DeKalb, Illinois.

Current market data.

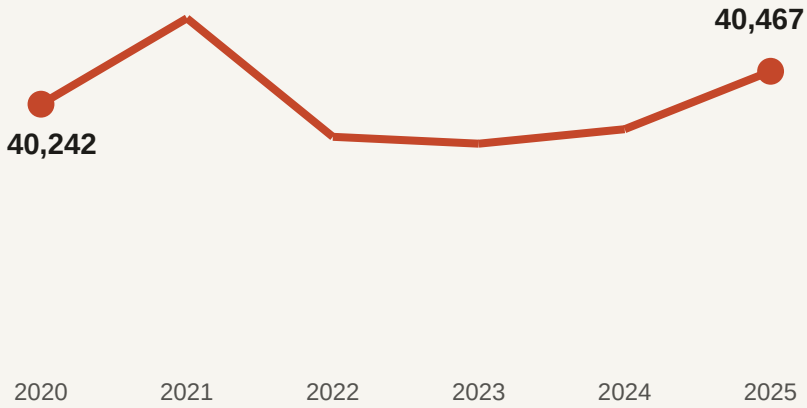
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 0.6% since 2020.

40,467

people, the 40th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.



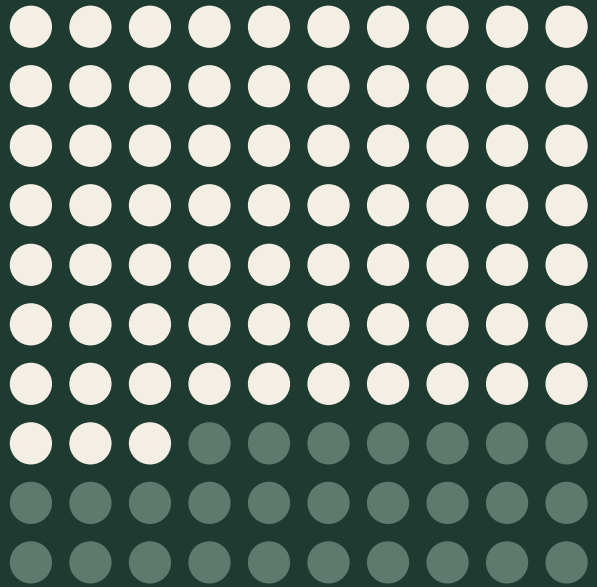
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

73.3%

of 15,386 jobs located in DeKalb are filled by in-commuters.



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

Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in July: 4.5%.

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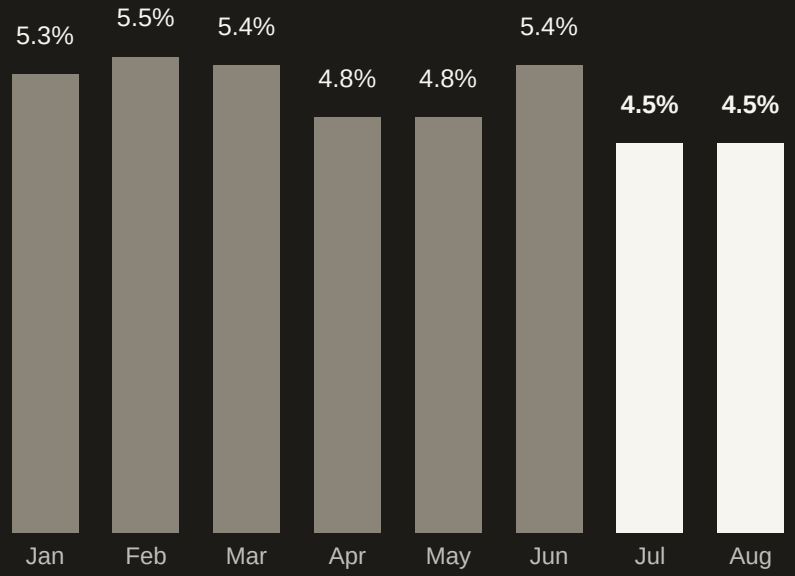
in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 5.5%.



