

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

## Pocahontas 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	\$ 562	\$ 562	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 914	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	245	373	386	537	929	733	797	610	506	495
Child care	0	704	867	0	0	704	1137	433	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	\$ 2,126	\$ 3,386	\$ 4,065	\$ 3,525	\$ 3,893	\$ 4,857	\$ 5,668	\$ 5,377	\$ 3,715	\$ 4,017
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,511</b>	<b>\$ 40,633</b>	<b>\$ 48,778</b>	<b>\$42,303</b>	<b>\$46,716</b>	<b>\$ 58,285</b>	<b>\$ 68,012</b>	<b>\$ 64,523</b>	<b>\$ 44,580</b>	<b>\$ 48,206</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,317	\$ 47,464	\$ 58,065	\$49,015	\$51,681	\$ 68,206	\$ 78,248	\$ 73,133	\$ 52,789	\$ 55,396
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,998)	(6,077)	(6,625)	(7,122)	(7,405)	(9,694)	(10,051)	(7,360)	(6,309)	(5,649)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	743	0	872
Net resources	<b>\$ 25,318</b>	<b>\$ 41,387</b>	<b>\$ 51,440</b>	<b>\$41,893</b>	<b>\$44,276</b>	<b>\$ 58,513</b>	<b>\$ 68,197</b>	<b>\$ 66,516</b>	<b>\$ 46,480</b>	<b>\$ 50,618</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 14.58</b>	<b>\$ 22.82</b>	<b>\$ 27.92</b>	<b>\$ 11.78</b>	<b>\$ 12.42</b>	<b>\$ 16.40</b>	<b>\$ 18.81</b>	<b>\$ 17.58</b>	<b>\$ 25.38</b>	<b>\$ 26.63</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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<b>Pocahontas County</b>	\$2,126	\$3,386	\$4,065	\$3,525	\$3,893	\$4,857	\$5,668	\$5,377	\$3,715	\$4,017
Rank (1=highest cost)	49	52	37	52	47	44	27	55	36	36
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