Watford City, North Dakota.

Current market data.

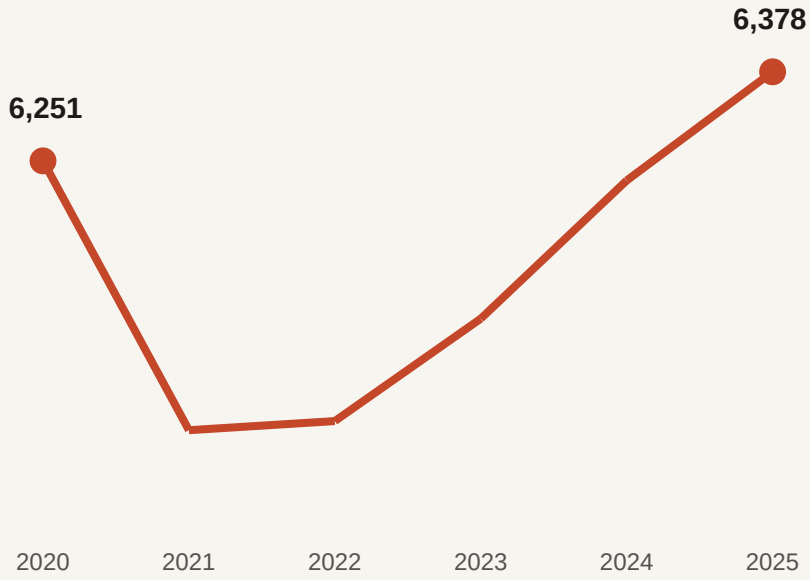
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 2.0% since 2020.

6,378

people, the 14th-largest of North Dakota's cities and towns.



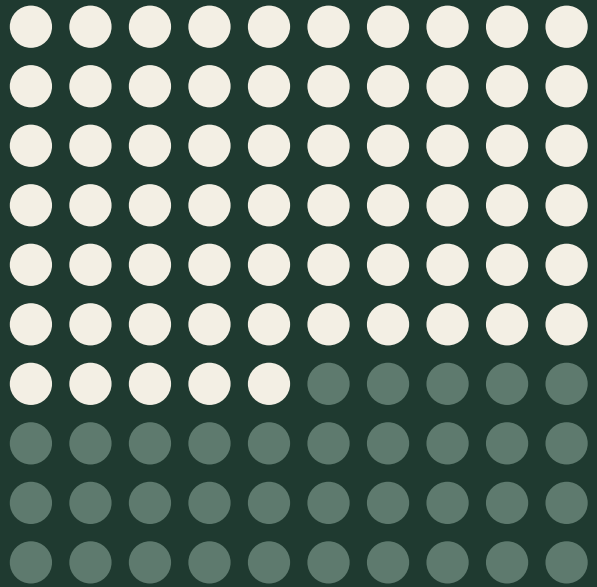
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

65.1%

of 3,425 jobs located in Watford City are filled by in-commuters.



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

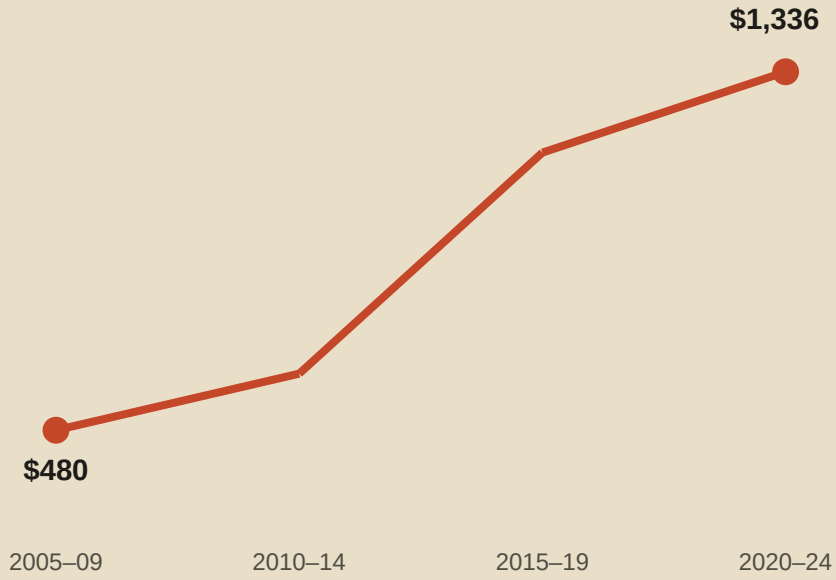
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 178% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,336

a month. North Dakota's median is $954.

