

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

Washington 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	\$ 604	\$ 847	\$ 847	\$ 644	\$ 644	\$ 847	\$ 847	\$ 1,047	\$ 847	\$ 847
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	227	361	352	483	835	677	713	553	461	421
Child care	0	706	784	0	0	706	1048	392	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	\$ 2,113	\$ 3,422	\$ 3,985	\$ 3,422	\$ 3,749	\$ 4,778	\$ 5,470	\$ 5,276	\$ 3,665	\$ 3,938
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,352	\$ 41,063	\$ 47,825	\$41,060	\$44,991	\$ 57,336	\$ 65,636	\$ 63,316	\$ 43,974	\$ 47,252
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,101	\$ 47,740	\$ 56,475	\$47,483	\$49,844	\$ 66,832	\$ 75,211	\$ 71,353	\$ 51,766	\$ 54,153
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,966)	(6,187)	(6,289)	(6,787)	(7,037)	(9,419)	(9,383)	(7,226)	(6,122)	(5,568)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	957	0	1,021
Net resources	\$ 25,135	\$ 41,552	\$ 50,186	\$40,696	\$42,807	\$ 57,413	\$ 65,828	\$ 65,083	\$ 45,644	\$ 49,605
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.47	\$ 22.95	\$ 27.15	\$ 11.41	\$ 11.98	\$ 16.07	\$ 18.08	\$ 17.15	\$ 24.89	\$ 26.04

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	71	45	61	94	93	80	73	88	83	83
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