

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

## Buchanan 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	\$ 564	\$ 798	\$ 798	\$ 606	\$ 606	\$ 798	\$ 798	\$ 987	\$ 798	\$ 798
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	227	350	347	498	843	679	715	553	463	448
Child care	0	667	763	0	0	667	1013	382	0	0
Clothing & household expenses	332	432	525	430	430	525	630	731	525	630
Transportation	693	668	764	1408	1408	1427	1427	1448	1215	1215
Monthly total	\$ 2,138	\$ 3,385	\$ 3,981	\$ 3,530	\$ 3,850	\$ 4,826	\$ 5,521	\$ 5,341	\$ 3,731	\$ 4,029
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,651</b>	<b>\$ 40,616</b>	<b>\$ 47,775</b>	<b>\$42,356</b>	<b>\$46,205</b>	<b>\$ 57,906</b>	<b>\$ 66,256</b>	<b>\$ 64,093</b>	<b>\$ 44,768</b>	<b>\$ 48,348</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,453	\$ 47,164	\$ 56,314	\$48,962	\$51,240	\$ 67,412	\$ 75,862	\$ 72,223	\$ 52,658	\$ 55,205
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,058)	(6,054)	(6,263)	(7,160)	(7,377)	(9,576)	(9,565)	(7,364)	(6,362)	(5,735)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	852	0	894
Net resources	<b>\$ 25,395</b>	<b>\$ 41,110</b>	<b>\$ 50,050</b>	<b>\$41,802</b>	<b>\$43,862</b>	<b>\$ 57,837</b>	<b>\$ 66,297</b>	<b>\$ 65,711</b>	<b>\$ 46,297</b>	<b>\$ 50,364</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 14.64</b>	<b>\$ 22.68</b>	<b>\$ 27.07</b>	<b>\$ 11.77</b>	<b>\$ 12.32</b>	<b>\$ 16.20</b>	<b>\$ 18.24</b>	<b>\$ 17.36</b>	<b>\$ 25.32</b>	<b>\$ 26.54</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	45	56	65	67	68	60	69	76	61	61
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