

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

Buena Vista 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	\$ 546	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 592	\$ 592	\$ 755	\$ 755	\$ 1,010	\$ 755	\$ 755
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	248	380	392	545	936	741	806	629	509	499
Child care	0	715	880	0	0	715	1155	440	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	\$ 2,140	\$ 3,419	\$ 4,100	\$ 3,563	\$ 3,930	\$ 4,892	\$ 5,711	\$ 5,499	\$ 3,734	\$ 4,037
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,683	\$ 41,032	\$ 49,205	\$42,760	\$47,157	\$ 58,700	\$ 68,530	\$ 65,987	\$ 44,808	\$ 48,442
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,522	\$ 47,932	\$ 58,574	\$49,541	\$52,191	\$ 68,681	\$ 78,842	\$ 74,900	\$ 53,064	\$ 55,677
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,049)	(6,193)	(6,753)	(7,251)	(7,524)	(9,810)	(10,198)	(7,594)	(6,378)	(5,688)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	531	0	838
Net resources	\$ 25,473	\$ 41,739	\$ 51,821	\$42,290	\$44,667	\$ 58,871	\$ 68,644	\$ 67,837	\$ 46,686	\$ 50,827
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.67	\$ 23.04	\$ 28.16	\$ 11.91	\$ 12.55	\$ 16.51	\$ 18.95	\$ 18.00	\$ 25.51	\$ 26.77

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	29	40	32	28	24	35	19	29	33	32
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