

## Study: 42 percent of Woodbury County families struggle with basic expenses

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Basics such as housing, transportation, food, health care and child care are difficult for 28 percent of families in Woodbury County to afford.



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SIOUX CITY | More than one in four households in Dakota and Woodbury counties are struggling to pay for basic living expenses, a study released Wednesday found.

The number of families having difficulty making ends meet far exceeds the 14 percent of households in Woodbury and 19 percent in Dakota living below the federal poverty level, which is \$11,670 annual income for a single adult and \$23,850 for a family of four.

An additional 28 percent and 24 percent of families in Woodbury and Dakota, respectively, are above the poverty threshold, but still have trouble affording basics such as housing, transportation, food, health care and child care, according to United Way of Iowa's Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed, or ALICE report.



Adair	2482	27%	18%	770	53%	30%	128
Adams	1310	29%	23%	425	43%	33%	36
Allamakee	4572	30%	17%	1327	59%	25%	390
Appanoose	3947	34%	20%	1500	67%	42%	529
Audubon	2231	36%	13%	472	48%	29%	102
Benton	8182	22%	16%	1955	57%	35%	636
Black Hawk	35307	23%	15%	17897	57%	47%	3100
Boone	8038	22%	19%	2581	60%	43%	1040
Bremer	7502	20%	17%	1794	56%	39%	326
Buchanan	6561	21%	16%	1737	47%	34%	352
Buena Vista	5358	23%	19%	2277	57%	32%	251
Butler	4960	25%	16%	1262	51%	29%	254
Calhoun	3359	31%	15%	951	64%	46%	220
Carroll	6457	26%	14%	2100	70%	50%	644
Cass	4293	30%	18%	1781	63%	37%	598
Cedar	6056	20%	16%	1583	49%	38%	505
Cerro Gordo	14237	28%	19%	5627	64%	41%	2154
Cherokee	4014	30%	13%	1370	53%	31%	149
Chickasaw	4207	27%	14%	1123	70%	44%	320
Clarke	2561	29%	26%	1125	65%	55%	563
Clay	5372	26%	16%	1897	60%	44%	446
Clayton	6071	28%	18%	1627	64%	39%	460
Clinton	14801	27%	19%	5176	63%	45%	1900
Crawford	4824	25%	14%	1547	66%	39%	316
Dallas	20925	0%	13%	6793	48%	36%	227
Davis	2406	29%	24%	679	70%	46%	195
Decatur	2066	35%	23%	1019	71%	46%	116
Delaware	5619	21%	19%	1496	61%	36%	464
Des Moines	12277	31%	22%	4604	67%	45%	1875
Dickinson	5823	0%	20%	2008	0%	39%	0
Dubuque	28204	18%	17%	10620	59%	58%	4951
Emmet	3252	28%	17%	898	63%	48%	242
Fayette	6450	29%	15%	2020	61%	43%	496
Floyd	4954	28%	14%	1969	67%	38%	661
Franklin	3286	29%	18%	1035	58%	32%	292
Fremont	2284	23%	14%	719	62%	43%	260
Greene	2935	29%	20%	914	62%	45%	350
Grundy	4129	21%	16%	983	55%	38%	102
Guthrie	3645	26%	18%	914	49%	39%	120
Hamilton	4475	28%	20%	1879	58%	44%	589
Hancock	3822	25%	15%	807	58%	36%	195
Hardin	5354	28%	15%	1643	53%	33%	314

