Empire, Michigan.

Current market data.

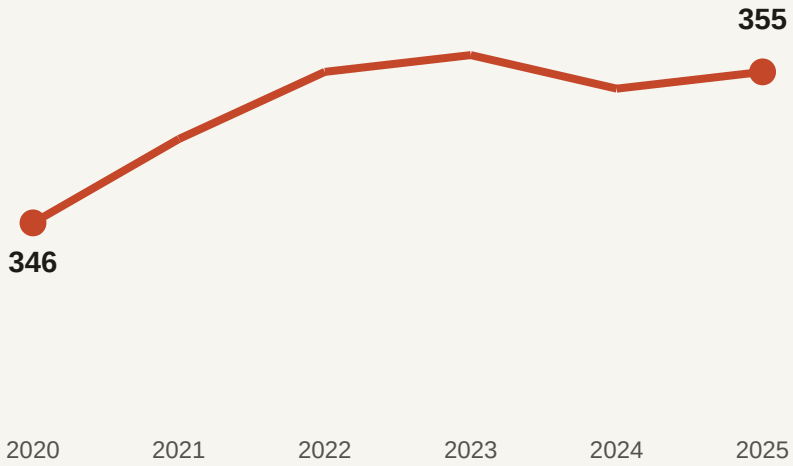
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 2.6% since 2020.

355

people, the 475th-largest of Michigan's cities and towns.



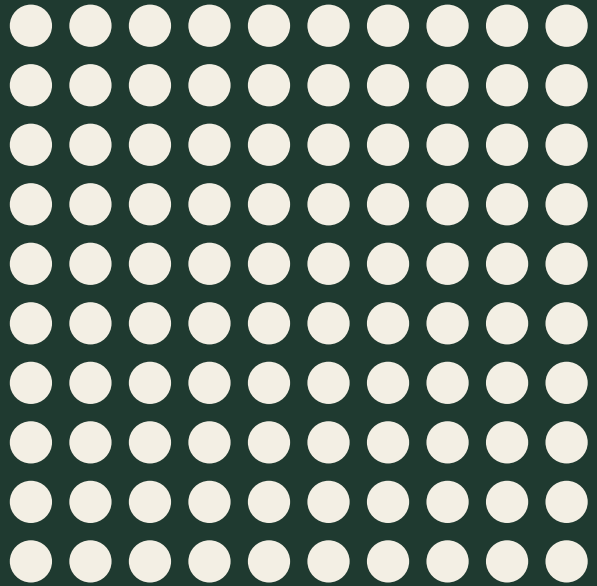
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

Every job here goes to someone who lives somewhere else.

100.0%

of 129 jobs located in Empire are filled by in-commuters.



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

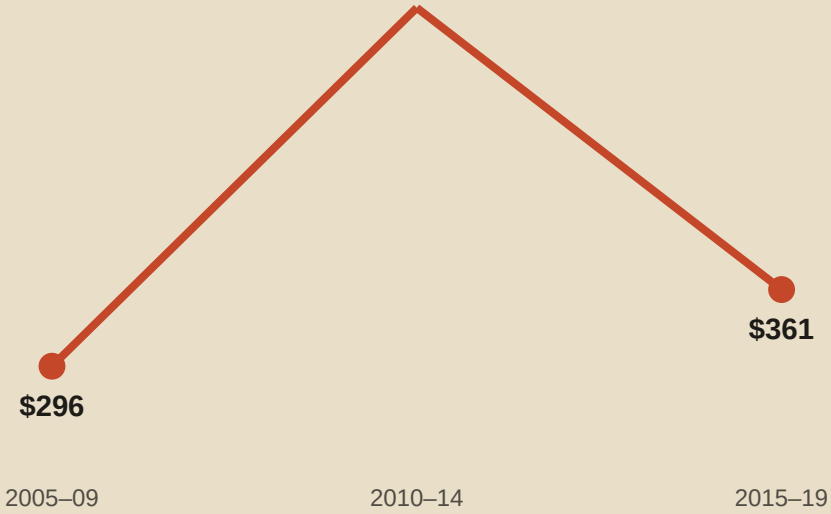
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2021

