



Alton, Illinois.

Current market data.

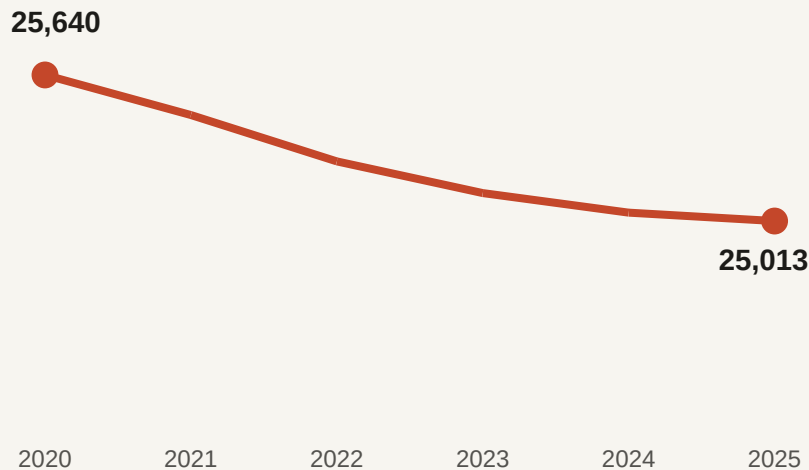
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 2.4% since 2020.

25,013

people, the 90th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.

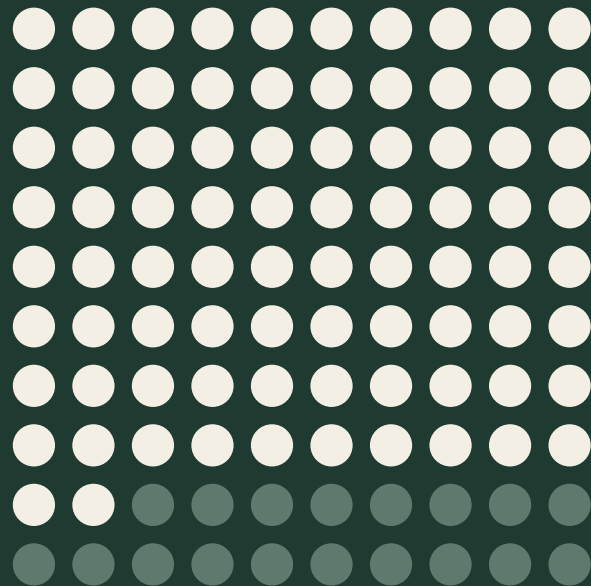


THE WORKDAY

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

82.3%

of 13,785 jobs located in Alton are filled by in-commuters.



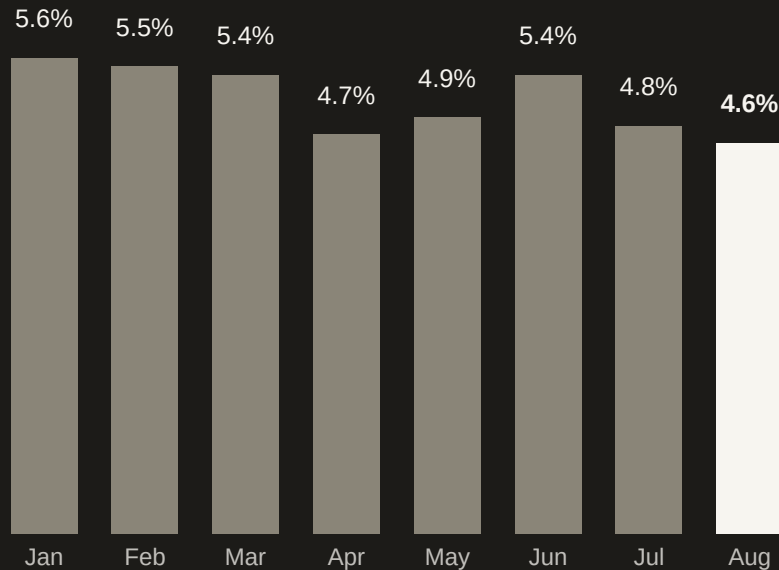
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in August:
4.6%.

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in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 5.5%.

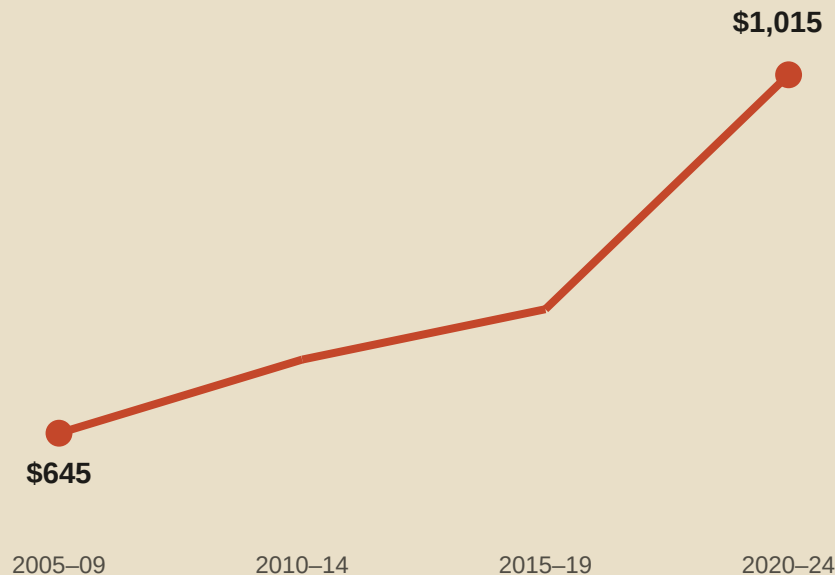


RENT

Median rent is up 57%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,015

a month. Illinois's median is \$1,274.





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$946 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Madison County.

TRACT 4017.22

\$765

TRACT 4028.05

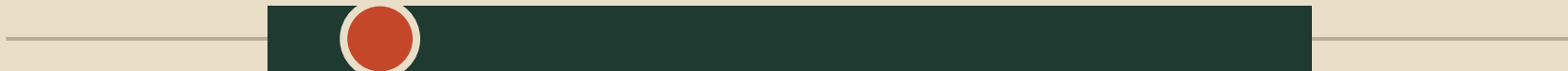
\$1,711



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$963–\$1,444



\$1,015 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.



BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

37

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

89%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

92%

of all homes were built before 2000



UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.1% to the 12,551 homes here.

42–138

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 61% less than Illinois's.

\$103,700

median home value in Alton.

Alton



\$103,700

Illinois



\$263,300

U.S.



\$332,700



THAT WAS ALTON'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/il/alton/

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