Harrison	4569	23%	20%	1390	56%	41%	118
Henry	5566	26%	19%	1946	61%	44%	449
Howard	3121	30%	19%	796	63%	55%	302
Humboldt	3115	31%	13%	1085	56%	38%	266
Ida	2322	31%	12%	802	62%	28%	84
Iowa	5265	21%	16%	1440	48%	33%	187
Jackson	6390	28%	19%	2104	64%	44%	649
Jasper	10614	25%	19%	4044	56%	43%	1380
Jefferson	4741	30%	19%	2145	60%	40%	700
Johnson	34333	0%	18%	21241	62%	60%	7445
Jones	6347	23%	18%	1888	47%	40%	253
Keokuk	3485	33%	19%	901	57%	45%	230
Kossuth	5368	28%	14%	1260	59%	40%	292
Lee	10599	30%	17%	3720	67%	42%	1292
Linn	66483	17%	15%	21733	59%	41%	8103
Louisa	3372	27%	15%	1014	56%	36%	310
Lucas	2938	35%	20%	807	67%	44%	211
Lyon	3693	25%	18%	802	54%	23%	192
Madison	4628	0%	22%	1475	60%	42%	238
Mahaska	6377	27%	21%	2707	60%	38%	772
Marion	9712	0%	15%	3131	56%	42%	517
Marshall	11249	23%	17%	4105	51%	39%	423
Mills	4438	0%	17%	910	55%	38%	502
Mitchell	3670	29%	16%	783	59%	38%	152
Monona	2872	34%	19%	1100	62%	31%	337
Monroe	2496	29%	17%	784	63%	27%	211
Montgomery	3174	33%	16%	1416	66%	42%	513
Muscatine	12121	23%	20%	4180	57%	50%	432
O'Brien	4479	26%	15%	1539	61%	41%	397
Osceola	2067	28%	12%	630	52%	28%	148
Page	4696	30%	16%	1683	60%	33%	426
Palo Alto	3017	31%	15%	994	62%	40%	174
Plymouth	7967	22%	17%	1932	57%	38%	574
Pocahontas	2528	34%	13%	694	54%	28%	99
Polk	118454	16%	19%	60734	45%	42%	2736
Pottawattamie	25236	22%	18%	12085	52%	43%	1044
Poweshiek	5180	24%	17%	2244	56%	43%	757
Ringgold	1574	35%	23%	504	51%	34%	34
Sac	3541	30%	15%	872	48%	32%	122
Scott	46879	22%	19%	20943	49%	40%	7660
Shelby	3978	27%	19%	1193	61%	41%	400
Sioux	9220	20%	15%	2562	52%	32%	181

Story	18595	0%	13%	17285	62%	58%	3701
Tama	5187	24%	15%	1628	52%	41%	256
Taylor	1980	32%	18%	772	55%	42%	188
Union	3890	29%	19%	1403	70%	46%	550
Van Buren	2545	32%	19%	441	53%	22%	69
Wapello	10645	33%	21%	3963	70%	52%	1727
Warren	13733	0%	19%	3851	51%	41%	542
Washington	6644	20%	17%	2412	49%	39%	745
Wayne	2059	33%	19%	489	70%	31%	102
Webster	10396	29%	17%	5001	68%	44%	1677
Winnebago	3474	25%	14%	1110	69%	35%	261
Winneshie	6190	25%	18%	1951	55%	33%	542
Woodbury	24932	27%	16%	13966	66%	51%	2671
Worth	2547	28%	17%	647	68%	41%	178
Wright	4114	33%	13%	1305	64%	41%	340

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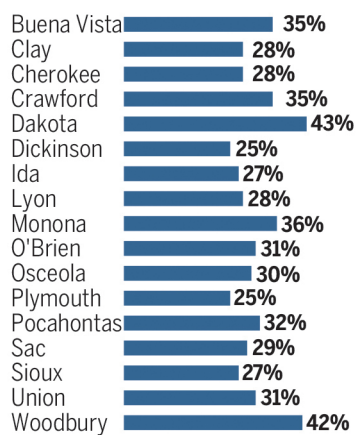
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Source: United Way ALICE report - Iowa

## Struggling with the basics

A new United Way survey found 31 percent of households in Iowa struggle to afford basic living expenses. At right are percentage of households in each Northwest Iowa county, as well as Dakota County, Neb. and Union County, S.D. The numbers include households below the federal poverty level, as well as those earning less than the income thresholds in United Way's Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed, or ALICE, calculation.

Source: United Way of Iowa



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United Way ALICE county chart, June 2016

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