Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Current market data.

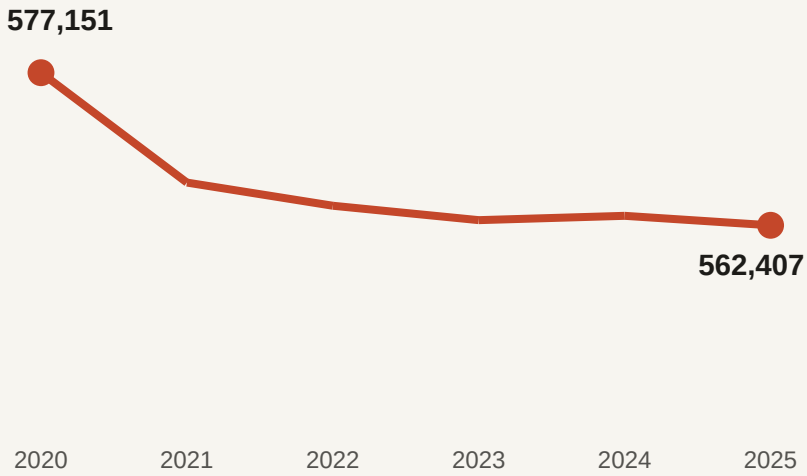
11 cards. Every number sourced and dated. Data as of Oct 30, 2026.

POPULATION

Down 2.6% since 2020.

562,407

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



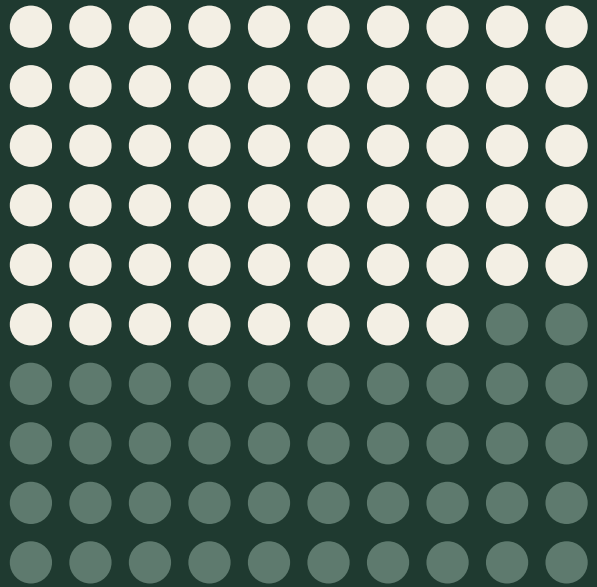
Source: Census Population Estimates, 2025

THE WORKDAY

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

58.0%

of 283,032 jobs located in Milwaukee are filled by in-commuters.



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

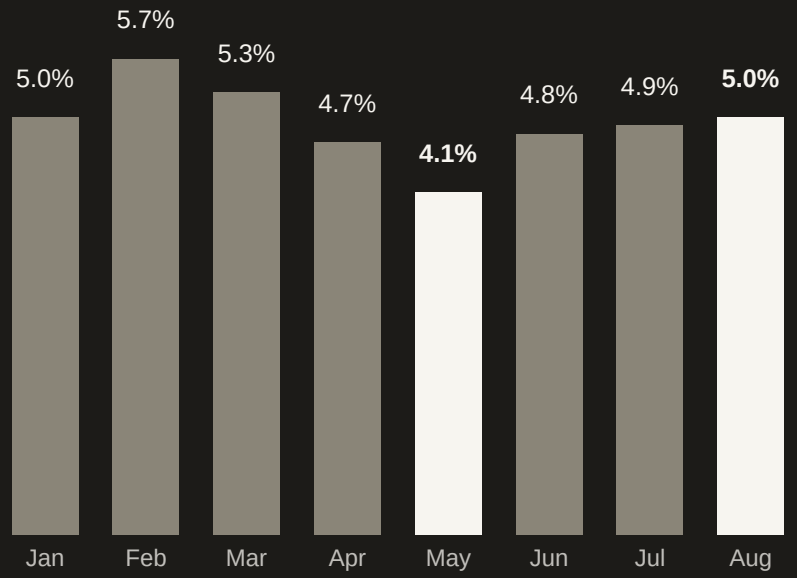
Source: Census LEHD LODES, 2023

UNEMPLOYMENT, 2026

The low came in May: 4.1%.

5.0%

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



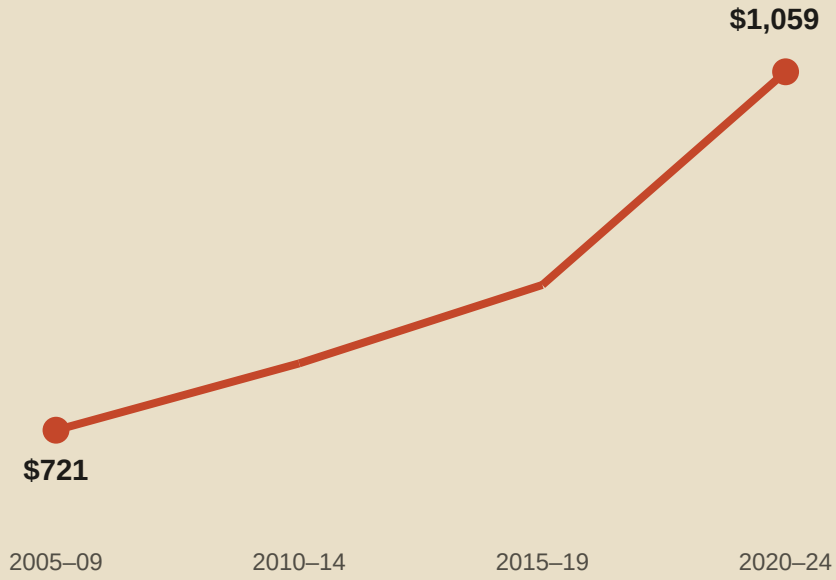
Source: BLS Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2026-08

RENT

Median rent is up 47% since the 2005–2009 survey, before inflation.

