

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

Mahaska 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	\$ 577	\$ 747	\$ 747	\$ 581	\$ 581	\$ 747	\$ 747	\$ 923	\$ 747	\$ 747
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	234	363	348	500	855	701	736	556	464	424
Child care	0	750	795	0	0	750	1098	398	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	\$ 2,158	\$ 3,430	\$ 3,964	\$ 3,507	\$ 3,838	\$ 4,879	\$ 5,575	\$ 5,296	\$ 3,680	\$ 3,954
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,891	\$ 41,161	\$ 47,571	\$42,089	\$46,052	\$ 58,547	\$ 66,906	\$ 63,550	\$ 44,162	\$ 47,445
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,745	\$ 47,854	\$ 56,171	\$48,675	\$51,033	\$ 68,205	\$ 76,679	\$ 71,637	\$ 51,993	\$ 54,385
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,125)	(6,216)	(6,213)	(7,080)	(7,314)	(9,756)	(9,748)	(7,264)	(6,179)	(5,601)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	923	0	993
Net resources	\$ 25,620	\$ 41,638	\$ 49,958	\$41,595	\$43,719	\$ 58,449	\$ 66,931	\$ 65,296	\$ 45,815	\$ 49,777
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.78	\$ 23.01	\$ 27.01	\$ 11.70	\$ 12.27	\$ 16.40	\$ 18.43	\$ 17.22	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.15

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	22	41	66	77	73	47	49	81	72	72
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