Gary, Indiana.

Current market data.

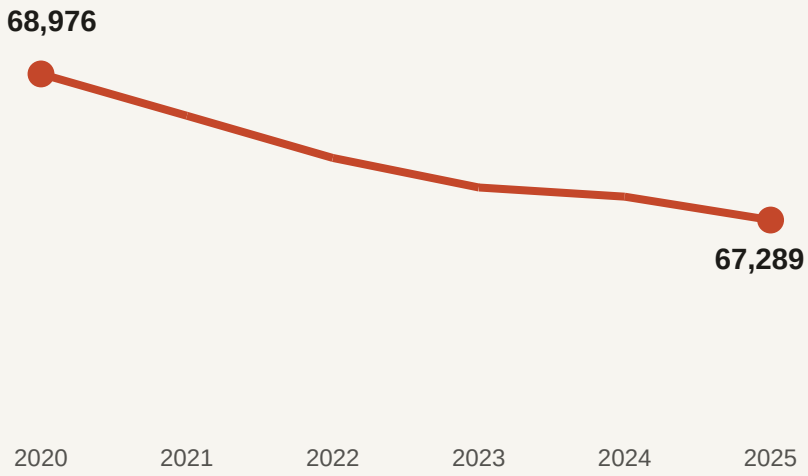
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 2.4% since 2020.

67,289

people, the 12th-largest of Indiana's cities and towns.



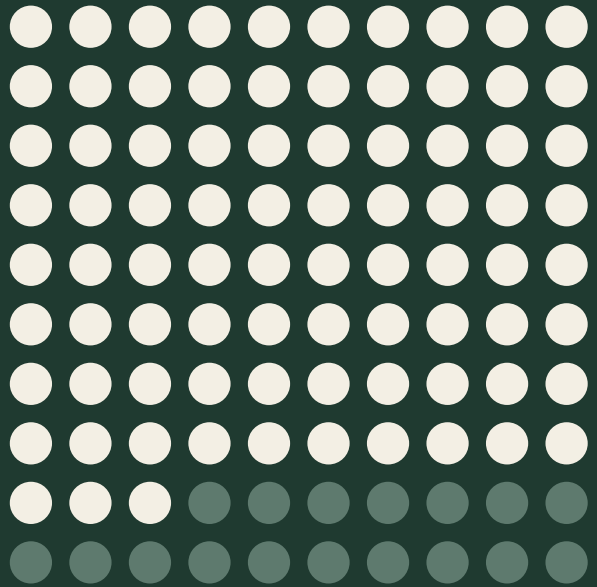
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

82.7%

of 23,882 jobs located in Gary are filled by in-commuters.



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

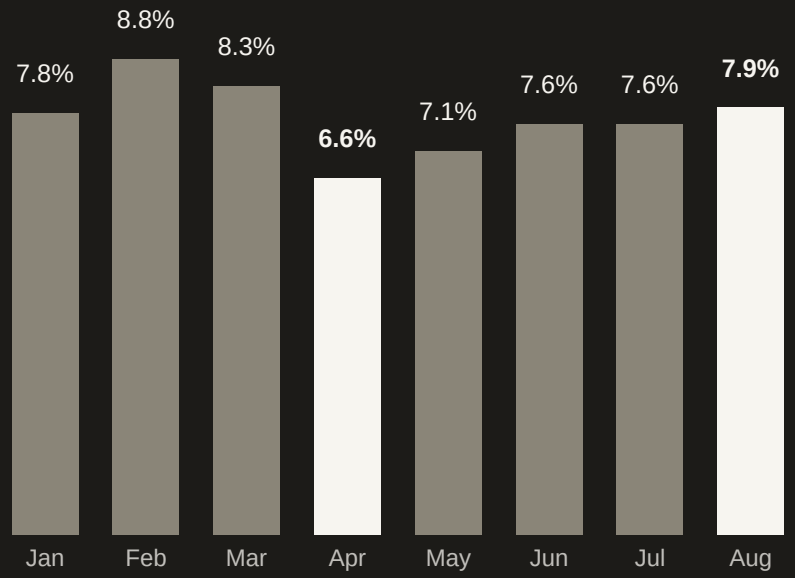
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in April: 6.6%.

7.9%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 9.2%.