$1,059

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

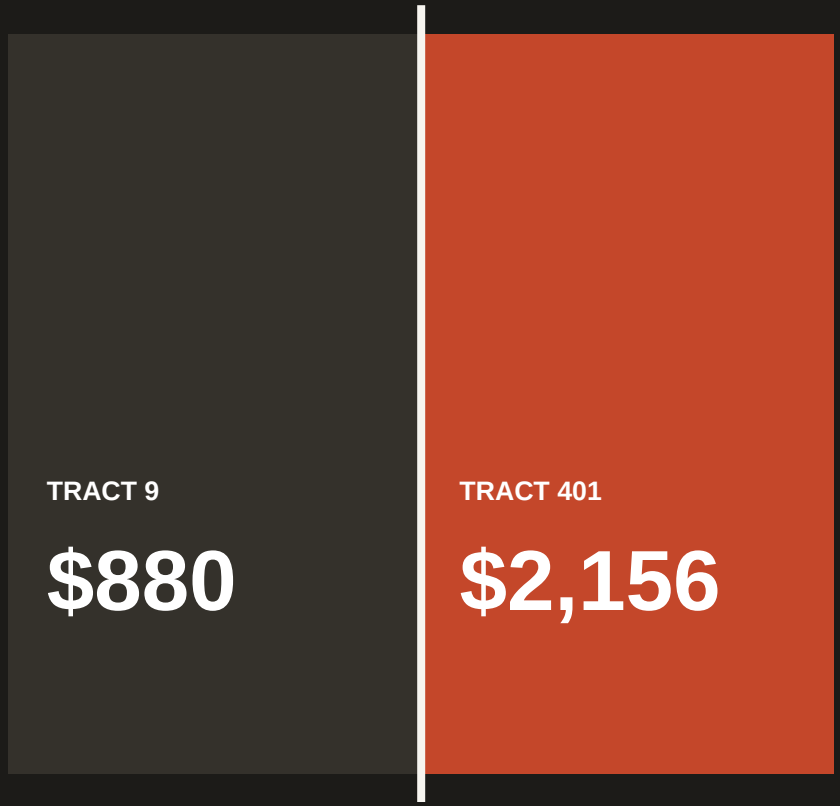


Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THE SEAM

Cross one tract line and median rent doubles.

A $1,276 gap between neighbors, the sharpest rent edge between adjacent tracts in Milwaukee County.



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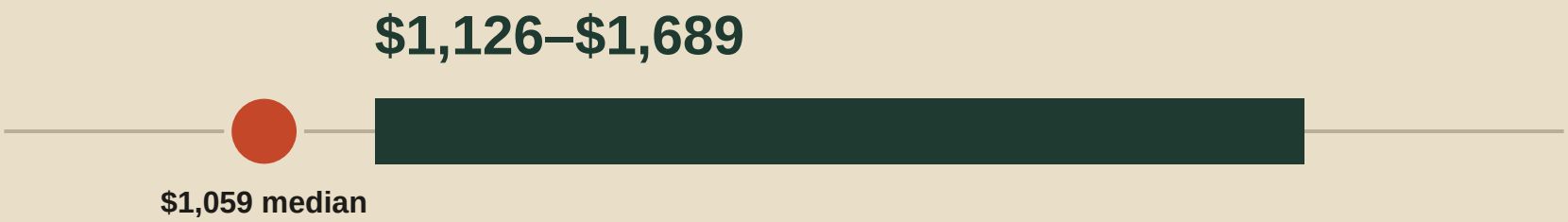
ROOM TO BUILD

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

Most of the housing here is older than 2000.

3,169

homes permitted in ten years, 2016–2025

90%

of those were in multifamily buildings

92%

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 1% to the 259,101 homes here.

1,358–2,830

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

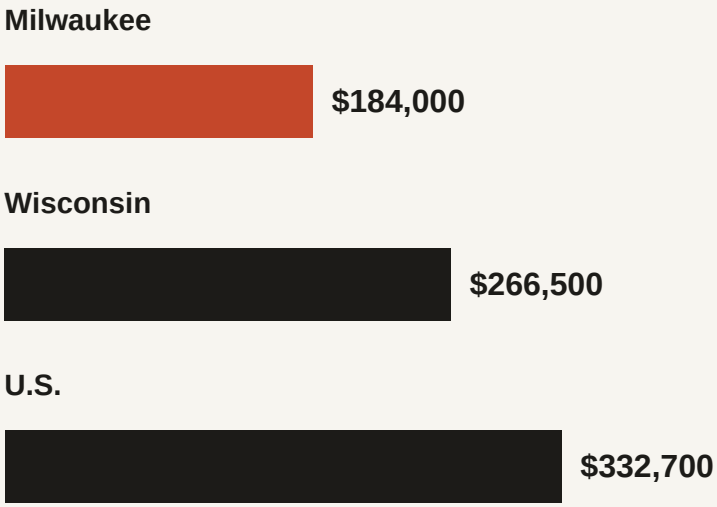
Source: Computed by the Almanac, 2023

HOME VALUE

A median home costs 31% less than Wisconsin's.

$184,000

median home value in Milwaukee.



Source: Census ACS 5-year, 2020-2024

THAT WAS MILWAUKEE'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/milwaukee/**