

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

## Webster 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	\$ 558	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 562	\$ 562	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 1,024	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	226	307	300	487	833	640	644	544	454	412
Child care	0	587	571	0	0	587	784	286	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	\$ 2,131	\$ 3,203	\$ 3,684	\$ 3,475	\$ 3,797	\$ 4,647	\$ 5,161	\$ 5,273	\$ 3,662	\$ 3,935
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,572</b>	<b>\$ 38,436</b>	<b>\$ 44,204</b>	<b>\$41,705</b>	<b>\$45,565</b>	<b>\$ 55,769</b>	<b>\$ 61,934</b>	<b>\$ 63,277</b>	<b>\$ 43,946</b>	<b>\$ 47,215</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,360	\$ 44,702	\$ 51,993	\$48,213	\$50,509	\$ 64,986	\$ 70,842	\$ 71,244	\$ 51,676	\$ 54,052
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,034)	(5,443)	(5,534)	(6,974)	(7,204)	(8,978)	(8,318)	(7,231)	(6,113)	(5,572)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	382	0	0	0	0	970	0	1,033
Net resources	<b>\$ 25,326</b>	<b>\$ 39,259</b>	<b>\$ 46,840</b>	<b>\$41,238</b>	<b>\$43,306</b>	<b>\$ 56,008</b>	<b>\$ 62,524</b>	<b>\$ 64,982</b>	<b>\$ 45,563</b>	<b>\$ 49,513</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 14.60</b>	<b>\$ 21.49</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>	<b>\$ 11.59</b>	<b>\$ 12.14</b>	<b>\$ 15.62</b>	<b>\$ 17.03</b>	<b>\$ 17.13</b>	<b>\$ 24.84</b>	<b>\$ 25.99</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	48	96	96	87	88	94	97	92	85	85
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