

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

Muscatine 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	\$ 628	\$ 945	\$ 945	\$ 718	\$ 718	\$ 945	\$ 945	\$ 1,197	\$ 945	\$ 945
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	244	432	433	538	886	877	816	615	502	482
Child care	0	813	872	0	0	813	1173	436	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	\$ 2,219	\$ 3,759	\$ 4,323	\$ 3,682	\$ 4,006	\$ 5,316	\$ 5,929	\$ 5,668	\$ 3,917	\$ 4,210
Annual total expenses	\$ 26,627	\$ 45,111	\$ 51,880	\$44,187	\$48,067	\$ 63,787	\$ 71,142	\$ 68,013	\$ 47,001	\$ 50,526
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 31,619	\$ 52,449	\$ 61,085	\$51,086	\$53,390	\$ 73,434	\$ 81,526	\$ 77,028	\$ 55,404	\$ 57,956
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,340)	(7,370)	(7,445)	(7,672)	(7,884)	(11,048)	(10,952)	(7,987)	(7,035)	(6,096)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	276	0	564
Net resources	\$ 26,279	\$ 45,079	\$ 53,640	\$43,414	\$45,505	\$ 62,387	\$ 70,574	\$ 69,317	\$ 48,369	\$ 52,424
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 15.20	\$ 25.22	\$ 29.37	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.83	\$ 17.65	\$ 19.60	\$ 18.52	\$ 26.64	\$ 27.86

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	10	7	11	1	6	5	11	7	1	1
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