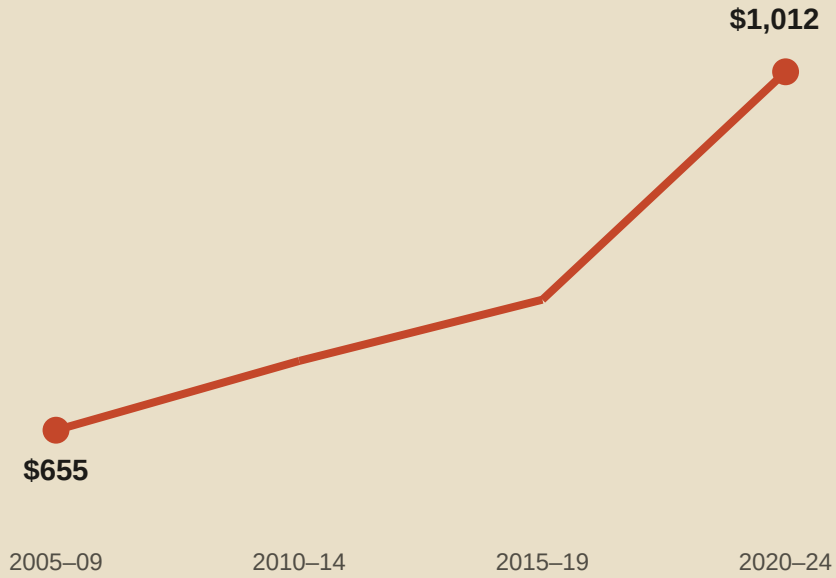
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 55% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,012

a month. Indiana's median is $1,062.

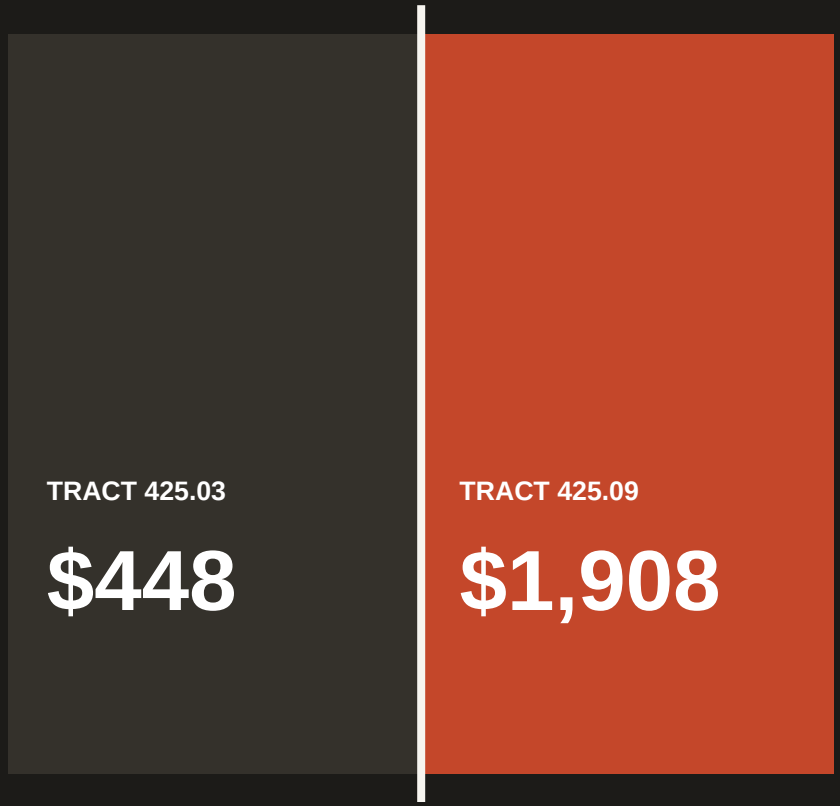


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $1,460 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Lake County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

ROOM TO BUILD

Local wages can carry more rent than the median charged today.

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.

76

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily buildings

94%

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 0.4–0.6% to the 37,816 homes here.

142–239

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

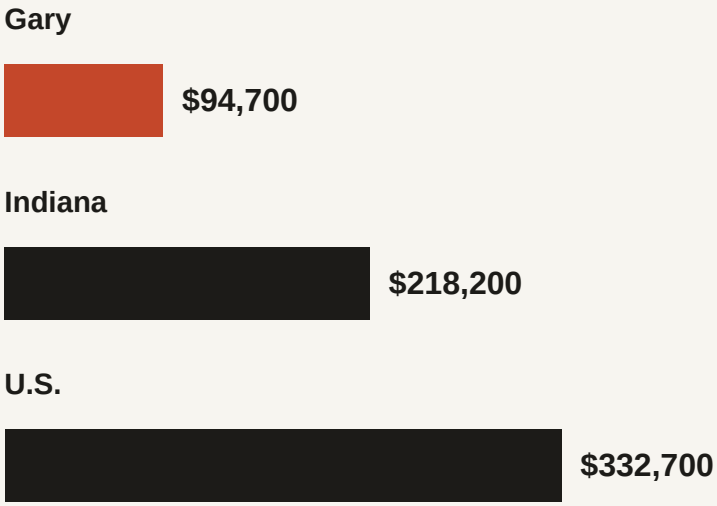
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 57% less than Indiana's.

$94,700

median home value in Gary.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS GARY'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/in/gary/**