

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

Delaware 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	\$ 569	\$ 569	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 1,011	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	221	347	359	488	833	676	720	569	452	411
Child care	0	715	882	0	0	715	1091	441	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	\$ 3,371	\$ 4,054	\$ 3,483	\$ 3,804	\$ 4,811	\$ 5,545	\$ 5,440	\$ 3,661	\$ 3,933
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,221	\$ 40,454	\$ 48,648	\$41,795	\$45,643	\$ 57,736	\$ 66,543	\$ 65,282	\$ 43,929	\$ 47,197
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,940	\$ 46,974	\$ 57,355	\$48,314	\$50,599	\$ 67,218	\$ 76,193	\$ 73,665	\$ 51,646	\$ 54,020
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,931)	(6,007)	(6,525)	(7,001)	(7,227)	(9,528)	(9,647)	(7,558)	(6,107)	(5,571)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	679	0	1,037
Net resources	\$ 25,008	\$ 40,968	\$ 50,831	\$41,313	\$43,373	\$ 57,690	\$ 66,546	\$ 66,786	\$ 45,539	\$ 49,486
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.39	\$ 22.58	\$ 27.57	\$ 11.61	\$ 12.16	\$ 16.16	\$ 18.32	\$ 17.71	\$ 24.83	\$ 25.97

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	83	61	46	85	86	64	60	48	90	90
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