Cottage Grove, Wisconsin.

Current market data.

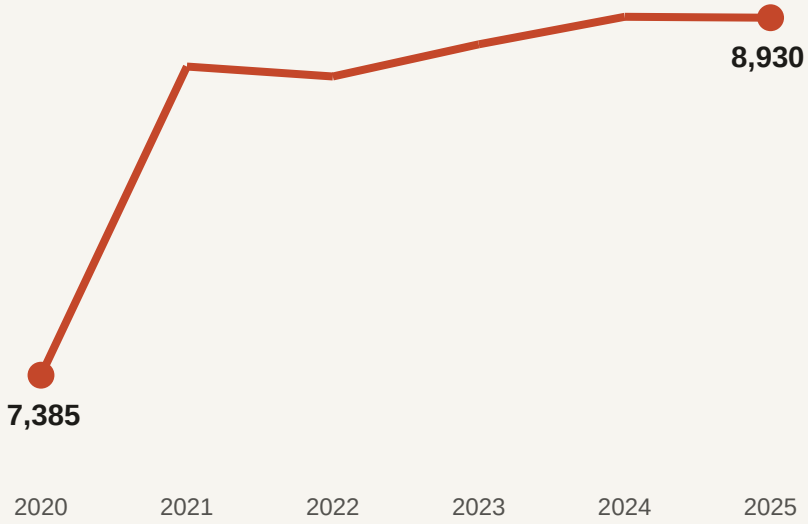
10 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Growing. Up 20.9% since 2020.

8,930

people, the 109th-largest of Wisconsin's cities and towns.



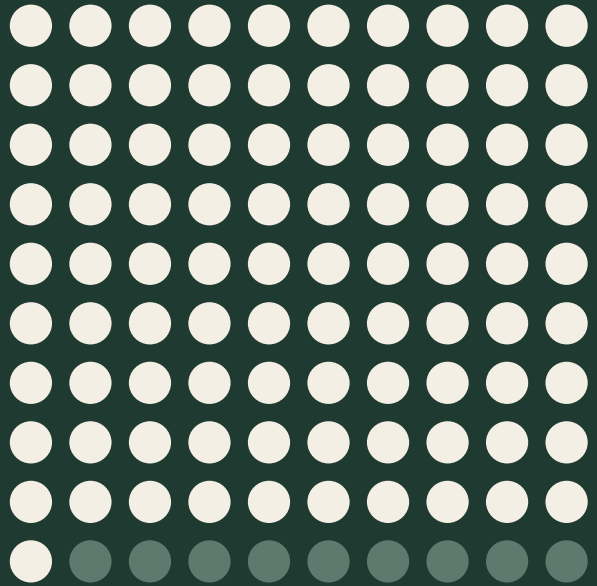
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

90.7%

of 3,258 jobs located in Cottage Grove are filled by in-commuters.



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

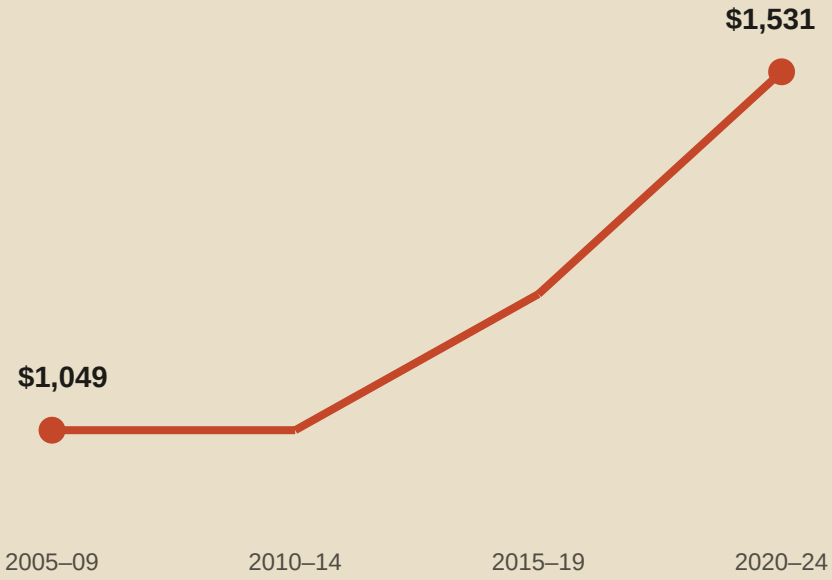
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

RENT

Median rent is up 46% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,531

a month. Wisconsin's median is $1,087.

