

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

## Clarke 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	\$ 614	\$ 849	\$ 849	\$ 645	\$ 645	\$ 849	\$ 849	\$ 1,049	\$ 849	\$ 849
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	261	376	448	560	948	737	790	641	528	514
Child care	0	607	923	0	0	607	1003	462	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	\$ 2,222	\$ 3,402	\$ 4,293	\$ 3,631	\$ 3,995	\$ 4,873	\$ 5,637	\$ 5,571	\$ 3,846	\$ 4,146
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,663</b>	<b>\$ 40,819</b>	<b>\$ 51,519</b>	<b>\$43,571</b>	<b>\$47,938</b>	<b>\$ 58,481</b>	<b>\$ 67,639</b>	<b>\$ 66,858</b>	<b>\$ 46,154</b>	<b>\$ 49,752</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 31,688	\$ 47,682	\$ 61,114	\$50,474	\$53,093	\$ 68,429	\$ 77,820	\$ 75,952	\$ 54,682	\$ 57,293
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,336)	(6,131)	(7,389)	(7,480)	(7,734)	(9,748)	(9,944)	(7,736)	(6,784)	(5,912)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	405	0	644
Net resources	<b>\$ 26,352</b>	<b>\$ 41,550</b>	<b>\$ 53,725</b>	<b>\$42,994</b>	<b>\$45,360</b>	<b>\$ 58,681</b>	<b>\$ 67,875</b>	<b>\$ 68,620</b>	<b>\$ 47,898</b>	<b>\$ 52,025</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 15.23</b>	<b>\$ 22.92</b>	<b>\$ 29.38</b>	<b>\$ 12.13</b>	<b>\$ 12.76</b>	<b>\$ 16.45</b>	<b>\$ 18.71</b>	<b>\$ 18.26</b>	<b>\$ 26.29</b>	<b>\$ 27.54</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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<b>Clarke County</b>	\$2,222	\$3,402	\$4,293	\$3,631	\$3,995	\$4,873	\$5,637	\$5,571	\$3,846	\$4,146
Rank (1=highest cost)	8	46	9	9	10	38	35	16	7	7
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