

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

Union 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	\$ 546	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 634	\$ 634	\$ 739	\$ 739	\$ 1,012	\$ 739	\$ 739
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	248	337	346	557	946	702	737	610	506	495
Child care	0	602	668	0	0	602	919	334	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	\$ 2,140	\$ 3,249	\$ 3,826	\$ 3,617	\$ 3,981	\$ 4,725	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,375	\$ 3,715	\$ 4,017
Annual total expenses	\$ 25,683	\$ 38,984	\$ 45,917	\$43,403	\$47,776	\$ 56,694	\$ 64,677	\$ 64,504	\$ 44,580	\$ 48,206
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 30,522	\$ 45,623	\$ 54,631	\$50,280	\$52,906	\$ 66,399	\$ 74,399	\$ 73,110	\$ 52,789	\$ 55,396
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,049)	(5,622)	(5,824)	(7,433)	(7,690)	(9,250)	(9,098)	(7,357)	(6,309)	(5,649)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	746	0	872
Net resources	\$ 25,473	\$ 40,000	\$ 48,872	\$42,847	\$45,216	\$ 57,149	\$ 65,301	\$ 66,499	\$ 46,480	\$ 50,618
Family supporting hourly wage	\$ 14.67	\$ 21.93	\$ 26.27	\$ 12.09	\$ 12.72	\$ 15.96	\$ 17.88	\$ 17.57	\$ 25.38	\$ 26.63

County Comparisons

Monthly total expenses

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Rank (1=highest cost)	29	88	80	15	15	84	81	56	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