

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

Dubuque 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	\$ 554	\$ 834	\$ 834	\$ 634	\$ 634	\$ 834	\$ 834	\$ 1,112	\$ 834	\$ 834
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	213	399	420	471	813	822	793	575	449	407
Child care	0	885	1022	0	0	885	1381	511	0	0
Clothing & household expenses	332	432	525	430	430	525	630	731	525	630
Transportation	628	606	693	1276	1276	1294	1294	1313	1102	1102
Monthly total	\$ 2,049	\$ 3,626	\$ 4,279	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,717	\$ 5,089	\$ 5,870	\$ 5,483	\$ 3,639	\$ 3,911
Annual total expenses	\$ 24,587	\$ 43,507	\$ 51,344	\$40,799	\$44,609	\$ 61,071	\$ 70,439	\$ 65,796	\$ 43,670	\$ 46,932
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,179	\$ 50,542	\$ 60,351	\$47,157	\$49,444	\$ 70,212	\$ 80,661	\$ 74,288	\$ 51,333	\$ 53,621
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,744)	(6,901)	(7,275)	(6,717)	(6,958)	(10,262)	(10,757)	(7,643)	(6,029)	(5,515)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	604	0	1,144
Net resources	\$ 24,435	\$ 43,641	\$ 53,077	\$40,441	\$42,486	\$ 59,950	\$ 69,904	\$ 67,249	\$ 45,304	\$ 49,249
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.03	\$ 24.30	\$ 29.02	\$ 11.34	\$ 11.89	\$ 16.88	\$ 19.39	\$ 17.86	\$ 24.68	\$ 25.78

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	96	16	16	96	96	24	12	40	93	93
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