

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

Calhoun 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	\$ 534	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 643	\$ 643	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 914	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	222	321	343	509	854	658	711	545	454	412
Child care	0	650	800	0	0	650	1050	400	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	\$ 2,102	\$ 3,280	\$ 3,955	\$ 3,578	\$ 3,898	\$ 4,728	\$ 5,495	\$ 5,278	\$ 3,662	\$ 3,935
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,229	\$ 39,356	\$ 47,465	\$42,936	\$46,778	\$ 56,741	\$ 65,934	\$ 63,340	\$ 43,946	\$ 47,215
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,950	\$ 45,791	\$ 55,956	\$49,633	\$51,909	\$ 66,097	\$ 75,500	\$ 71,320	\$ 51,676	\$ 54,052
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,933)	(5,714)	(6,171)	(7,323)	(7,539)	(9,250)	(9,472)	(7,242)	(6,113)	(5,572)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	961	0	1,033
Net resources	\$ 25,016	\$ 40,077	\$ 49,785	\$42,310	\$44,370	\$ 56,846	\$ 66,028	\$ 65,039	\$ 45,563	\$ 49,513
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.40	\$ 22.01	\$ 26.90	\$ 11.93	\$ 12.48	\$ 15.89	\$ 18.15	\$ 17.14	\$ 24.84	\$ 25.99

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	78	86	70	26	43	89	72	91	85	85
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