

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

Kossuth 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	\$ 558	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 562	\$ 562	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 918	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	257	404	408	552	957	907	841	634	522	513
Child care	0	796	927	0	0	796	1226	464	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	\$ 2,162	\$ 3,509	\$ 4,147	\$ 3,540	\$ 3,921	\$ 5,124	\$ 5,801	\$ 5,435	\$ 3,731	\$ 4,035
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,940	\$ 42,111	\$ 49,769	\$42,481	\$47,051	\$ 61,484	\$ 69,606	\$ 65,225	\$ 44,769	\$ 48,416
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,837	\$ 49,273	\$ 59,404	\$49,253	\$52,027	\$ 70,975	\$ 80,179	\$ 74,093	\$ 53,120	\$ 55,751
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,119)	(6,513)	(6,939)	(7,166)	(7,465)	(10,351)	(10,500)	(7,451)	(6,367)	(5,666)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	628	0	829
Net resources	\$ 25,718	\$ 42,760	\$ 52,465	\$42,088	\$44,562	\$ 60,624	\$ 69,679	\$ 67,270	\$ 46,753	\$ 50,914
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.83	\$ 23.69	\$ 28.56	\$ 11.84	\$ 12.51	\$ 17.06	\$ 19.27	\$ 17.81	\$ 25.54	\$ 26.80

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	17	26	22	35	31	14	13	38	15	14
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