

Comparisons of All Iowa Counties Under 7,500 Population Fiscal Year 2009, Except Where Noted

	Pop. ⁽²⁾	Total Taxable Valuation ⁽³⁾	Property Tax Levy Only ⁽⁴⁾	Personal Income Per Capita ⁽⁵⁾	State P.I. Rank From Top ⁽⁶⁾	FTE County Staff ⁽⁷⁾	Annual Supervisor Salaries	No. of Supers	Total Supervisor Salaries ⁽⁸⁾	Attorney Salaries	Status ⁽⁹⁾	Auditor Salaries	Recorder Salaries	Sheriff Salaries	Treasurer Salaries
Osceola	6,629	\$299,243,498	\$2,546,638	\$26,136	85	22.6	\$20,009	5	\$100,045	\$66,533	FT	\$41,026	\$41,026	\$53,200	\$41,026
Adams	4,192	\$211,859,018	\$2,228,449	\$27,297	73	12.8	\$16,686	5	\$83,430	\$37,879	PT	\$36,669	\$36,669	\$46,562	\$36,669
Audubon	6,278	\$245,510,922	\$3,562,180	\$31,100	22	22.2	\$24,627	3	\$73,881	\$42,017	PT	\$40,636	\$37,899	\$49,868	\$38,144
Ida	7,180	\$333,391,857	\$2,050,973	\$29,102	43	21.8	\$21,074	3	\$63,222	\$37,563	PT	\$37,594	\$36,590	\$47,950	\$37,594
Ringgold	5,289	\$223,920,522	\$2,424,126	\$24,739	92	16.2	\$23,910	3	\$71,730	\$35,580	PT	\$36,317	\$36,317	\$48,362	\$36,317
Taylor	6,540	\$239,733,039	\$2,437,789	\$25,539	89	22.5	\$20,194	3	\$60,582	\$47,151	PT	\$35,024	\$34,775	\$43,747	\$35,024
Wayne	6,542	\$220,731,891	\$2,205,386	\$23,580	96	18.4	\$23,149	3	\$69,447	\$34,904	PT	\$36,983	\$36,983	\$44,171	\$36,983
Average	6,004	\$245,857,875	\$2,484,817	\$26,893		19.0	\$21,607		\$70,382	\$39,182		\$37,204	\$36,539	\$46,777	\$36,789
Difference ⁽¹⁾	626	\$53,385,623	\$61,821	-\$757		3.6			\$29,663	\$27,351		\$3,822	\$4,487	\$6,423	\$4,238
Difference As % Of Six County Average	10.4%	21.7%	2.5%	-2.8%		19.1%			42.1%	69.8%		10.3%	12.3%	13.7%	11.5%
															Total Difference \$75,984

Lyon	11,636	\$507,524,208		\$26,363
Sioux	32,525	\$1,022,722,037		\$29,308
O'Brien	14,409	\$527,222,381		\$30,007
Clay	16,801	\$776,357,021		\$29,950
Dickinson	16,924	\$1,398,707,166		\$33,970
Average	18,459	\$846,506,563		\$29,920

Is it equitable to compare Osceola County salaries to the five counties touching our borders? On average, these counties have nearly three times our population, a tax base nearly three times our size and their average per capita income is nearly 15% larger than ours. See to the left. The above comparisons are with Iowa counties which are more comparable to our size and income. Note the total difference of the salaries of the Supervisors, Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff & Treasurer annually cost Osceola County taxpayers nearly \$76,000 more than what taxpayers in average counties our similar size must pay.

Five County Average As % Of Osceola County **278%** **283%** **14.5%**

Source: Iowa State Association of Counties <http://www.iowacounties.org/Services/Research/FiscalInfo/NewFiscalInfo.htm>

- (1) Difference equals Osceola County balance minus six county average balance
- (2) 2006 Estimated, ISAC, U.S. Census Bureau, county population
- (3) FY 2008
- (4) FY 2008, not including utilities & rr taxes
- (5) 2005 ISAC & Iowa Workforce Development, most recent year data available
- (6) 2005 ISAC & Iowa Workforce Development, ranking of personal Income per capita, out of 99 total Iowa counties
- (7) FTE = Full Time Equivalent employees in elected offices. Total of full time employees plus (total part time employees divided by 2.5)
- (8) Total Supervisors Salaries = Annual supervisor salaries times number of supervisors, not counting benefits
- (9) PT = Part Time & FT = Full Time