Cle Elum, Washington.

Current market data.

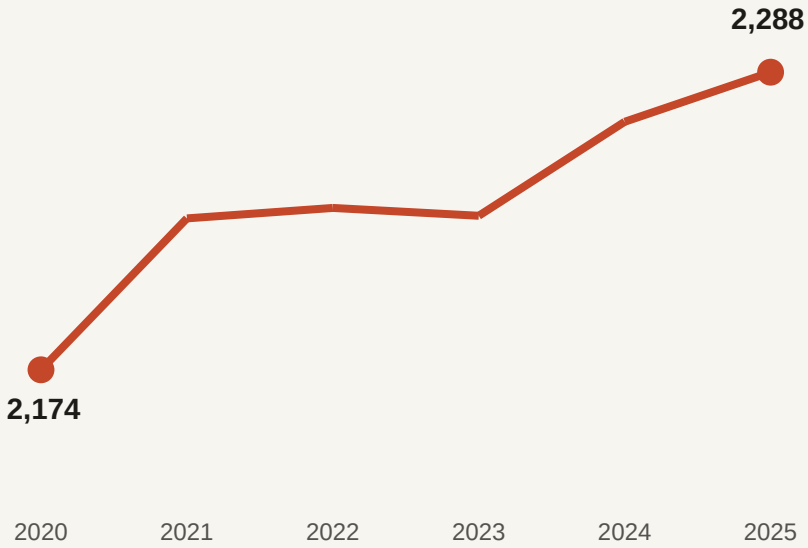
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 5.2% since 2020.

2,288

people, the 161st-largest of Washington's cities and towns.



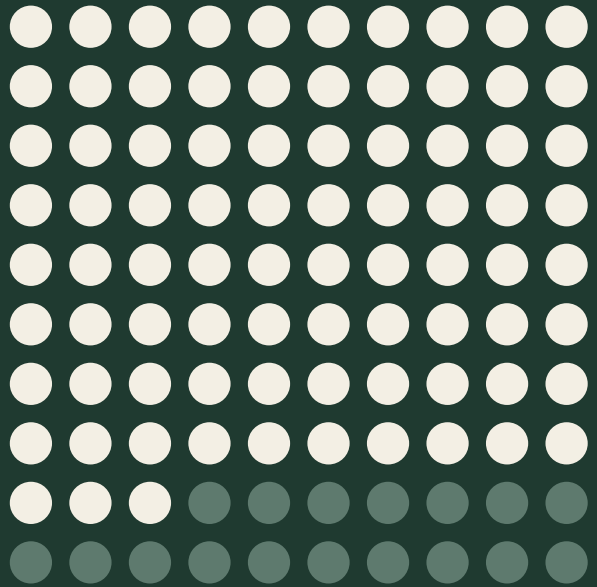
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

83.3%

of 1,716 jobs located in Cle Elum are filled by in-commuters.



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

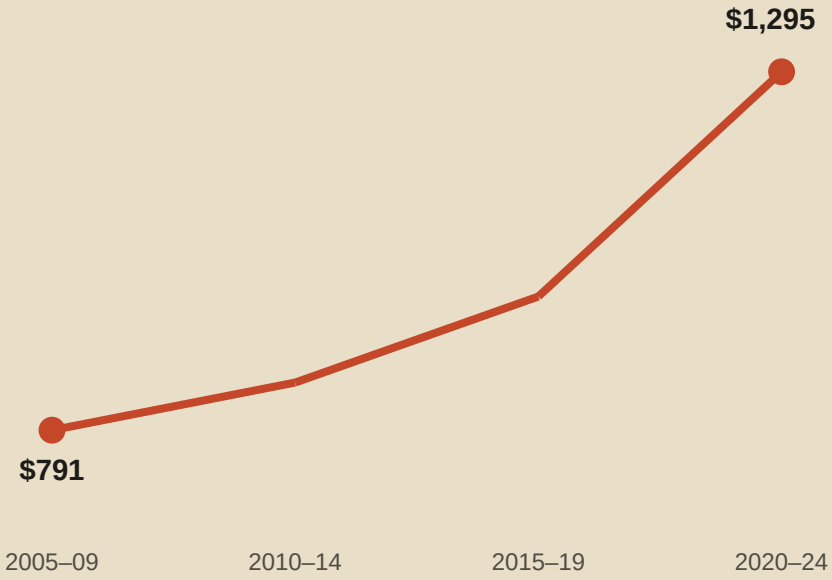
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 64% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,295

a month. Washington's median is $1,760.

