

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

Decatur 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	\$ 491	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 562	\$ 562	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 990	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	237	334	314	537	929	697	704	590	506	495
Child care	0	585	487	0	0	585	785	243	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	\$ 2,075	\$ 3,227	\$ 3,613	\$ 3,525	\$ 3,893	\$ 4,702	\$ 5,222	\$ 5,243	\$ 3,715	\$ 4,017
Annual total expenses	\$ 24,897	\$ 38,730	\$ 43,355	\$42,303	\$46,716	\$ 56,425	\$ 62,666	\$ 62,910	\$ 44,580	\$ 48,206
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,582	\$ 45,322	\$ 51,496	\$49,015	\$51,681	\$ 66,092	\$ 72,055	\$ 71,178	\$ 52,789	\$ 55,396
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,818)	(5,548)	(5,390)	(7,122)	(7,405)	(9,174)	(8,517)	(7,101)	(6,309)	(5,649)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	441	0	0	0	0	978	0	872
Net resources	\$ 24,765	\$ 39,775	\$ 46,548	\$41,893	\$44,276	\$ 56,918	\$ 63,538	\$ 65,054	\$ 46,480	\$ 50,618
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.22	\$ 21.79	\$ 24.76	\$ 11.78	\$ 12.42	\$ 15.89	\$ 17.32	\$ 17.11	\$ 25.38	\$ 26.63

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	88	90	98	52	47	87	94	90	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