

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

Wayne 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	226	309	314	496	850	646	665	539	462	422
Child care	0	574	623	0	0	574	832	312	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	\$ 3,192	\$ 3,750	\$ 3,483	\$ 3,813	\$ 4,640	\$ 5,230	\$ 5,184	\$ 3,671	\$ 3,944
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,274	\$ 38,300	\$ 44,996	\$41,802	\$45,761	\$ 55,681	\$ 62,761	\$ 62,211	\$ 44,049	\$ 47,329
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,009	\$ 44,584	\$ 53,051	\$48,343	\$50,704	\$ 64,942	\$ 71,869	\$ 70,009	\$ 51,856	\$ 54,245
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,944)	(5,406)	(5,669)	(6,998)	(7,237)	(8,955)	(8,556)	(7,048)	(6,144)	(5,581)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	255	0	0	0	0	1,118	0	1,010
Net resources	\$ 25,065	\$ 39,178	\$ 47,637	\$41,344	\$43,466	\$ 55,987	\$ 63,312	\$ 64,079	\$ 45,712	\$ 49,674
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.43	\$ 21.43	\$ 25.51	\$ 11.62	\$ 12.19	\$ 15.61	\$ 17.28	\$ 16.83	\$ 24.93	\$ 26.08

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	72	97	91	82	77	95	95	99	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