

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

## Marion 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	\$ 555	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 647	\$ 647	\$ 835	\$ 835	\$ 1,032	\$ 835	\$ 835
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	204	366	348	463	765	765	677	515	421	402
Child care	0	797	857	0	0	797	1044	429	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	\$ 2,105	\$ 3,568	\$ 4,113	\$ 3,536	\$ 3,813	\$ 5,078	\$ 5,551	\$ 5,395	\$ 3,726	\$ 4,020
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,262</b>	<b>\$ 42,811</b>	<b>\$ 49,357</b>	<b>\$42,428</b>	<b>\$45,760</b>	<b>\$ 60,937</b>	<b>\$ 66,608</b>	<b>\$ 64,743</b>	<b>\$ 44,711</b>	<b>\$ 48,243</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,961	\$ 49,489	\$ 57,702	\$48,943	\$50,889	\$ 69,868	\$ 75,944	\$ 72,671	\$ 52,270	\$ 54,756
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,960)	(6,684)	(6,681)	(7,201)	(7,380)	(10,249)	(9,680)	(7,542)	(6,341)	(5,773)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	799	0	948
Net resources	<b>\$ 25,002</b>	<b>\$ 42,805</b>	<b>\$ 51,021</b>	<b>\$41,742</b>	<b>\$43,509</b>	<b>\$ 59,618</b>	<b>\$ 66,263</b>	<b>\$ 65,927</b>	<b>\$ 45,929</b>	<b>\$ 49,932</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 14.40</b>	<b>\$ 23.79</b>	<b>\$ 27.74</b>	<b>\$ 11.77</b>	<b>\$ 12.23</b>	<b>\$ 16.80</b>	<b>\$ 18.26</b>	<b>\$ 17.47</b>	<b>\$ 25.13</b>	<b>\$ 26.33</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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<b>Marion County</b>	\$2,105	\$3,568	\$4,113	\$3,536	\$3,813	\$5,078	\$5,551	\$5,395	\$3,726	\$4,020
Rank (1=highest cost)	86	23	42	69	75	31	70	65	70	69
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