Forest City, Illinois.

Current market data.

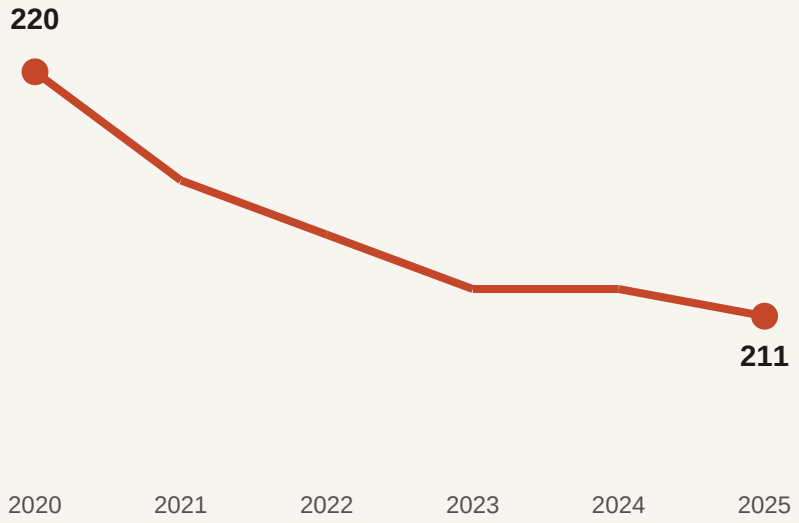
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 4.1% since 2020.

211

people, the 1089th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.



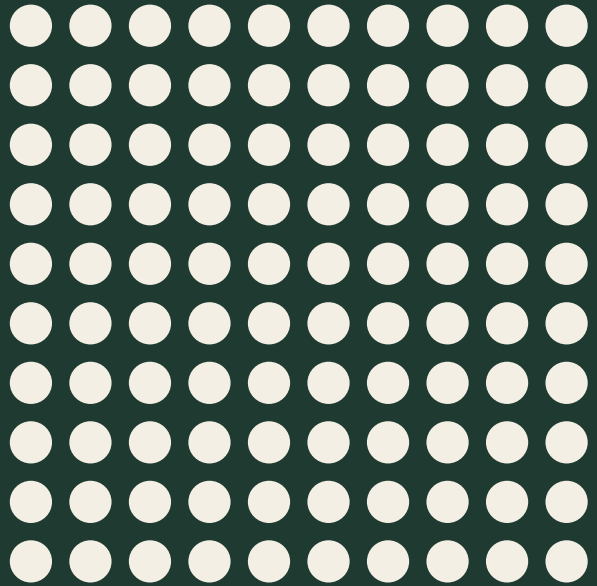
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

Every job here goes to someone who lives somewhere else.

100.0%

of 31 jobs located in Forest City are filled by in-commuters.



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

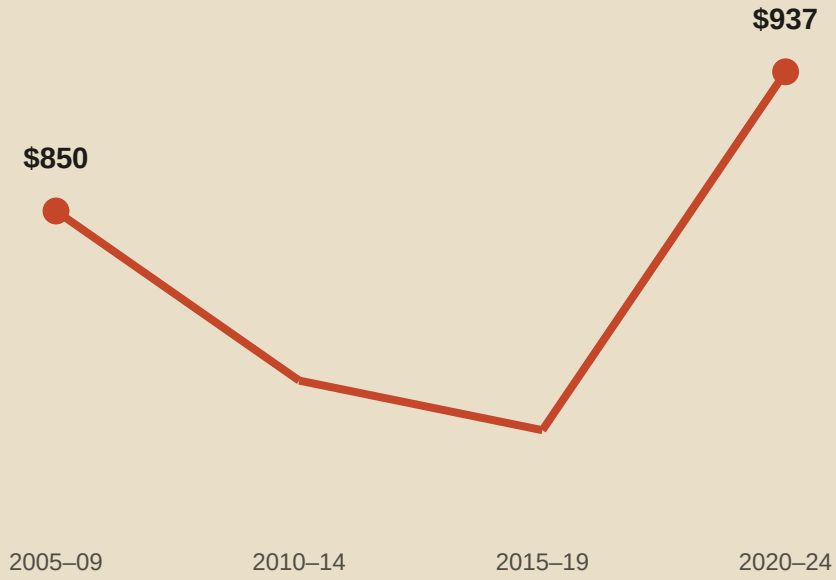
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 10% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$937

