

Costs for Single-Parent Families Living In Des Moines-West Des Moines Metropolitan Statistical Area
(Polk, Dallas, Guthrie, Madison, Warren Counties)

	Monthly Costs	
	Single Parent One Child	Single Parent Two Children
Child Care	\$539	\$810
Clothing/Other Necessities	\$240	\$269
Food	\$275	\$407
Health Care	\$255	\$353
Housing	\$669	\$669
Transportation	\$491	\$491
Income Taxes	\$345	\$300
Monthly Total	\$2,814	\$3,299
Annual Total	\$33,768	\$39,588
Family Supporting Wage	\$16.23	\$19.03

Source: The Iowa Policy Project – *The Cost of Living in Iowa, January 2008* – www.iowapolicyproject.org