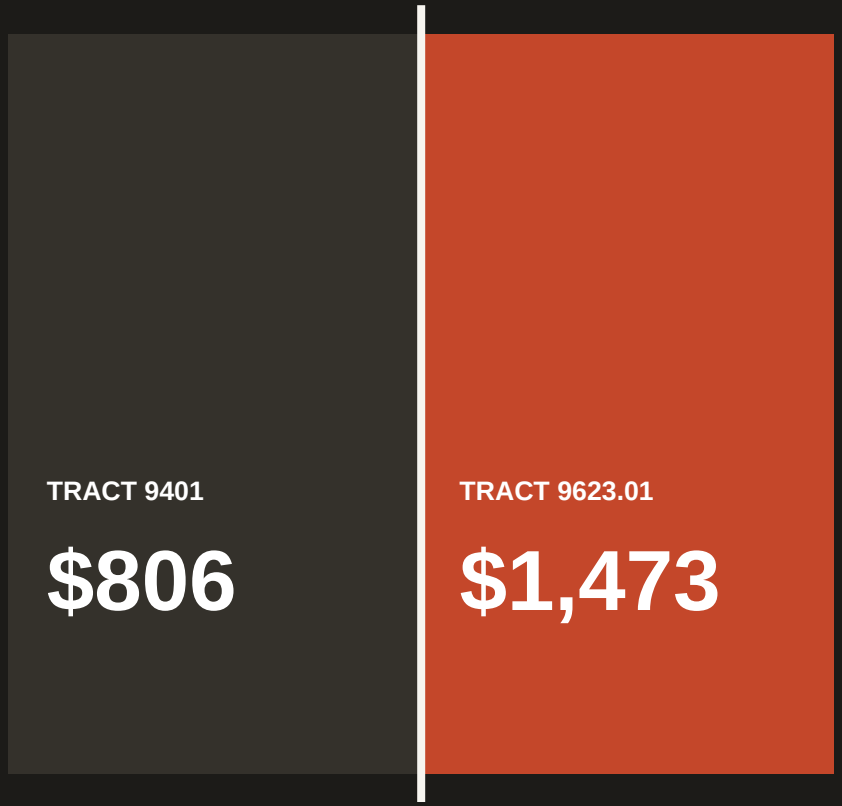


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $667.

A $667 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in McKenzie 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, 2023; Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

BUILDING

19% of the housing here was built before 2000.

370

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

52%

of those were in multifamily buildings

19%

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 0.5–1.0% to the 3,491 homes here.

18–34

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

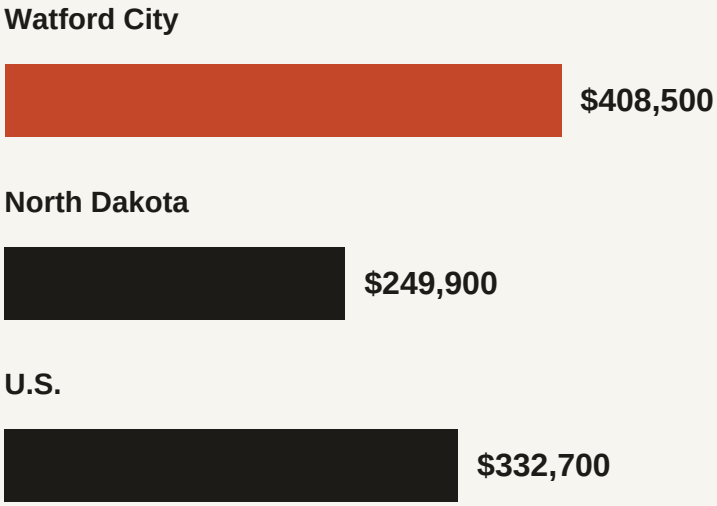
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 63% more than North Dakota's.

$408,500

median home value in Watford City.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS WATFORD CITY'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/nd/watford-city/**