

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

## Dickinson 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	\$ 631	\$ 873	\$ 873	\$ 663	\$ 663	\$ 873	\$ 873	\$ 1,108	\$ 873	\$ 873
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	265	433	366	565	952	918	796	625	532	518
Child care	0	800	637	0	0	800	1003	319	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	\$ 2,243	\$ 3,676	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,654	\$ 4,017	\$ 5,273	\$ 5,667	\$ 5,471	\$ 3,875	\$ 4,174
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,911</b>	<b>\$ 44,112</b>	<b>\$ 47,397</b>	<b>\$43,849</b>	<b>\$48,205</b>	<b>\$ 63,275</b>	<b>\$ 68,006</b>	<b>\$ 65,654</b>	<b>\$ 46,500</b>	<b>\$ 50,085</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 31,981	\$ 51,516	\$ 56,416	\$50,792	\$53,404	\$ 73,006	\$ 78,242	\$ 74,498	\$ 55,096	\$ 57,705
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,408)	(7,092)	(6,211)	(7,558)	(7,810)	(10,875)	(10,049)	(7,541)	(6,888)	(5,969)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	579	0	594
Net resources	<b>\$ 26,573</b>	<b>\$ 44,424</b>	<b>\$ 50,205</b>	<b>\$43,233</b>	<b>\$45,595</b>	<b>\$ 62,131</b>	<b>\$ 68,193</b>	<b>\$ 67,537</b>	<b>\$ 48,208</b>	<b>\$ 52,330</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 15.38</b>	<b>\$ 24.77</b>	<b>\$ 27.12</b>	<b>\$ 12.21</b>	<b>\$ 12.84</b>	<b>\$ 17.55</b>	<b>\$ 18.81</b>	<b>\$ 17.91</b>	<b>\$ 26.49</b>	<b>\$ 27.74</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	6	12	60	4	2	8	28	33	3	2
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