Shafer, Minnesota.

Current market data.

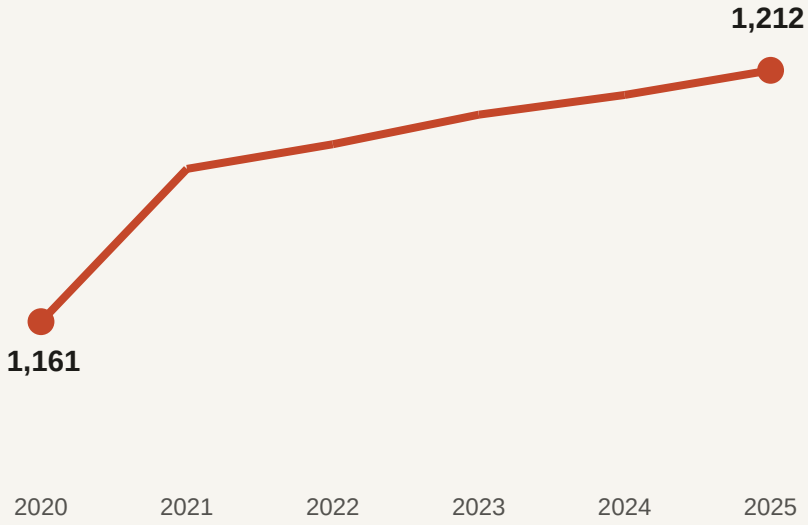
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 4.4% since 2020.

1,212

people, the 332nd-largest of Minnesota's cities and towns.



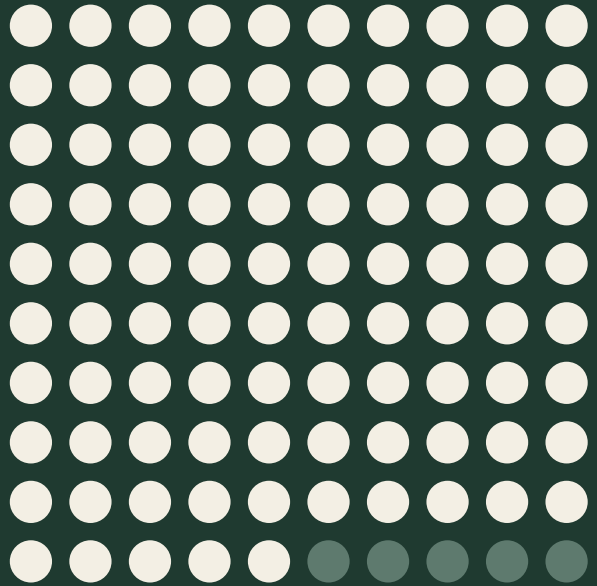
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

94.9%

of 136 jobs located in Shafer are filled by in-commuters.



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

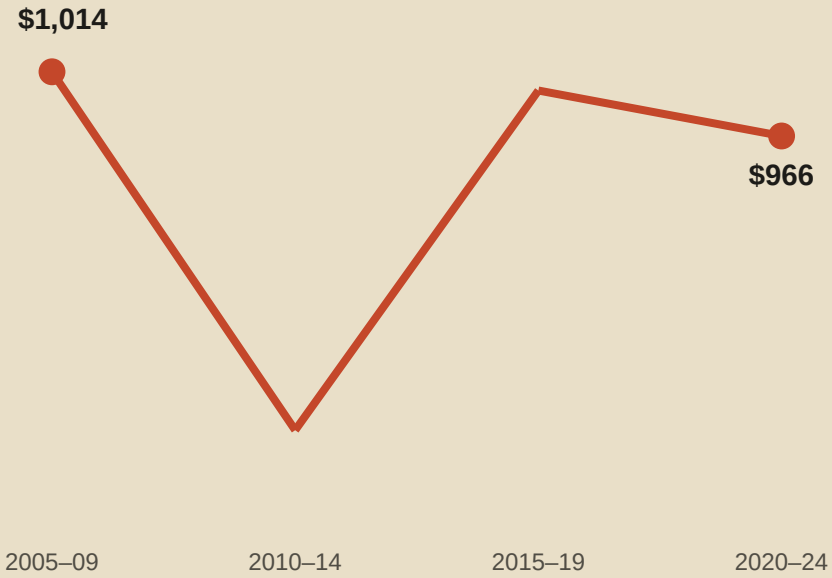
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is down 5% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$966

a month. Minnesota's median is $1,280.

