Ithaca, New York.

Current market data.

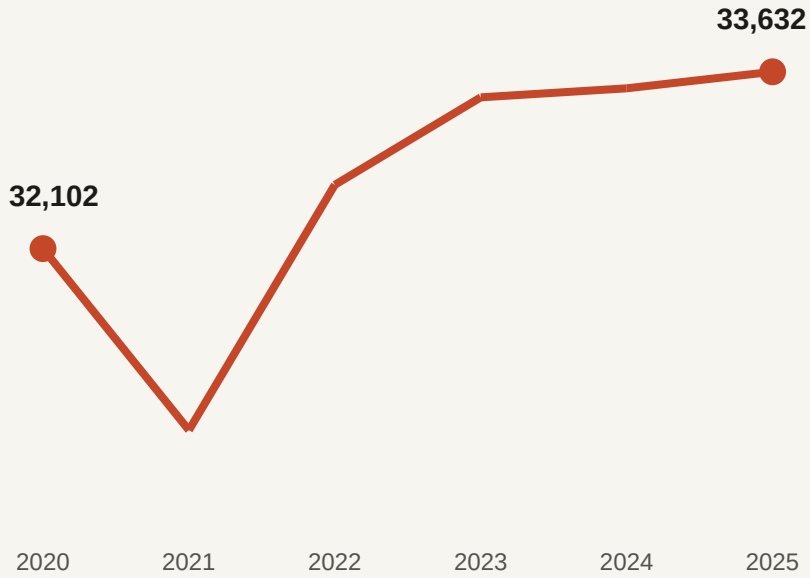
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 4.8% since 2020.

33,632

people, the 21st-largest of New York's cities and towns.



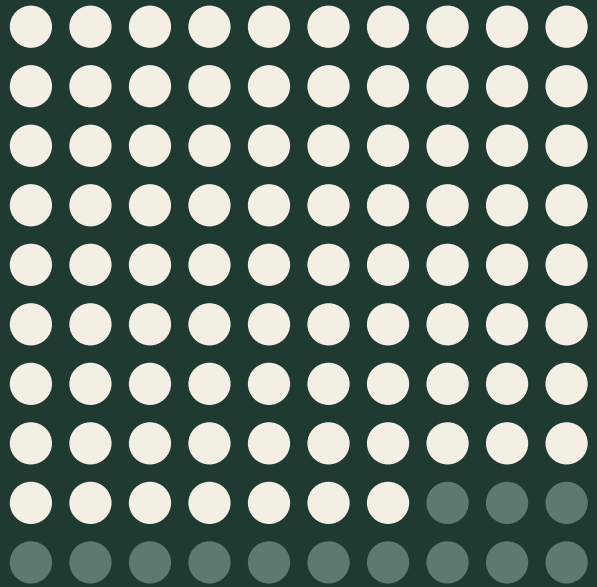
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

86.7%

of 13,378 jobs located in Ithaca are filled by in-commuters.



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

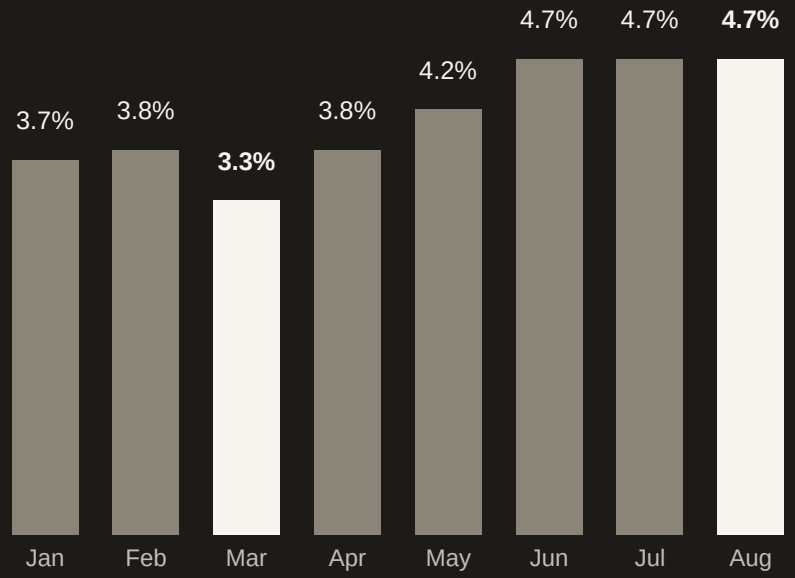
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in March: 3.3%.

4.7%

in August 2026, the latest month released. A year earlier it was 4.8%.



