

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

Cass 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	\$ 647	\$ 647	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 944	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	245	348	332	561	949	716	716	591	506	495
Child care	0	650	594	0	0	650	834	297	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	\$ 3,307	\$ 3,738	\$ 3,634	\$ 3,997	\$ 4,786	\$ 5,283	\$ 5,251	\$ 3,715	\$ 4,017
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,511	\$ 39,684	\$ 44,860	\$43,602	\$47,968	\$ 57,436	\$ 63,400	\$ 63,016	\$ 44,580	\$ 48,206
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,317	\$ 46,450	\$ 53,342	\$50,509	\$53,128	\$ 67,244	\$ 72,911	\$ 71,306	\$ 52,789	\$ 55,396
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(4,998)	(5,828)	(5,646)	(7,489)	(7,742)	(9,457)	(8,728)	(7,118)	(6,309)	(5,649)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	220	0	0	0	0	962	0	872
Net resources	\$ 25,318	\$ 40,622	\$ 47,917	\$43,020	\$45,386	\$ 57,786	\$ 64,183	\$ 65,150	\$ 46,480	\$ 50,618
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.58	\$ 22.33	\$ 25.65	\$ 12.14	\$ 12.77	\$ 16.16	\$ 17.53	\$ 17.14	\$ 25.38	\$ 26.63

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	49	70	89	8	8	62	91	85	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