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 73% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$788

a month. Iowa's median is $972.

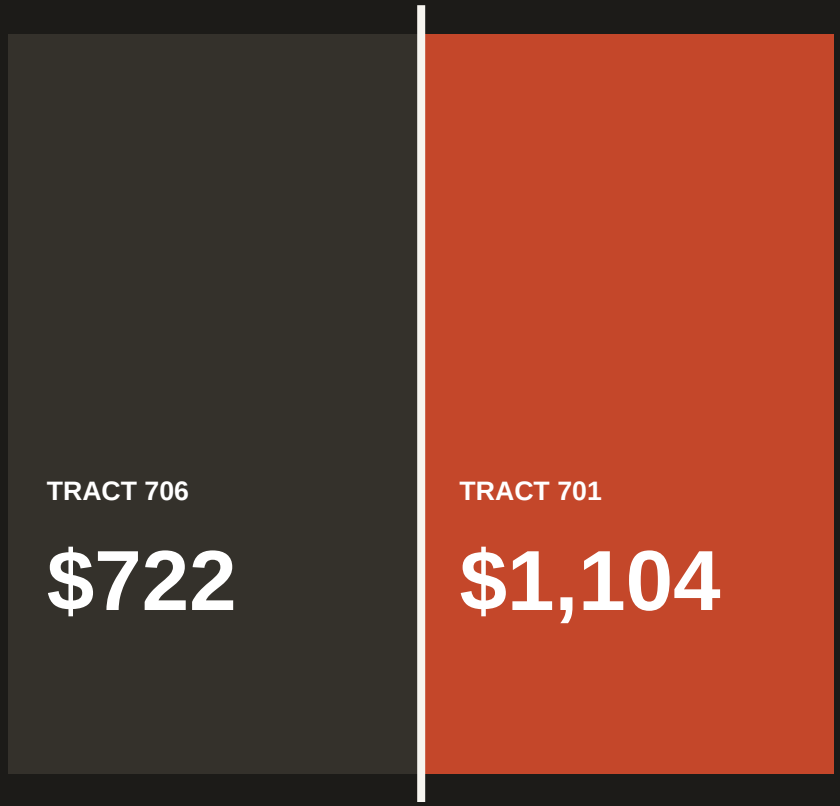


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $382.

A $382 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Jones County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

0

homes permitted, 2022–2025

95%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2022-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3% to the 332 homes here.

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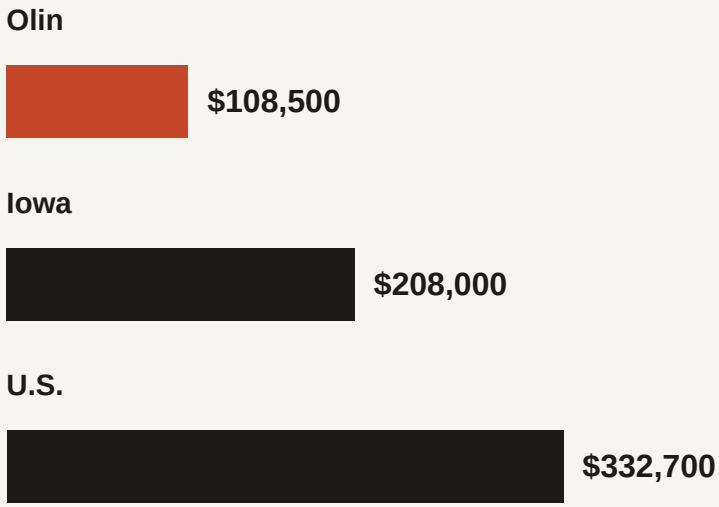
is the estimated number of missing housing units; all three estimates agree.

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 48% less than Iowa's.



$108,500

median home value in Olin.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS OLIN'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/olin/**