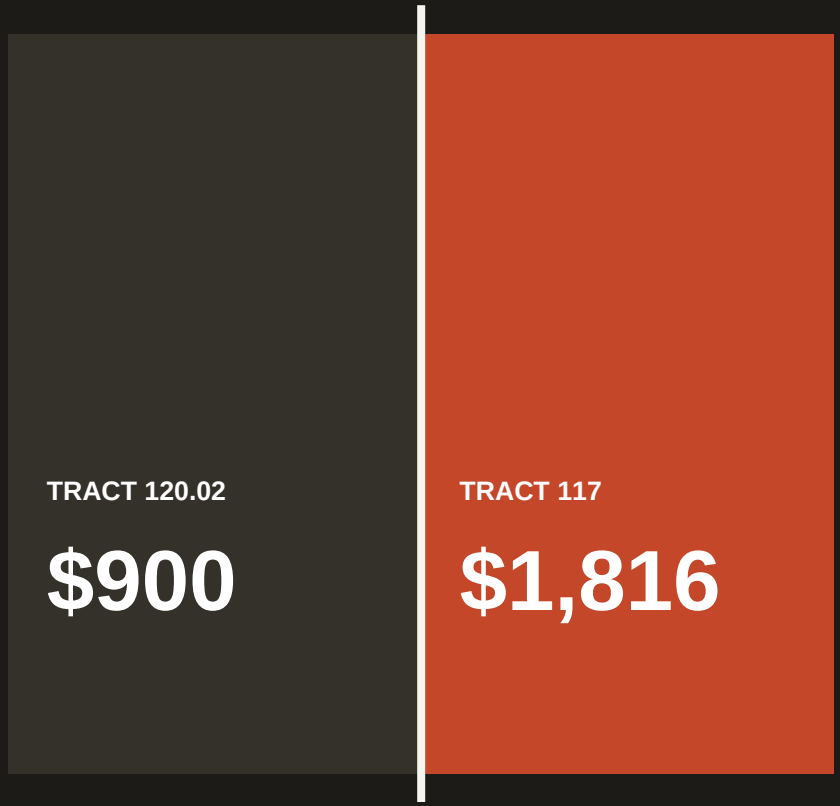


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $916 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Dane County.



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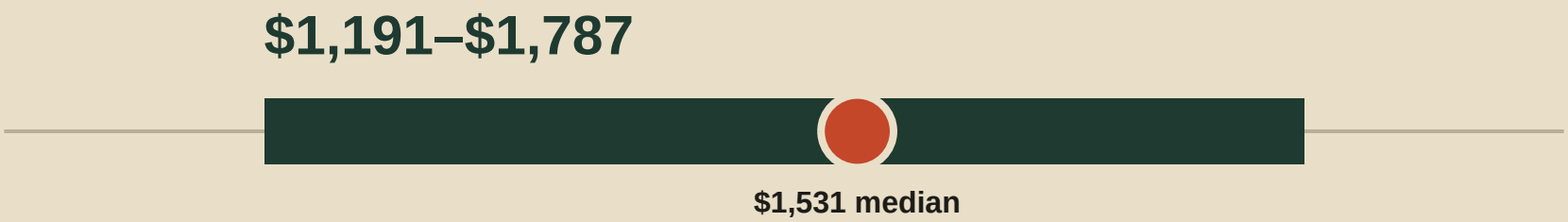
ROOM TO BUILD

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

37% of the housing here was built before 2000.

1,182

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

77%

of those were in multifamily buildings

37%

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 0.3–0.9% to the 3,585 homes here.

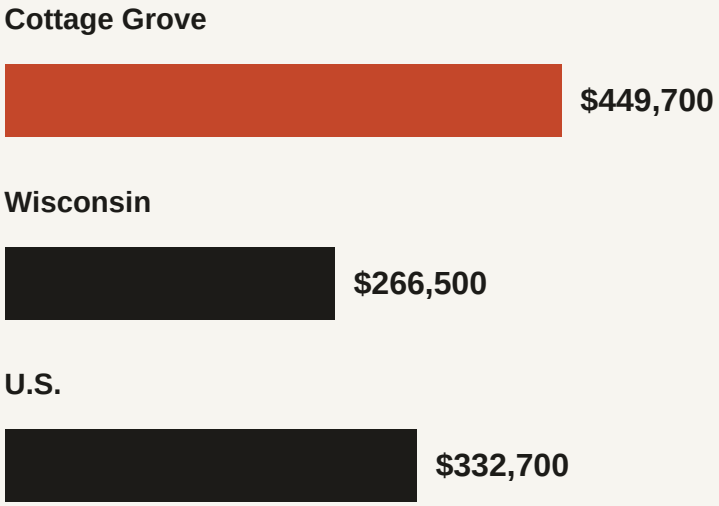
11–33

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 69% more than Wisconsin's.



$449,700

median home value in Cottage Grove.

Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS COTTAGE GROVE'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/wi/cottage-grove/**