Dowagiac, Michigan.

Current market data.

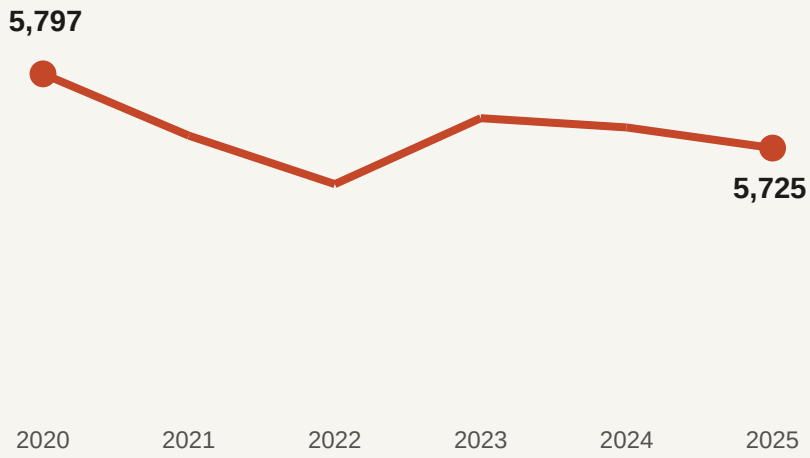
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 1.2% since 2020.

5,725

people, the 142nd-largest of Michigan's cities and towns.



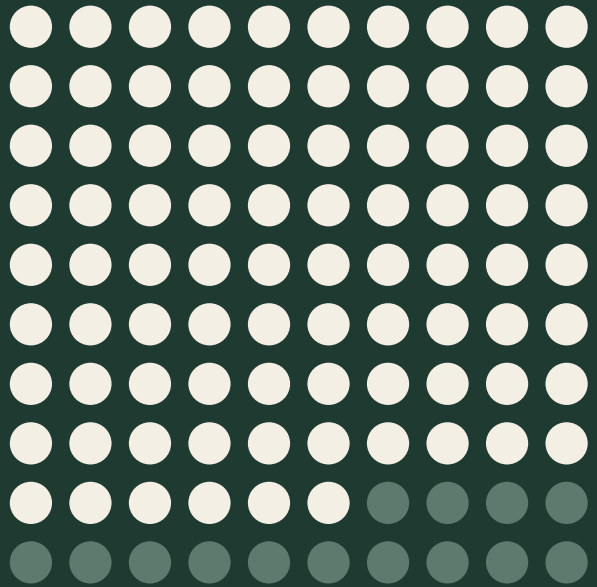
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

86.3%

of 2,095 jobs located in Dowagiac are filled by in-commuters.



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

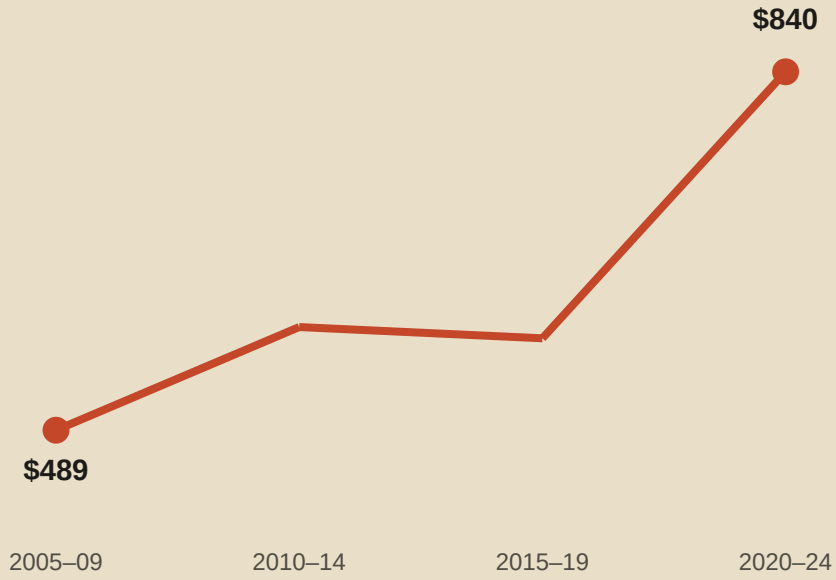
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2021

RENT

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

$840

a month. Michigan's median is $1,129.

