

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

Cherokee 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	\$ 1,050	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	245	346	362	559	948	714	757	625	506	495
Child care	0	642	750	0	0	642	995	375	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	\$ 2,126	\$ 3,297	\$ 3,924	\$ 3,628	\$ 3,992	\$ 4,776	\$ 5,486	\$ 5,469	\$ 3,715	\$ 4,017
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,511	\$ 39,565	\$ 47,090	\$43,541	\$47,909	\$ 57,310	\$ 65,832	\$ 65,630	\$ 44,580	\$ 48,206
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,317	\$ 46,309	\$ 56,048	\$50,439	\$53,059	\$ 67,100	\$ 75,734	\$ 74,470	\$ 52,789	\$ 55,396
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,998)	(5,793)	(6,119)	(7,472)	(7,726)	(9,422)	(9,426)	(7,537)	(6,309)	(5,649)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	583	0	872
Net resources	\$ 25,318	\$ 40,516	\$ 49,929	\$42,967	\$45,333	\$ 57,678	\$ 66,308	\$ 67,515	\$ 46,480	\$ 50,618
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.58	\$ 22.26	\$ 26.95	\$ 12.12	\$ 12.75	\$ 16.13	\$ 18.21	\$ 17.90	\$ 25.38	\$ 26.63

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	49	73	67	11	11	65	67	34	36	36
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