

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 1st at \$100 million

Specialized Employment Leaders -

Agricultural Feedstock and Chemicals: Iowa ranks 4th at 6% of employment

Quality of Life: Iowa ranks 6th 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 <i>Milken Institute</i>	79.7	100
Workers' compensation comparative costs for manufacturing (per \$100 payroll) <i>Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc.</i>	\$3.28	\$3.90
<u>Quality of Life & Cost of Living</u>		
Public high school graduation rate <i>Iowa Department of Education</i>	83.8%	69.3%
SAT Score - Average score of all components <i>The Collegeboard.com</i>	1717 <i>(Nation's highest)</i>	1511
ACT Score (average) <i>ACT, Inc.</i>	22.4	21.1
Consumer Price Index <i>DevelopmentAlliance.com</i>	Marshalltown 188.7	215
Auto insurance combined annual premium (average) <i>National Association of Insurance Commissioners</i>	\$664	\$937
Existing single-family home sales price (median) <i>Marshalltown Board of Realtors & Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors</i>	Marshalltown \$90,000	\$197,100
Apartment Rent - monthly gross median <i>DevelopmentAlliance.com</i>	Marshall County \$596	\$803
Minutes to work (average) <i>DevelopmentAlliance.com</i>	Marshall County 10.7 <i>(12th shortest in the nation)</i>	25
Hospital outpatient charges per visit (average) <i>Iowa Hospital Association</i>	\$509	\$873
Violent Crime Rate (offenses per 100,000 inhabitants) <i>Iowa Dept. of Public Safety</i>	348.2	473.5