RENT

Median rent is up 22% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$361

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

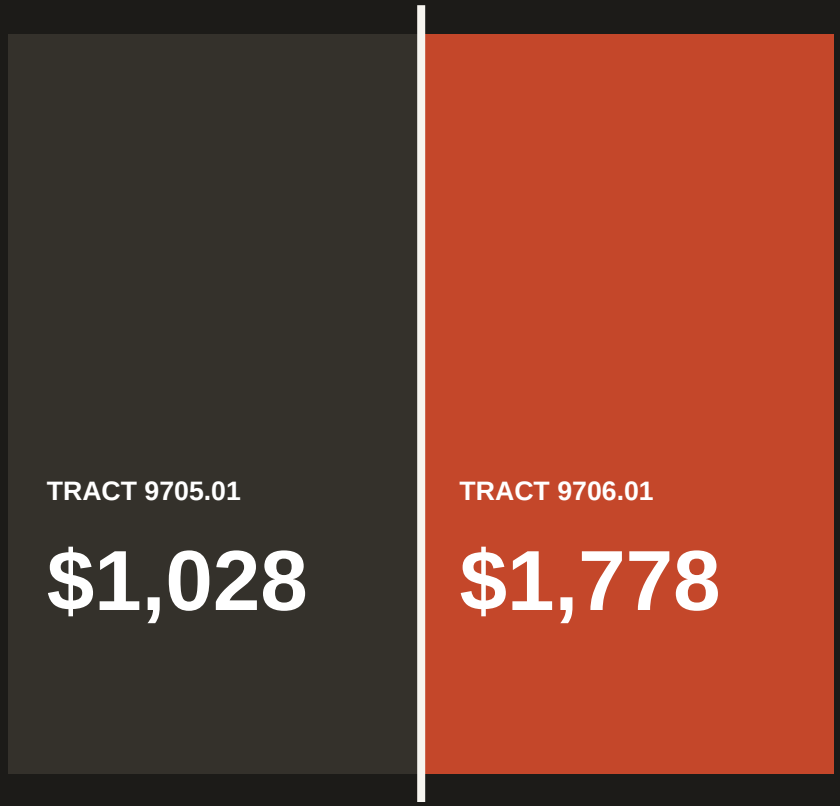


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2015-2019

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $750.

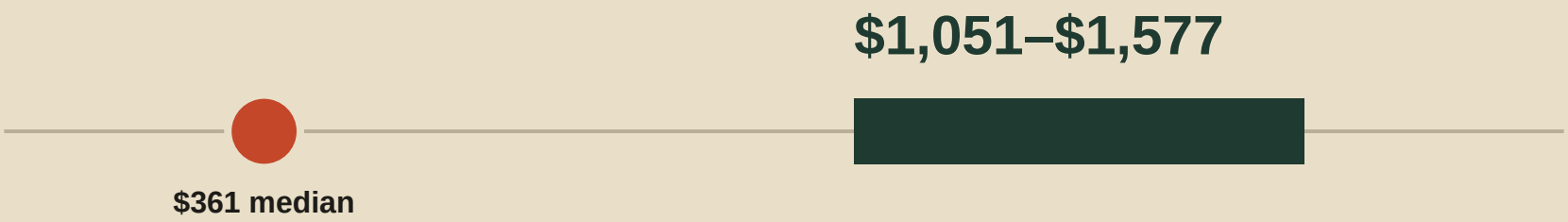
A $750 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Leelanau County.



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, 2021; Census ACS 5-year, 2015-2019

BUILDING

68% of the housing here was built before 2000.

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of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0–0.3% to the 321 homes here.

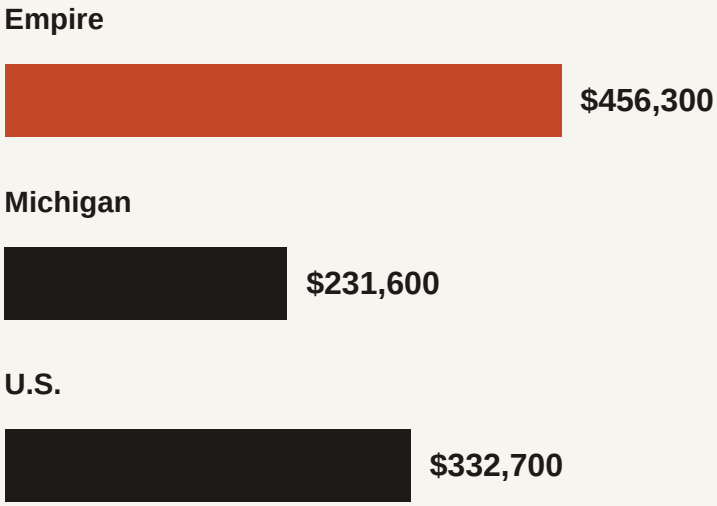
0–1

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 97% more than Michigan's.



$456,300

median home value in Empire.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS EMPIRE'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/empire/**