

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

Van Buren 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	\$ 649	\$ 649	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 1,040	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	226	343	300	519	870	675	676	554	462	422
Child care	0	676	543	0	0	676	878	272	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	\$ 2,106	\$ 3,328	\$ 3,656	\$ 3,594	\$ 3,921	\$ 4,772	\$ 5,288	\$ 5,285	\$ 3,671	\$ 3,944
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,274	\$ 39,938	\$ 43,868	\$43,126	\$47,049	\$ 57,258	\$ 63,459	\$ 63,422	\$ 44,049	\$ 47,329
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,009	\$ 46,420	\$ 51,669	\$49,869	\$52,199	\$ 66,743	\$ 72,684	\$ 71,481	\$ 51,856	\$ 54,245
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,944)	(5,859)	(5,477)	(7,373)	(7,595)	(9,397)	(8,759)	(7,243)	(6,144)	(5,581)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	421	0	0	0	0	941	0	1,010
Net resources	\$ 25,065	\$ 40,561	\$ 46,613	\$42,496	\$44,604	\$ 57,346	\$ 63,925	\$ 65,179	\$ 45,712	\$ 49,674
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.43	\$ 22.32	\$ 24.84	\$ 11.99	\$ 12.55	\$ 16.04	\$ 17.47	\$ 17.18	\$ 24.93	\$ 26.08

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	72	72	97	21	27	81	92	84	77	77
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