



West Chicago, Illinois.

Current market data.

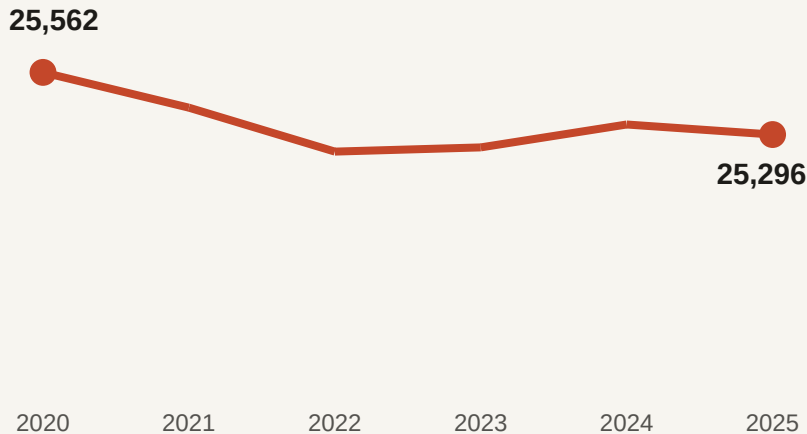
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 1.0% since 2020.

25,296

people, the 89th-largest of Illinois's cities and towns.

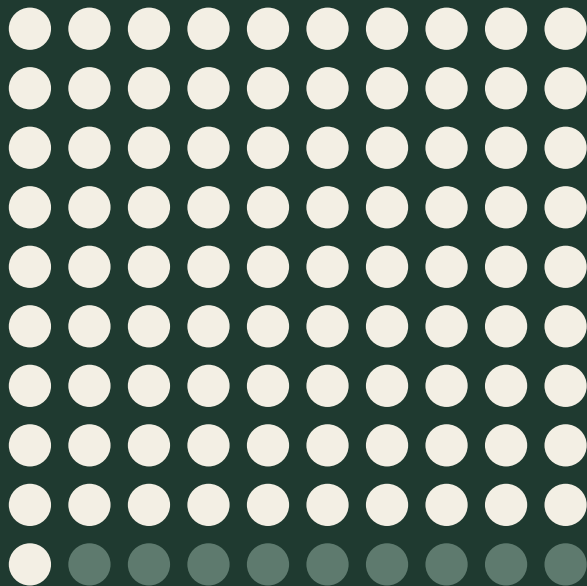


THE WORKDAY

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

91.2%

of 18,013 jobs located in West Chicago are filled by
in-commuters.



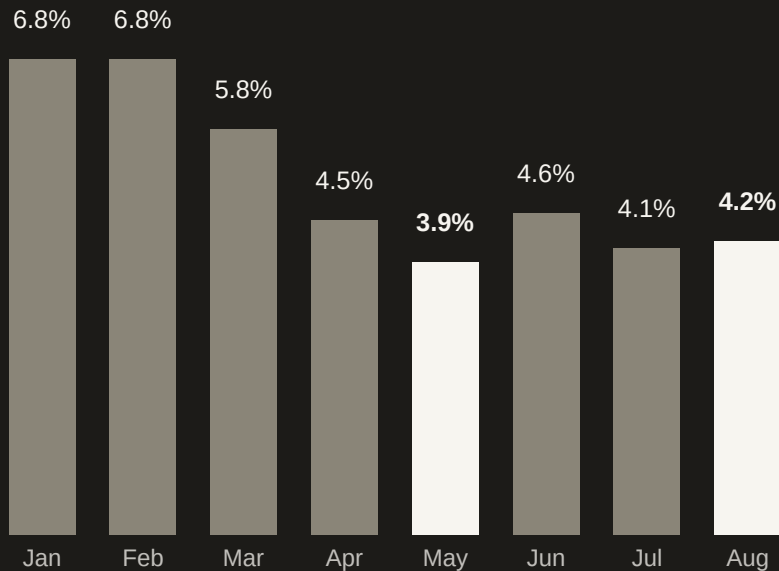
Each dot is 1% of jobs. Filled: held by in-commuters.

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May:
3.9%.

4.2%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 3.6%.

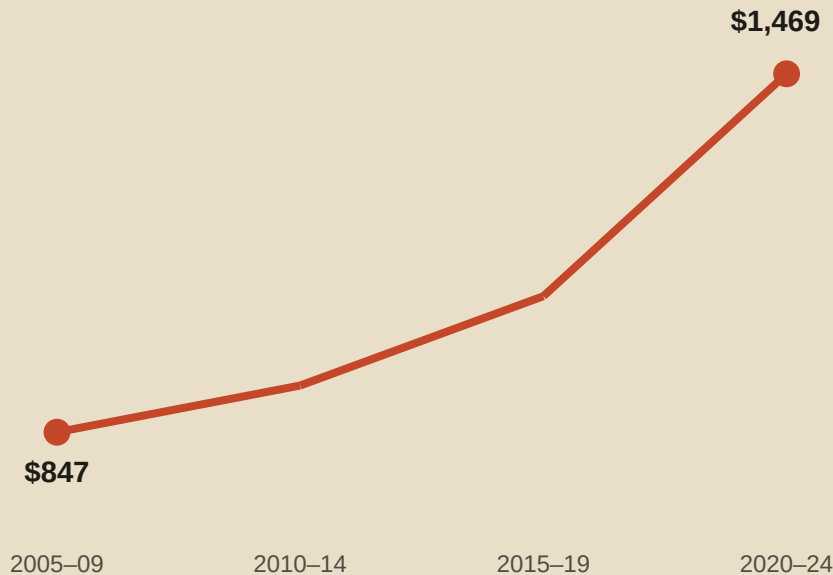


RENT

Median rent is up 73%
since the 2005–2009
survey, before inflation.

\$1,469

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





THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A \$2,338 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in DuPage County.

TRACT 8409.06

\$1,163

TRACT 8403.04

\$3,501



ROOM TO BUILD

The median rent sits inside what local wages can carry.

\$1,209–\$1,814



\$1,469 median

is the monthly rent range local workforce wages support.

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

42

homes permitted in ten years,
2016–2025

57%

of those were in multifamily
buildings

81%

of all homes were built before 2000

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.4–2.3% to the 7,745 homes here.

30–180

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



HOME VALUE

A median home costs 28%
more than Illinois's.

\$336,800

median home value in West Chicago.

West Chicago



\$336,800

Illinois



\$263,300

U.S.



\$332,700

THAT WAS WEST CHICAGO'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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