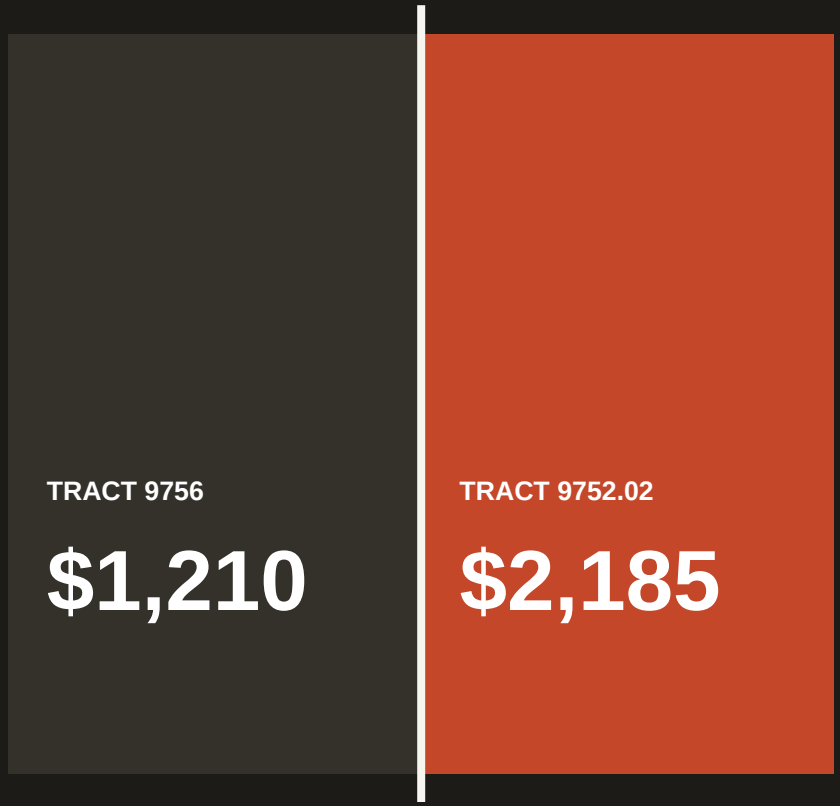


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent jumps $975.

A $975 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Kittitas County.



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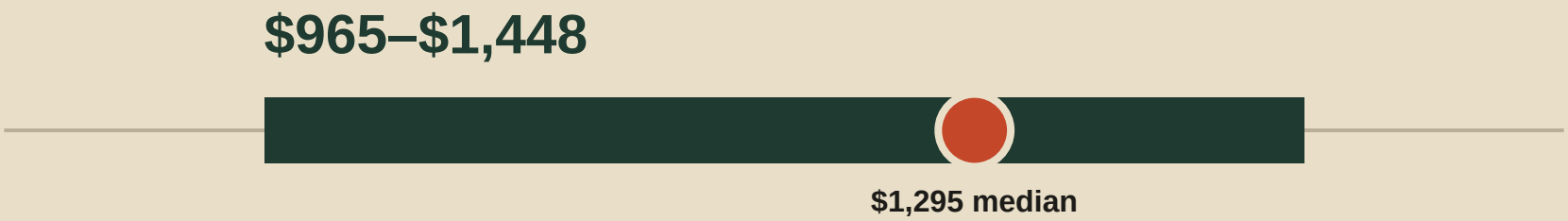
ROOM TO BUILD

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.

202

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

38%

of those were in multifamily buildings

76%

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 0.2–1.5% to the 1,134 homes here.

2–17

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

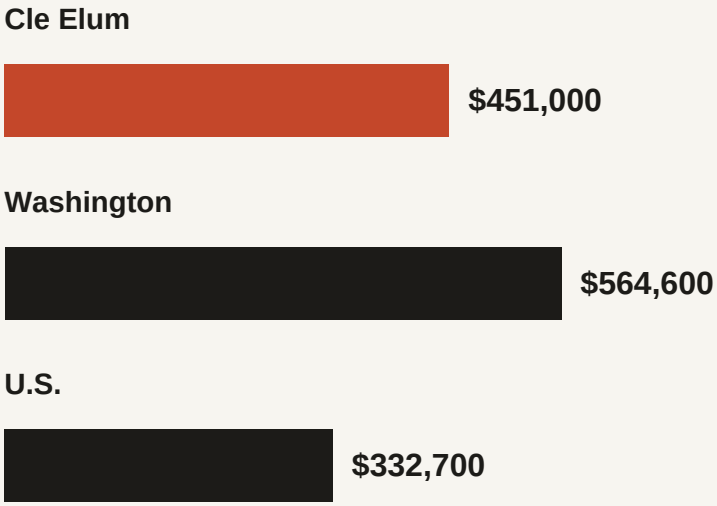
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 20% less than Washington's.

$451,000

median home value in Cle Elum.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS CLE ELUM'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/wa/cle-elum/**