Malta, Illinois.

Current market data.

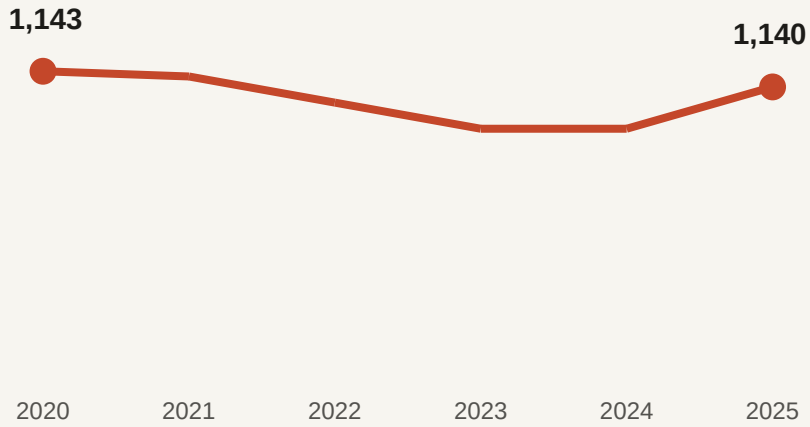
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

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

1,140

people, the 608th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.



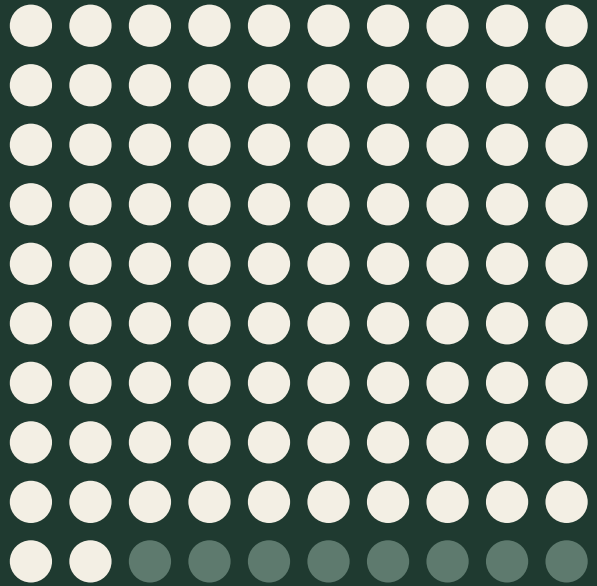
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

92.2%

of 77 jobs located in Malta are filled by in-commuters.



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

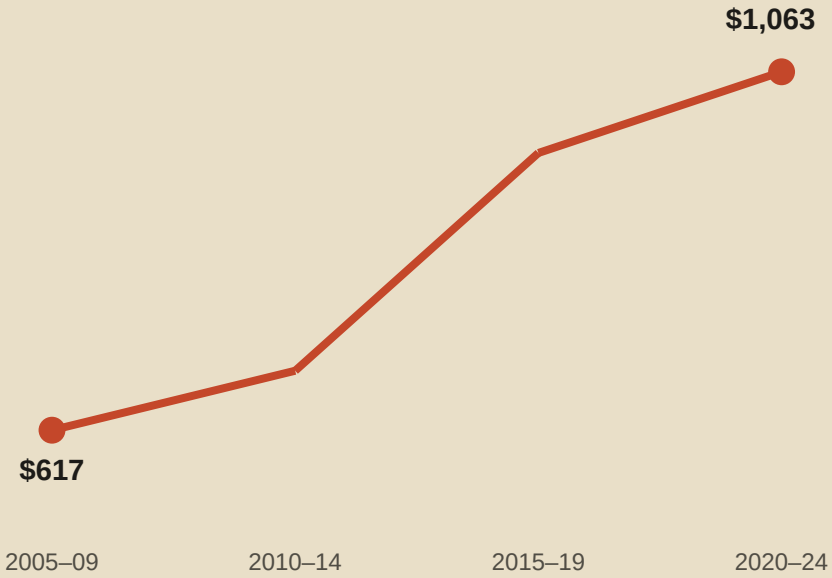
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 72% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,063

