



Chicago, Illinois.

Current market data.

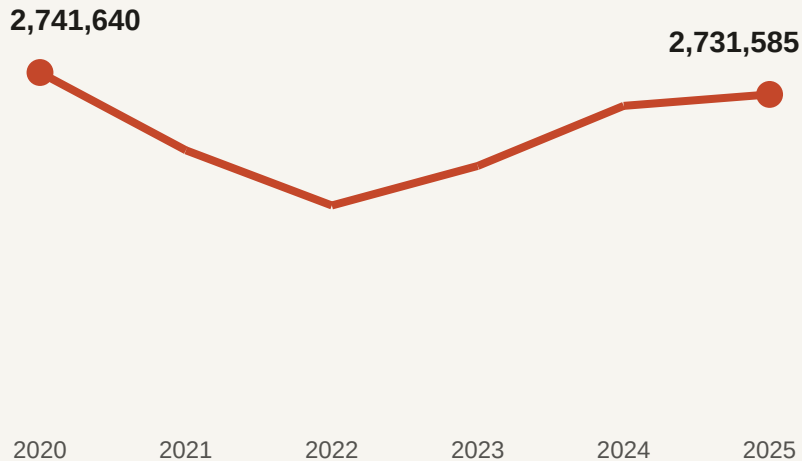
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 0.4% since 2020.

2,731,585

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



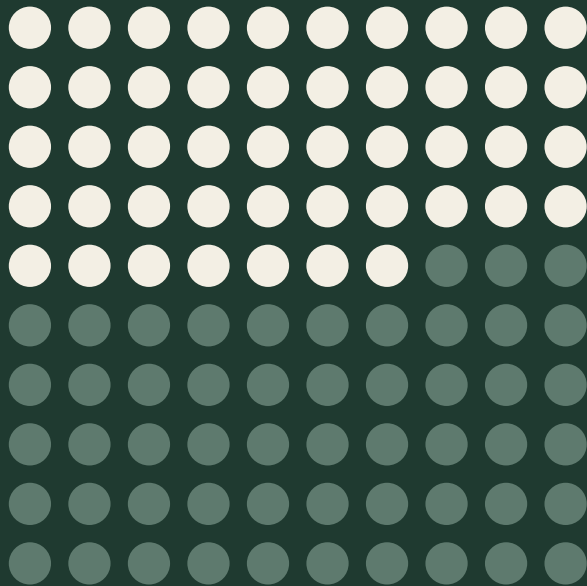
THE WORKDAY

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

47.2%

of 1,463,210 jobs located in Chicago are filled by
in-commuters.

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023



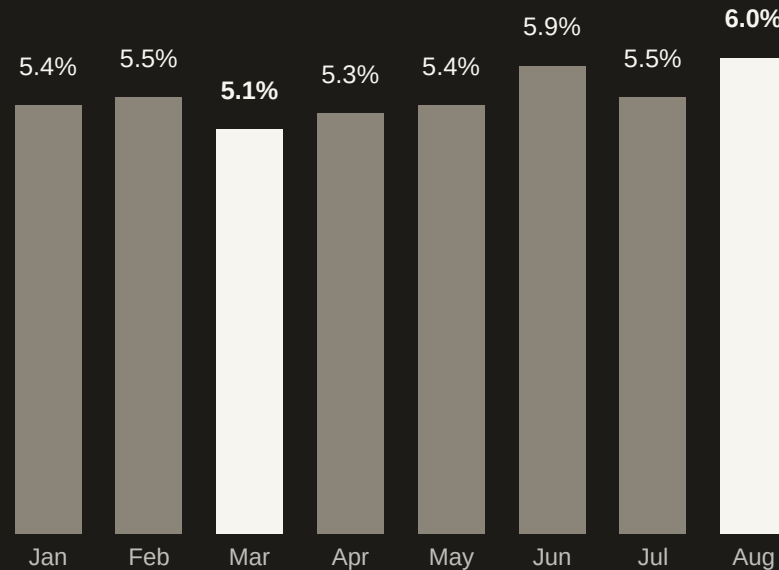
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in March:
5.1%.

6.0%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.9%.



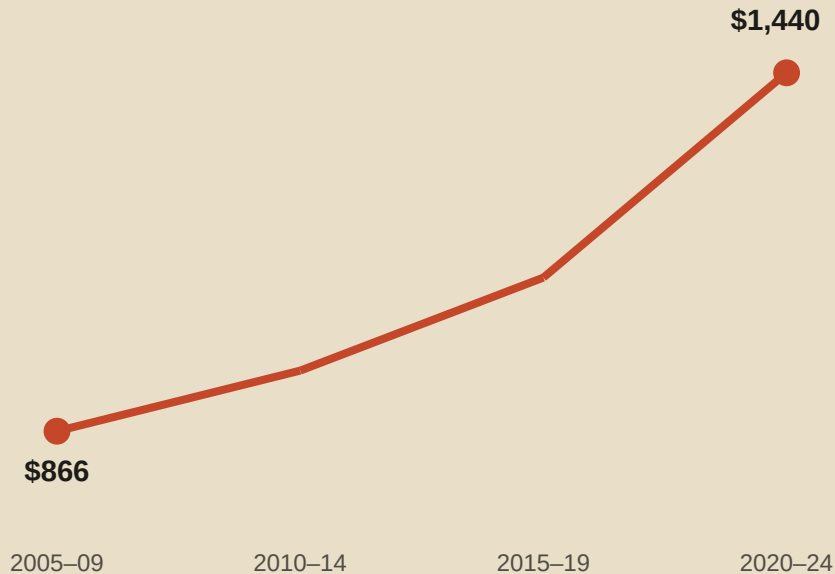


RENT

**Median rent is up 66%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.**

\$1,440

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



THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$3,070 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Cook County.

TRACT 1301

\$431

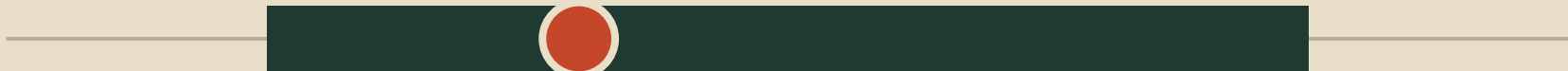
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\$3,501

ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,252–\$1,879



\$1,440 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

60,716

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

93%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

85%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

**Closing the gap would add 0.5–1.1% to the
1,277,054 homes here.**

6,117–14,632

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 27% more than Illinois's.

\$334,100

median home value in Chicago.

Chicago



\$334,100

Illinois



\$263,300

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS CHICAGO'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/chicago/

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