



Cowden, Illinois.

Current market data.

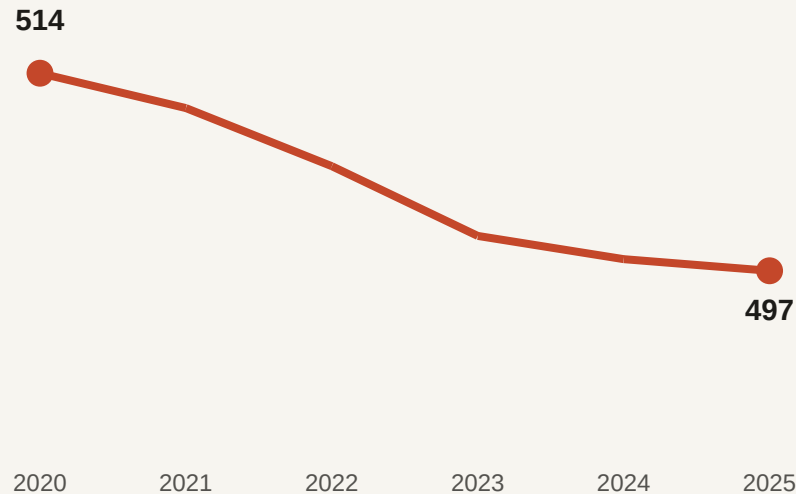
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 3.3% since 2020.

497

people, the 865th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.



THE WORKDAY

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

97.4%

of 39 jobs located in Cowden are filled by in-commuters.



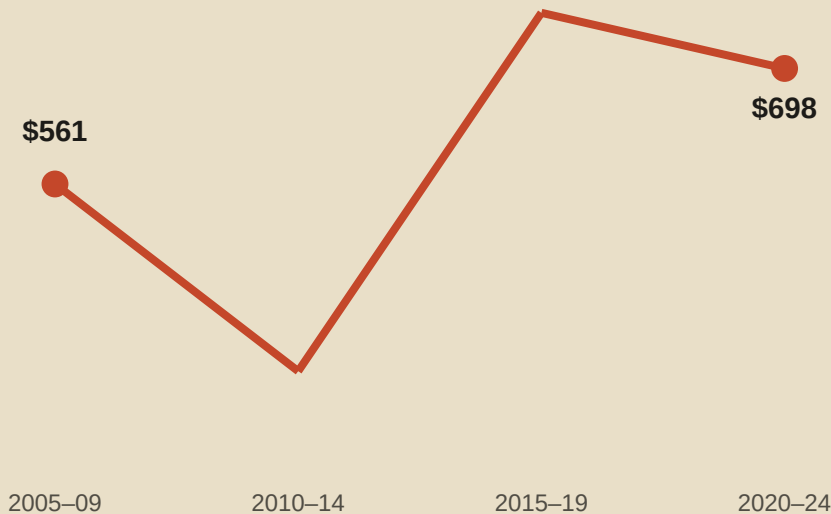
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 24%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$698

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps \$282.

A \$282 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Shelby County.

TRACT 9592

\$693

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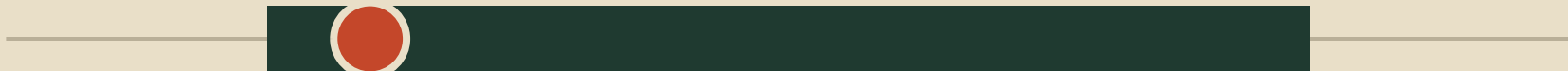
\$975



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$665–\$998



\$698 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

0

homes permitted, 2022–2025

85%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0–0.4% to the 227 homes here.

0–1

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 71% less than Illinois's.

\$77,000

median home value in Cowden.

Cowden



\$77,000

Illinois



\$263,300

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS COWDEN'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/cowden/

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