

The Cost of Living in Iowa, 2023 Edition: Basic Family Budgets

Bremer County

	Single Individual	Single Parent		Married Couple, No Children		Two Working Parents			Two Parents, One Working	
		1 child	2 children	Young	Older	1 child	2 children	3 children	1 child	2 children
<i>Monthly Expenses</i>										
Rent and utilities	\$ 585	\$ 801	\$ 801	\$ 609	\$ 609	\$ 801	\$ 801	\$ 994	\$ 801	\$ 801
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	250	406	407	530	938	757	780	624	513	477
Child care	0	802	934	0	0	802	1084	467	0	0
Clothing & household expenses	332	432	525	430	430	525	630	731	525	630
Transportation	628	606	693	1276	1276	1294	1294	1313	1102	1102
Monthly total	\$ 2,117	\$ 3,516	\$ 4,144	\$ 3,434	\$ 3,817	\$ 4,907	\$ 5,527	\$ 5,369	\$ 3,670	\$ 3,948
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,400	\$ 42,189	\$ 49,725	\$41,208	\$45,807	\$ 58,890	\$ 66,325	\$ 64,429	\$ 44,040	\$ 47,376
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,193	\$ 49,364	\$ 59,351	\$47,781	\$50,593	\$ 69,010	\$ 76,410	\$ 73,132	\$ 52,242	\$ 54,708
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,961)	(6,536)	(6,926)	(6,804)	(7,131)	(9,869)	(9,563)	(7,324)	(6,148)	(5,527)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	743	0	954
Net resources	\$ 25,233	\$ 42,828	\$ 52,425	\$40,977	\$43,462	\$ 59,141	\$ 66,847	\$ 66,552	\$ 46,094	\$ 50,135
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.52	\$ 23.73	\$ 28.53	\$ 11.49	\$ 12.16	\$ 16.59	\$ 18.37	\$ 17.58	\$ 25.12	\$ 26.30

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	67	22	23	91	80	34	52	53	66	66
Lowest cost county	\$1,969	\$3,230	\$3,853	\$3,291	\$3,461	\$4,585	\$5,049	\$5,340	\$3,674	\$4,002
Median county	\$2,110	\$3,453	\$4,225	\$3,497	\$3,690	\$4,859	\$5,576	\$5,555	\$3,873	\$4,218
Highest cost county	\$2,288	\$4,163	\$5,136	\$3,618	\$3,808	\$5,477	\$6,281	\$6,028	\$4,031	\$4,369