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

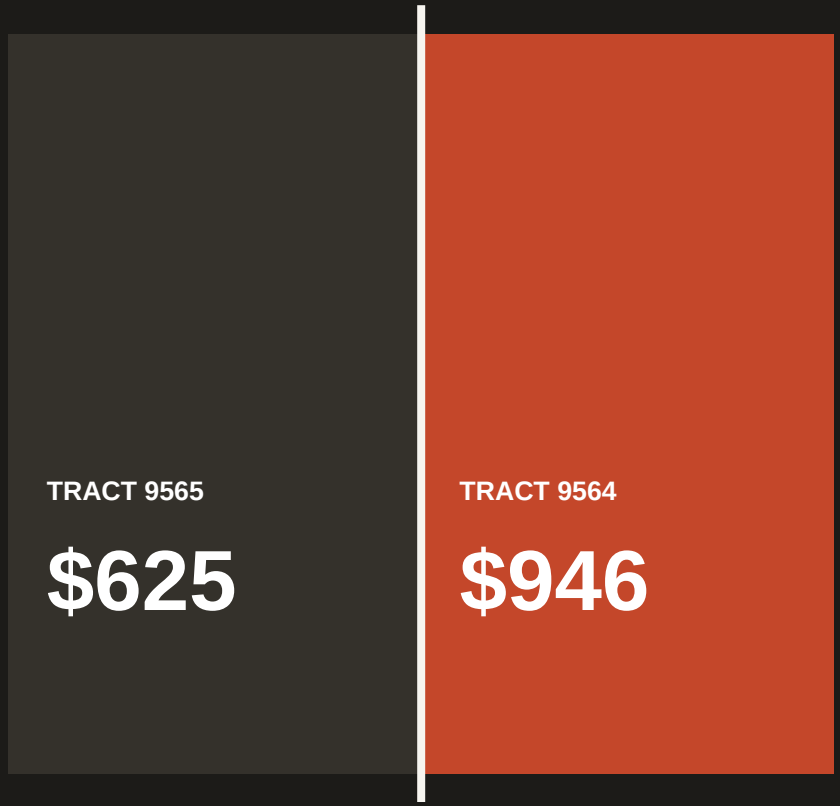


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $321.

A $321 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Mason County.



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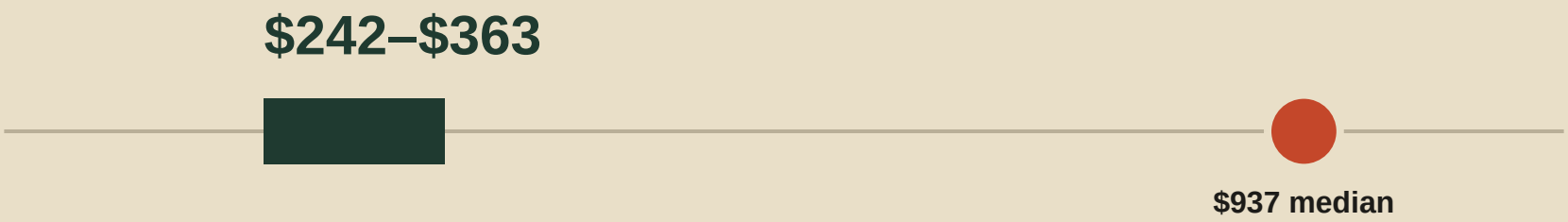
ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent is above 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

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

97%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

None of three estimates finds a housing shortfall here.

0

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

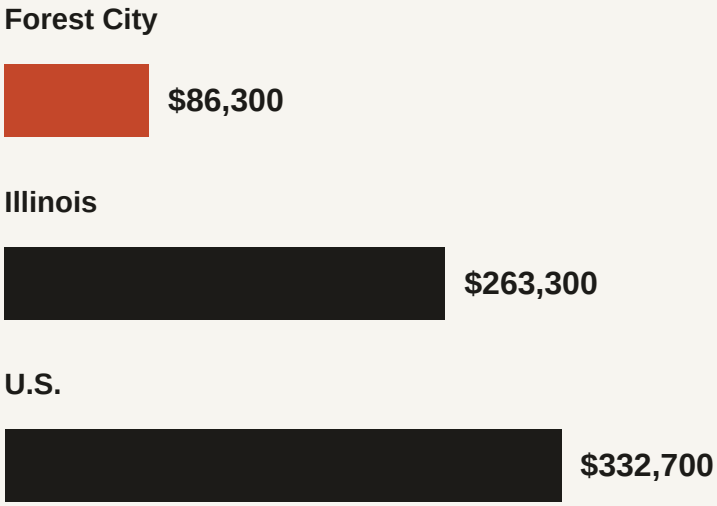
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 67% less than Illinois's.

$86,300

median home value in Forest City.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS FOREST CITY'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/forest-city/**