

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

## Wapello 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	\$ 595	\$ 823	\$ 823	\$ 625	\$ 625	\$ 823	\$ 823	\$ 1,043	\$ 823	\$ 823
Food	321	470	784	589	565	729	938	1240	729	938
Health Care	238	378	331	512	865	829	734	563	478	464
Child care	0	733	634	0	0	733	1013	317	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	\$ 2,179	\$ 3,504	\$ 3,862	\$ 3,563	\$ 3,891	\$ 5,066	\$ 5,564	\$ 5,342	\$ 3,770	\$ 4,070
<b>Annual total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,151</b>	<b>\$ 42,044</b>	<b>\$ 46,338</b>	<b>\$42,759</b>	<b>\$46,696</b>	<b>\$ 60,791</b>	<b>\$ 66,769</b>	<b>\$ 64,104</b>	<b>\$ 45,245</b>	<b>\$ 48,837</b>
Annual before-tax earnings needed	\$ 31,053	\$ 48,888	\$ 54,687	\$49,447	\$51,784	\$ 69,926	\$ 76,521	\$ 72,308	\$ 53,299	\$ 55,865
Less: Income & payroll taxes	(5,201)	(6,476)	(5,895)	(7,270)	(7,493)	(10,180)	(9,709)	(7,353)	(6,507)	(5,806)
Plus: EITC & other credits	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	842	0	815
Net resources	<b>\$ 25,853</b>	<b>\$ 42,412</b>	<b>\$ 48,850</b>	<b>\$42,178</b>	<b>\$44,292</b>	<b>\$ 59,746</b>	<b>\$ 66,813</b>	<b>\$ 65,797</b>	<b>\$ 46,792</b>	<b>\$ 50,874</b>
<b>Family supporting hourly wage</b>	<b>\$ 14.93</b>	<b>\$ 23.50</b>	<b>\$ 26.29</b>	<b>\$ 11.89</b>	<b>\$ 12.45</b>	<b>\$ 16.81</b>	<b>\$ 18.39</b>	<b>\$ 17.38</b>	<b>\$ 25.62</b>	<b>\$ 26.86</b>

## County Comparisons

### Monthly total expenses

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<b>Wapello County</b>	\$2,179	\$3,504	\$3,862	\$3,563	\$3,891	\$5,066	\$5,564	\$5,342	\$3,770	\$4,070
Rank (1=highest cost)	15	30	81	33	46	27	53	70	14	30
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