

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

Plymouth 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	\$ 534	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 610	\$ 610	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 1,050	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	233	318	308	516	908	657	629	581	486	447
Child care	0	575	534	0	0	575	701	267	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	\$ 2,049	\$ 3,140	\$ 3,583	\$ 3,421	\$ 3,789	\$ 4,519	\$ 4,931	\$ 5,182	\$ 3,581	\$ 3,856
Annual total expenses	\$ 24,591	\$ 37,683	\$ 42,995	\$41,046	\$45,464	\$ 54,234	\$ 59,171	\$ 62,189	\$ 42,977	\$ 46,276
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 29,214	\$ 44,078	\$ 51,071	\$47,561	\$50,254	\$ 63,578	\$ 68,148	\$ 70,299	\$ 50,857	\$ 52,992
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,727)	(5,238)	(5,331)	(6,765)	(7,073)	(8,557)	(7,558)	(6,985)	(5,830)	(5,325)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	492	0	0	0	0	1,083	0	1,371
Net resources	\$ 24,487	\$ 38,840	\$ 46,233	\$40,796	\$43,180	\$ 55,021	\$ 60,591	\$ 64,397	\$ 45,027	\$ 49,039
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.05	\$ 21.19	\$ 24.55	\$ 11.43	\$ 12.08	\$ 15.28	\$ 16.38	\$ 16.90	\$ 24.45	\$ 25.48

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	94	98	99	92	92	99	99	95	95	94
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