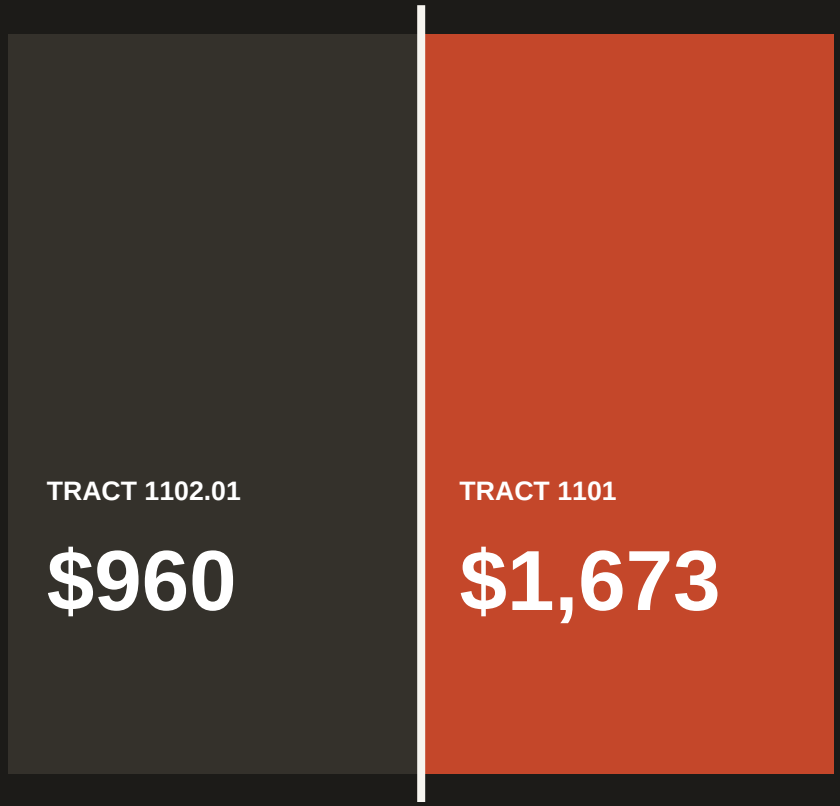


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $713.

A $713 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Chisago County.



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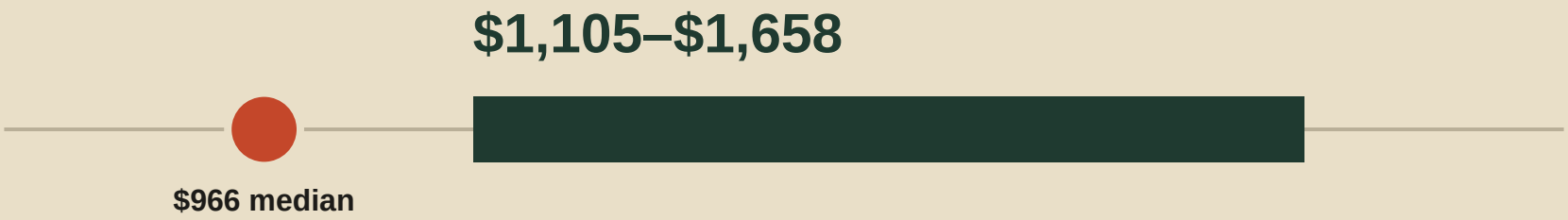
ROOM TO BUILD

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

40% of the housing here was built before 2000.

48

homes permitted, 2016–2022

0%

of those were in multifamily buildings

40%

of all homes were built before 2000

Source: Census Building Permits Survey, 2016-2022; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

UNITS NEEDED

Closing the gap would add 0–0.2% to the 448 homes here.

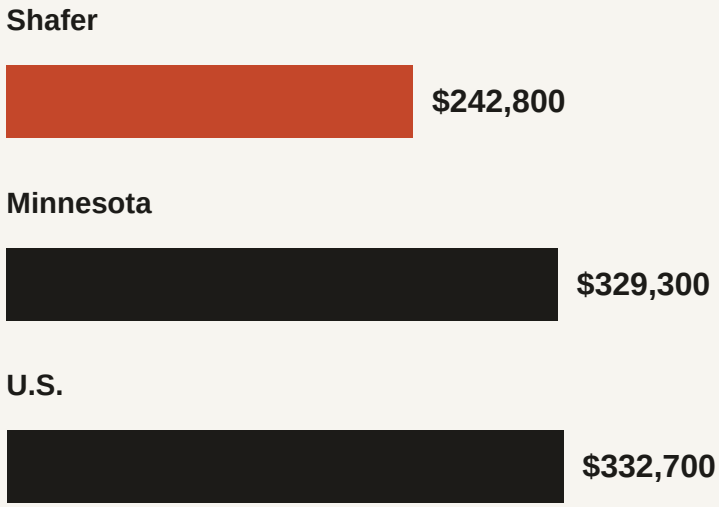
0–1

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

Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 26% less than Minnesota's.



$242,800

median home value in Shafer.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS SHAFER'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/mn/shafer/**