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

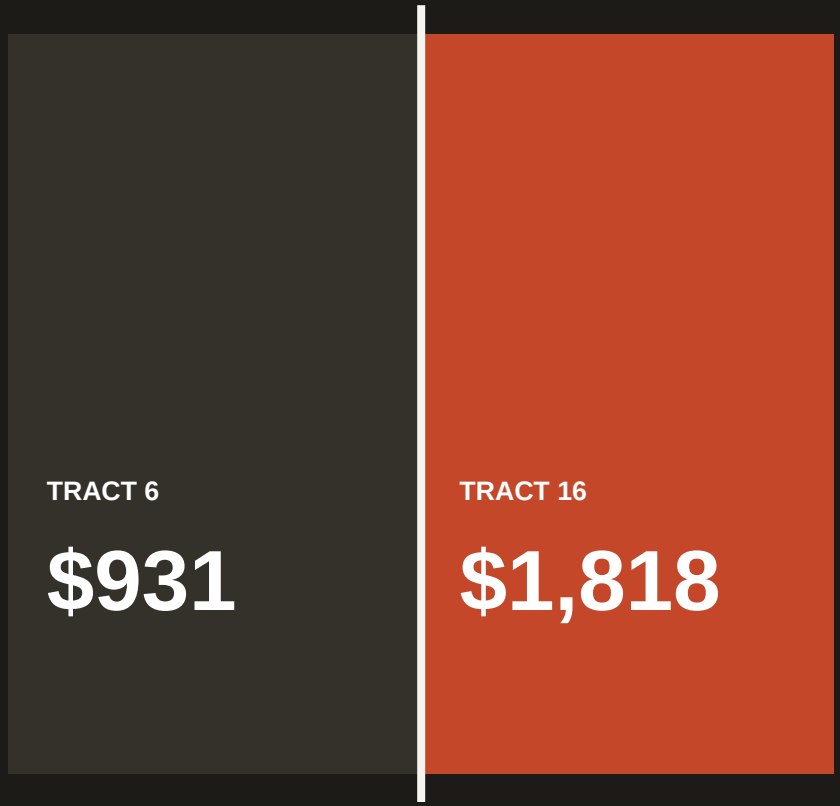


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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.



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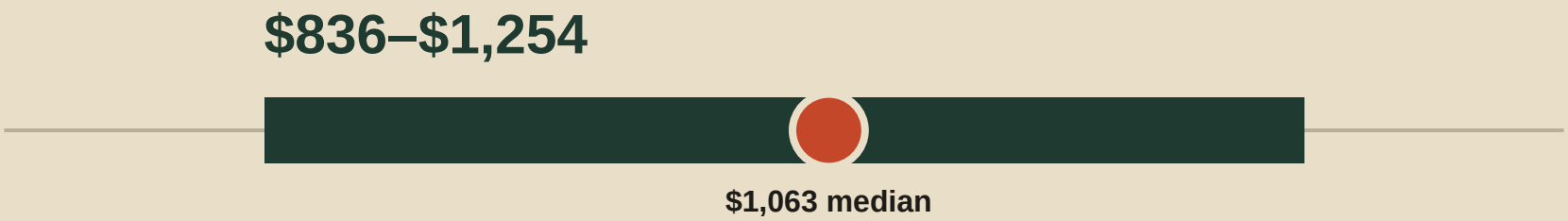
ROOM TO BUILD

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

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

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homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily buildings

79%

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 0.2% to the 448 homes here.

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is the estimated number of missing housing units; all three estimates agree.

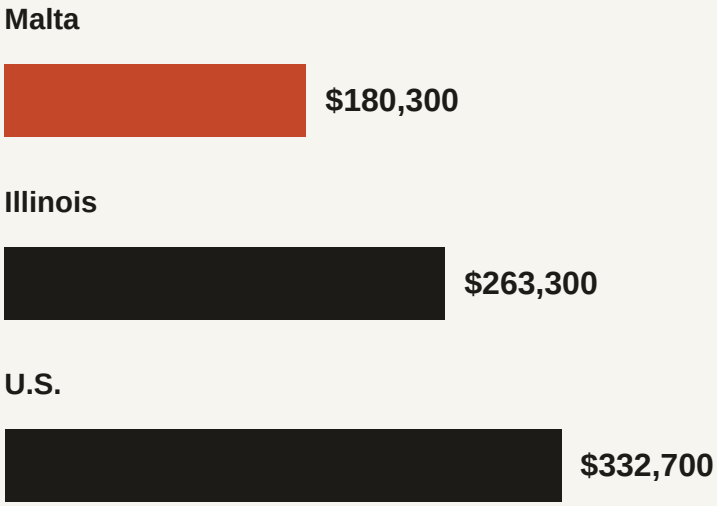
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 32% less than Illinois's.

$180,300

median home value in Malta.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS MALTA'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/malta/**