Elwood, Illinois.

Current market data.

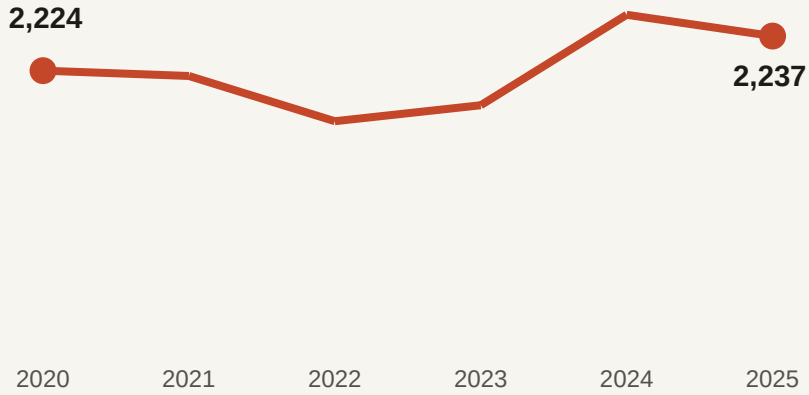
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

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

2,237

people, the 457th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.



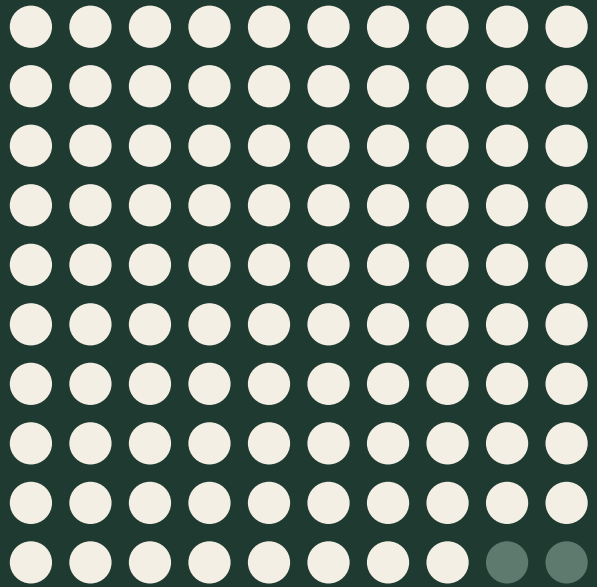
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

98.3%

of 2,480 jobs located in Elwood are filled by in-commuters.



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

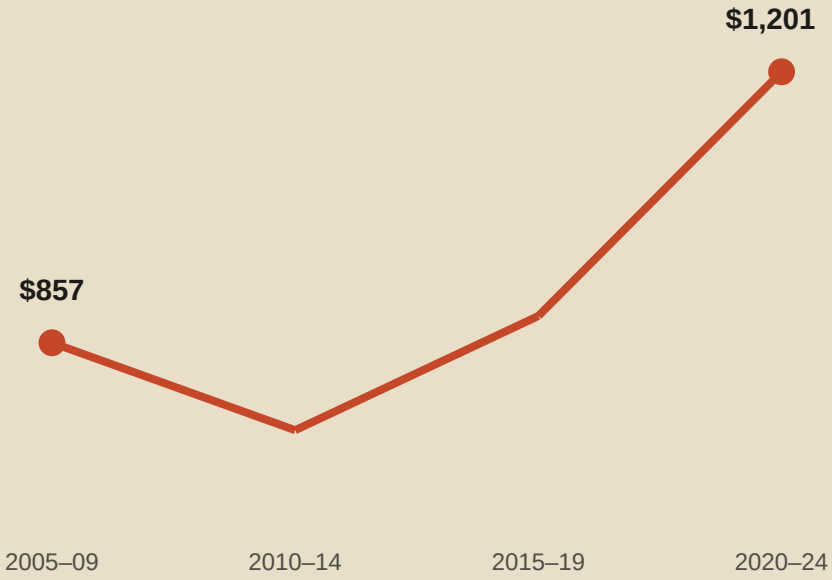
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 40% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,201

