

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

Guthrie 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	\$ 658	\$ 935	\$ 935	\$ 770	\$ 770	\$ 935	\$ 935	\$ 1,284	\$ 935	\$ 935
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	257	417	400	558	947	888	803	650	522	510
Child care	0	743	808	0	0	743	1097	404	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	\$ 2,197	\$ 3,603	\$ 4,145	\$ 3,623	\$ 3,987	\$ 5,114	\$ 5,697	\$ 5,622	\$ 3,814	\$ 4,115
Annual total expenses	\$ 26,366	\$ 43,234	\$ 49,738	\$43,476	\$47,847	\$ 61,369	\$ 68,362	\$ 67,465	\$ 45,762	\$ 49,375
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 31,335	\$ 50,499	\$ 59,207	\$50,365	\$52,987	\$ 70,777	\$ 78,650	\$ 76,684	\$ 54,212	\$ 56,826
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,249)	(6,837)	(6,912)	(7,453)	(7,709)	(10,325)	(10,151)	(7,836)	(6,666)	(5,847)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	317	0	700
Net resources	\$ 26,086	\$ 43,663	\$ 52,295	\$42,911	\$45,278	\$ 60,452	\$ 68,499	\$ 69,165	\$ 47,546	\$ 51,678
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 15.06	\$ 24.28	\$ 28.46	\$ 12.11	\$ 12.74	\$ 17.01	\$ 18.91	\$ 18.43	\$ 26.06	\$ 27.32

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	12	15	26	12	13	18	20	9	10	10
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