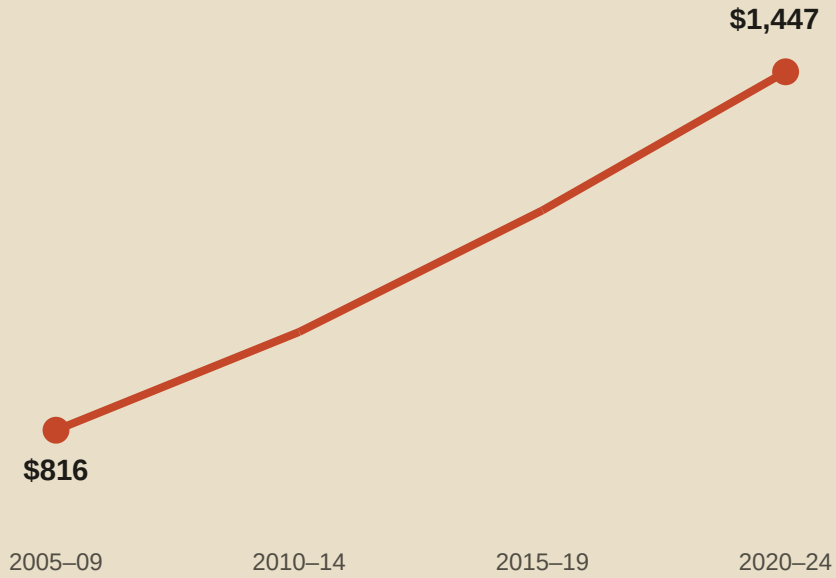
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 77% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,447

a month. New York's median is $1,621.

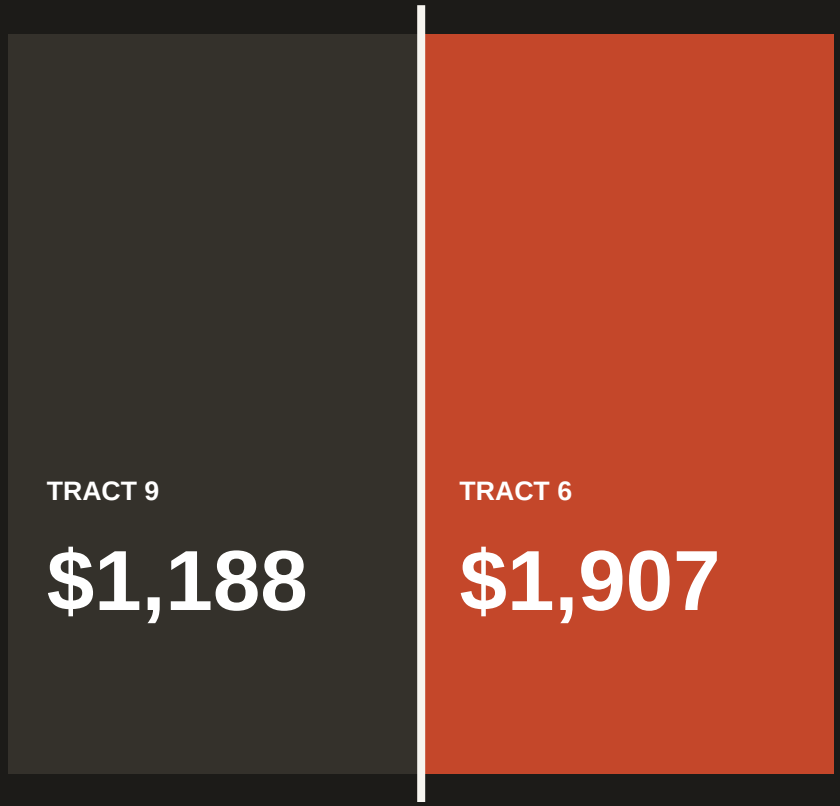


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $719.

A $719 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Tompkins 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

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

584

homes permitted, 2022–2025

60%

of those were in multifamily buildings

84%

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 0.6–0.8% to the 16,183 homes here.

98–134

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

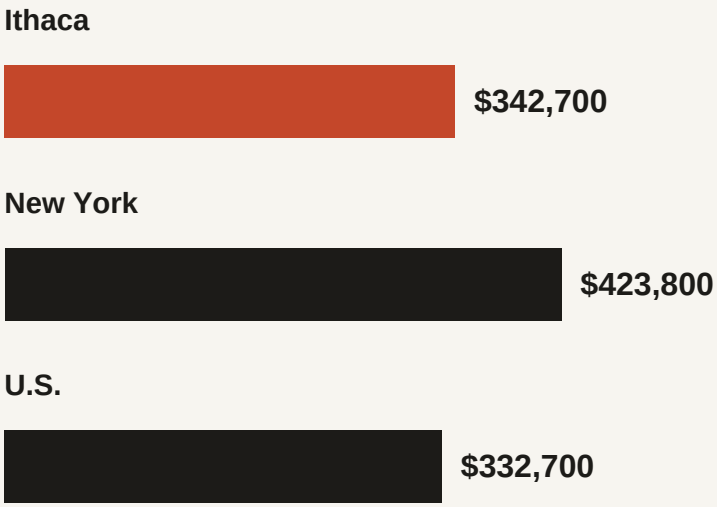
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 19% less than New York's.

$342,700

median home value in Ithaca.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS ITHACA'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/ny/ithaca/**