



Ottawa, Illinois.

Current market data.

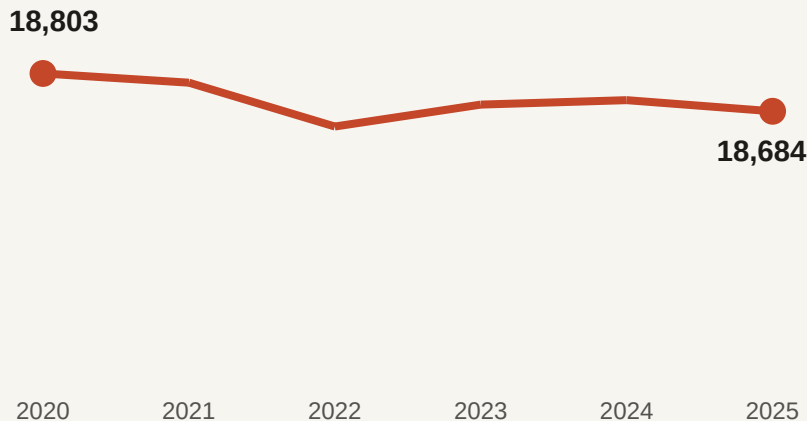
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

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

18,684

people, the 132nd-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.

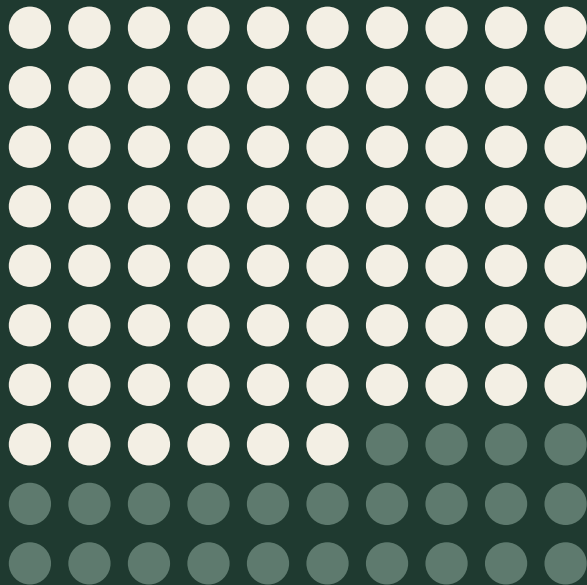


THE WORKDAY

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

75.6%

of 10,041 jobs located in Ottawa are filled by in-commuters.



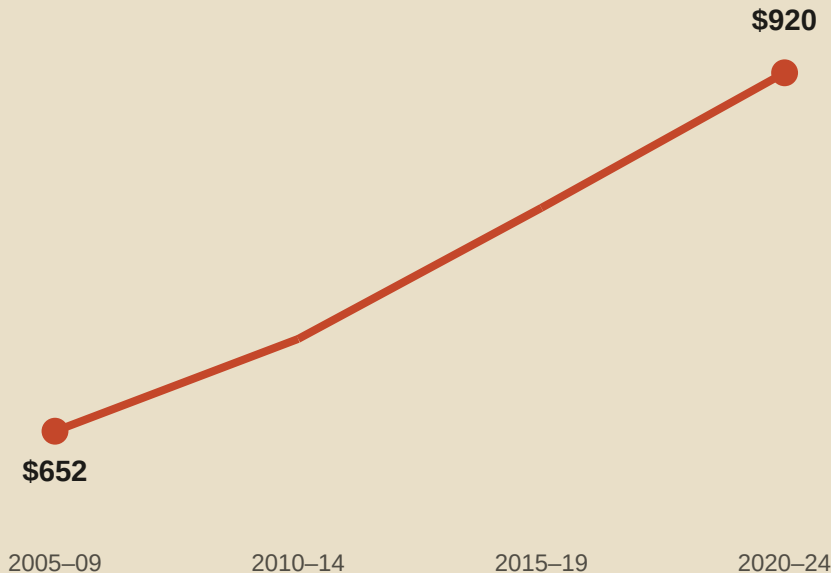
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

RENT

Median rent is up 41%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$920

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$753 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in LaSalle County.

TRACT 9638

\$436

TRACT 9641

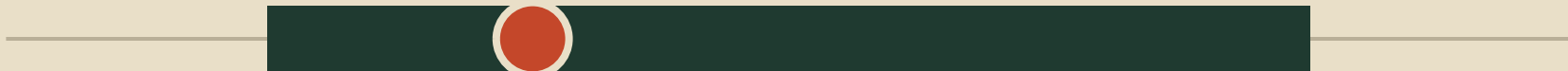
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ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$816–\$1,224



\$920 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

98

homes permitted, 2022–2025

33%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

84%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–1.2% to the 8,217 homes here.

24–100

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 42% less than Illinois's.

\$154,000

median home value in Ottawa.

Ottawa



\$154,000

Illinois



\$263,300

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS OTTAWA'S 2026

Every number came from a public source, with its date.

New Census data usually lands in December. The next Edition follows it.

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