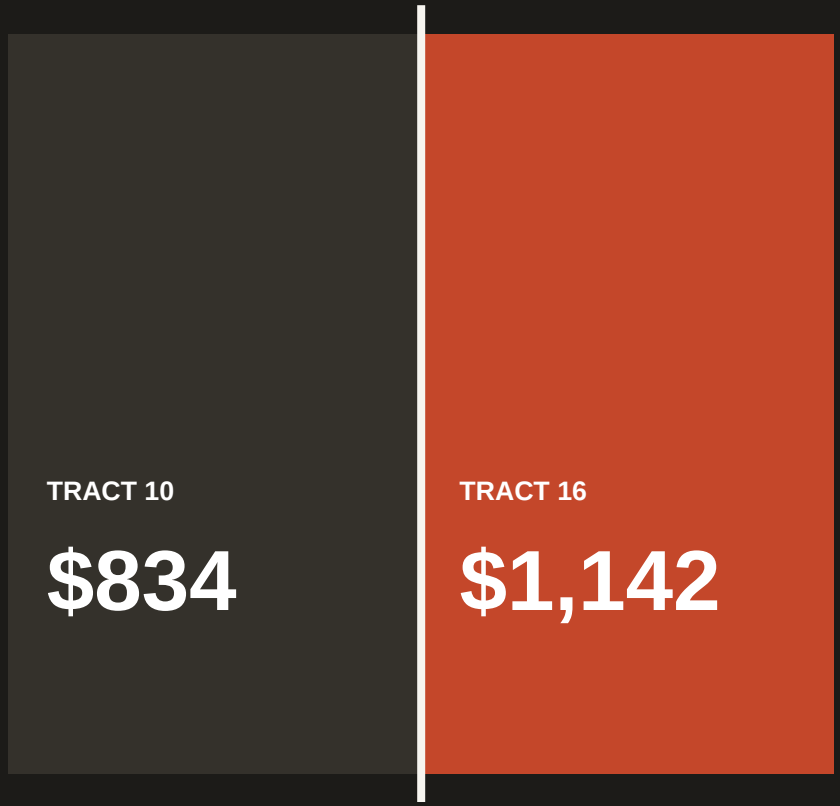


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $308.

A $308 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Cass County.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

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, 2021; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

11

homes permitted, 2022–2025

0%

of those were in multifamily buildings

92%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2022-2025; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0.3–0.7% to the 2,936 homes here.

10–21

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

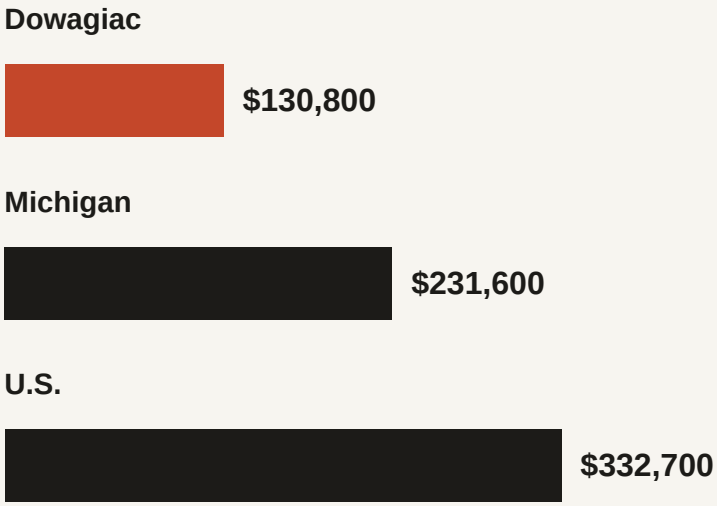
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2021

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 44% less than Michigan's.

$130,800

median home value in Dowagiac.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS DOWAGIAC'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/mi/dowagiac/**