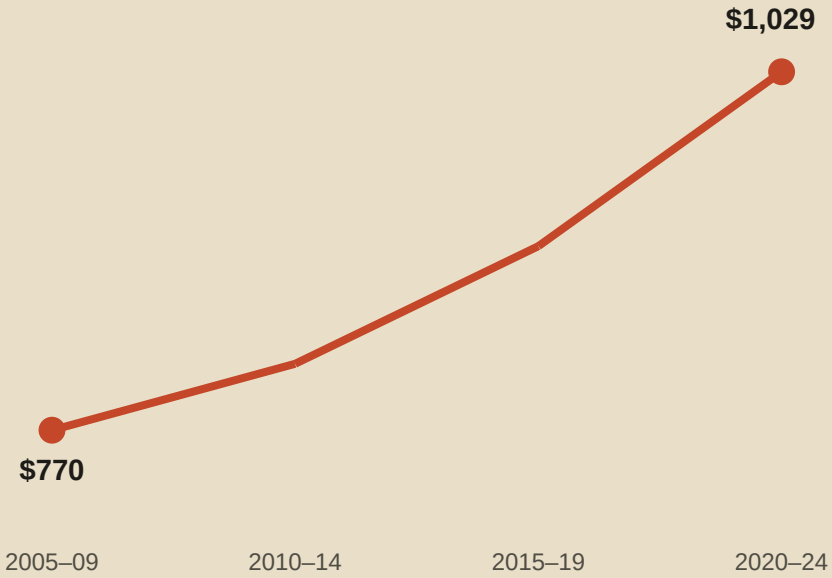
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 34% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,029

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

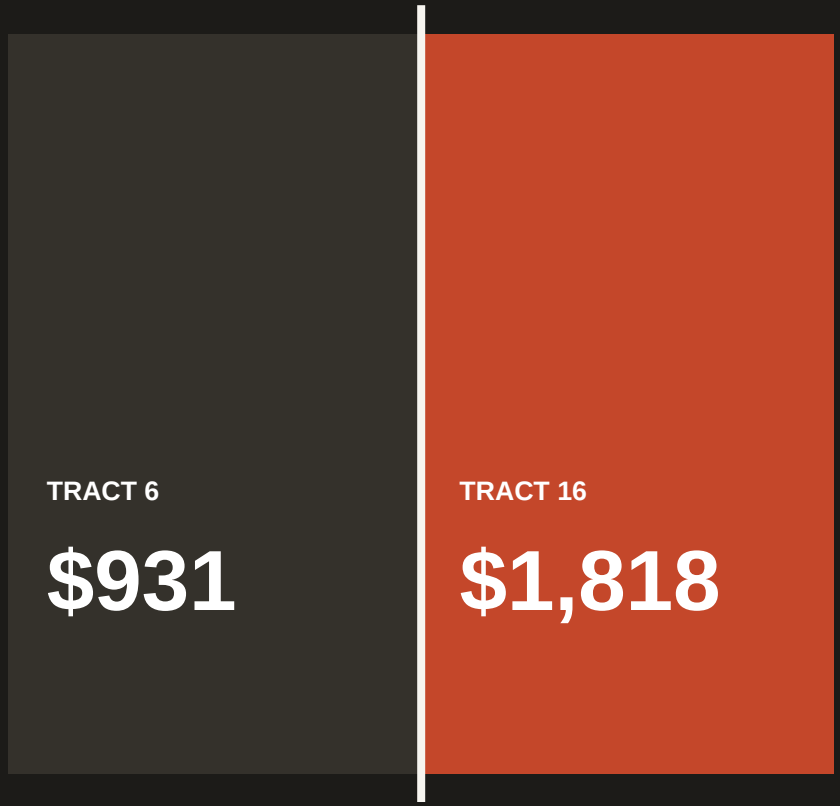


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $887 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in DeKalb County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

Local wages can carry more rent than the median charged today.

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.

513

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

86%

of those were in multifamily buildings

77%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2016-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.6–0.9% to the 17,395 homes here.

97–154

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

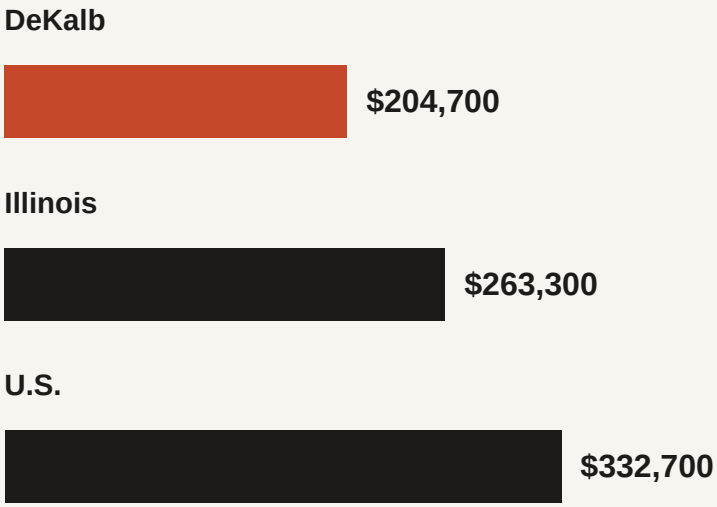
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 22% less than Illinois's.

$204,700

median home value in DeKalb.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS DEKALB'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/dekalb/**