

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

Lucas 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	\$ 635	\$ 878	\$ 878	\$ 667	\$ 667	\$ 878	\$ 878	\$ 1,085	\$ 878	\$ 878
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	246	377	425	524	874	828	780	596	488	472
Child care	0	676	905	0	0	676	1120	452	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	\$ 2,227	\$ 3,501	\$ 4,281	\$ 3,617	\$ 3,943	\$ 5,063	\$ 5,772	\$ 5,553	\$ 3,836	\$ 4,133
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,728</b>	<b>\$ 42,013</b>	<b>\$ 51,374</b>	<b>\$43,401</b>	<b>\$47,314</b>	<b>\$ 60,760</b>	<b>\$ 69,265</b>	<b>\$ 66,636</b>	<b>\$ 46,034</b>	<b>\$ 49,596</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 31,740	\$ 48,851	\$ 60,490	\$50,186	\$52,510	\$ 69,890	\$ 79,388	\$ 75,374	\$ 54,246	\$ 56,806
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,370)	(6,466)	(7,295)	(7,451)	(7,671)	(10,171)	(10,421)	(7,766)	(6,745)	(5,936)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	474	0	702
Net resources	<b>\$ 26,370</b>	<b>\$ 42,385</b>	<b>\$ 53,194</b>	<b>\$42,735</b>	<b>\$44,839</b>	<b>\$ 59,719</b>	<b>\$ 68,967</b>	<b>\$ 68,082</b>	<b>\$ 47,502</b>	<b>\$ 51,572</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 15.26</b>	<b>\$ 23.49</b>	<b>\$ 29.08</b>	<b>\$ 12.06</b>	<b>\$ 12.62</b>	<b>\$ 16.80</b>	<b>\$ 19.08</b>	<b>\$ 18.12</b>	<b>\$ 26.08</b>	<b>\$ 27.31</b>

## County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses										
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Rank (1=highest cost)	7	31	14	16	20	28	17	25	11	11
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