

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

Lee 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	\$ 499	\$ 751	\$ 751	\$ 599	\$ 599	\$ 751	\$ 751	\$ 1,020	\$ 751	\$ 751
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	219	351	354	505	859	686	727	576	464	424
Child care	0	698	820	0	0	698	1060	410	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	\$ 2,065	\$ 3,370	\$ 3,998	\$ 3,530	\$ 3,860	\$ 4,816	\$ 5,532	\$ 5,425	\$ 3,685	\$ 3,959
Annual total expenses	\$ 24,776	\$ 40,444	\$ 47,979	\$42,363	\$46,315	\$ 57,792	\$ 66,386	\$ 65,099	\$ 44,219	\$ 47,503
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,412	\$ 47,014	\$ 56,659	\$48,991	\$51,338	\$ 67,349	\$ 76,080	\$ 73,513	\$ 52,062	\$ 54,455
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,797)	(6,007)	(6,336)	(7,158)	(7,385)	(9,546)	(9,599)	(7,513)	(6,196)	(5,610)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	697	0	984
Net resources	\$ 24,615	\$ 41,007	\$ 50,324	\$41,833	\$43,953	\$ 57,803	\$ 66,481	\$ 66,697	\$ 45,866	\$ 49,829
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.14	\$ 22.60	\$ 27.24	\$ 11.78	\$ 12.34	\$ 16.19	\$ 18.29	\$ 17.67	\$ 25.03	\$ 26.18

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	91	59	57	66	65	61	62	49	71	71
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