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

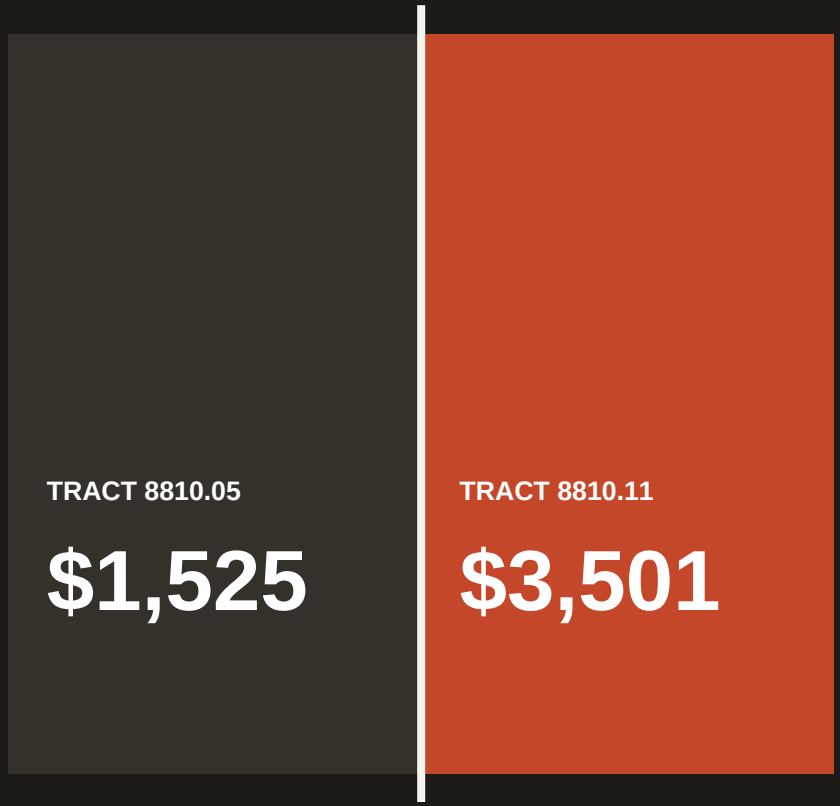


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $1,976 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Will County.



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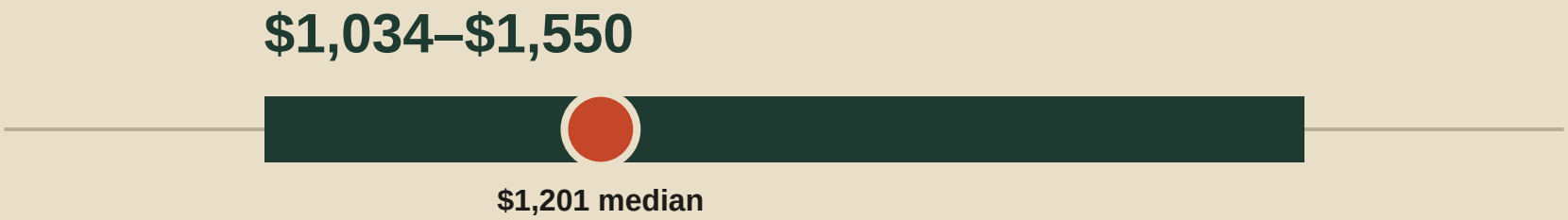
ROOM TO BUILD

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

71% of the housing here was built before 2000.

37

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

59%

of those were in multifamily buildings

71%

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 0.1–2.7% to the 934 homes here.

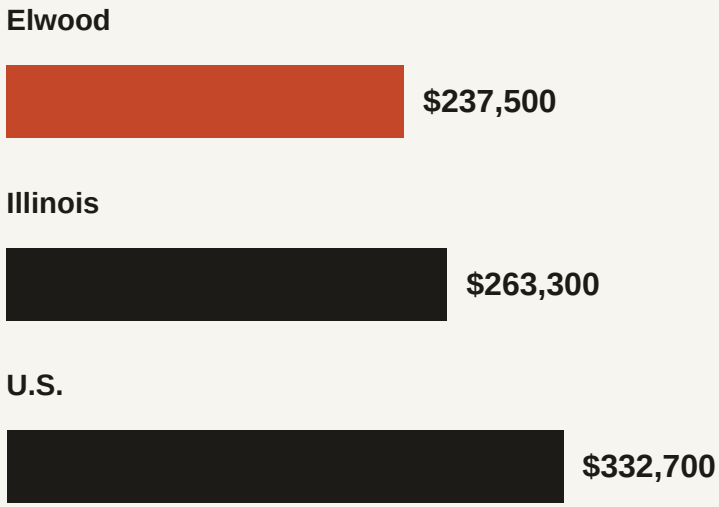
1–25

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 10% less than Illinois's.



$237,500

median home value in Elwood.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS ELWOOD'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/elwood/**