

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

Linn 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	\$ 541	\$ 814	\$ 814	\$ 619	\$ 619	\$ 814	\$ 814	\$ 1,156	\$ 814	\$ 814
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	211	376	412	467	809	690	745	583	445	403
Child care	0	818	1009	0	0	818	1238	504	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	\$ 2,034	\$ 3,515	\$ 4,237	\$ 3,381	\$ 3,698	\$ 4,870	\$ 5,659	\$ 5,527	\$ 3,616	\$ 3,887
Annual total expenses	\$ 24,403	\$ 42,184	\$ 50,843	\$40,574	\$44,377	\$ 58,439	\$ 67,913	\$ 66,327	\$ 43,388	\$ 46,644
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 28,958	\$ 49,000	\$ 59,761	\$46,896	\$49,183	\$ 68,016	\$ 77,772	\$ 74,930	\$ 50,990	\$ 53,103
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,690)	(6,514)	(7,127)	(6,652)	(6,897)	(9,724)	(10,039)	(7,730)	(5,943)	(5,444)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	527	0	1,331
Net resources	\$ 24,268	\$ 42,486	\$ 52,634	\$40,244	\$42,286	\$ 58,292	\$ 67,733	\$ 67,727	\$ 45,048	\$ 48,991
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 13.92	\$ 23.56	\$ 28.73	\$ 11.27	\$ 11.82	\$ 16.35	\$ 18.70	\$ 18.01	\$ 24.51	\$ 25.53

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	97	28	19	97	97	51	37	30	94	95
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