

# BUSINESS CLIMATE, QUALITY OF LIFE COMPARISON

Marshalltown's water was voted "The Best Drinking Water in Iowa for 2008"

## Rankings and Ratings

Business Facilities' 2008 Ranking Report:

State Bioenergy Investments: Iowa ranks 1<sup>st</sup> at \$100 million

Specialized Employment Leaders -

Agricultural Feedstock and Chemicals: Iowa ranks 4<sup>th</sup> at 6% of employment

Quality of Life: Iowa ranks 6<sup>th</sup> Best!

| <u>Business Climate</u>   | <u>IOWA</u>  | <u>USA</u> |
|---|--|------------|
| Cost of doing business index - unit labor, state and local tax, energy, office rent<br><i>Milken Institute</i>                    | 79.7   | 100        |
| Workers' compensation comparative costs for manufacturing (per \$100 payroll)<br><i>Actuarial &amp; Technical Solutions, Inc.</i> | \$3.28   | \$3.90     |
| <u>Quality of Life &amp; Cost of Living</u>   |  |            |
| Public high school graduation rate<br><i>Iowa Department of Education</i>   | 83.8%  | 69.3%      |
| SAT Score - Average score of all components<br><i>The Collegeboard.com</i>  | 1717<br><i>(Nation's highest)</i>  | 1511       |
| ACT Score (average)<br><i>ACT, Inc.</i>   | 22.4   | 21.1       |
| Consumer Price Index<br><i>DevelopmentAlliance.com</i>  | Marshalltown<br>188.7  | 215        |
| Auto insurance combined annual premium (average)<br><i>National Association of Insurance Commissioners</i>                        | \$664  | \$937      |
| Existing single-family home sales price (median)<br><i>Marshalltown Board of Realtors &amp; Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors</i>          | Marshalltown<br>\$90,000   | \$197,100  |
| Apartment Rent - monthly gross median<br><i>DevelopmentAlliance.com</i>   | Marshall County<br>\$596   | \$803      |
| Minutes to work (average)<br><i>DevelopmentAlliance.com</i>   | Marshall County<br>10.7<br><i>(12<sup>th</sup> shortest in the nation)</i> | 25         |
| Hospital outpatient charges per visit (average)<br><i>Iowa Hospital Association</i>   | \$509  | \$873      |
| Violent Crime Rate (offenses per 100,000 inhabitants)<br><i>Iowa Dept. of Public Safety</i>                                       | 348.2  | 473.5      |