

Seward Cost of Food

Cost of food data is collected by the University of Alaska, Fairbanks Cooperative Extension. Each quarter the Cooperative Extension surveys up to three grocers in communities throughout the state to determine the cost of food for one week. Specific guidelines are presented to the surveyors regarding item size and sale price for 104 items.

SEWARD								
	March 1997	March 1998	March 2001*	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	Annual Change
Sales Tax Rate	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	NA
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	0.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	NA
Child, 1 year	18.0	19.9	18.3	19.1	18.1	21.3	20.0	-6.1%
Child, 2 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.1	18.1	21.0	19.8	-5.7%
Children 3-5 years of age	24.3	21.8	20.1	20.9	19.8	23.0	21.8	-5.2%
Children 6-8 years of age	26.1	29.0	26.7	27.9	26.5	31.1	29.3	-5.8%
Children 9-11 years of age	29.6	32.9	30.3	31.6	30.0	34.9	32.9	-5.7%
Males 12-14 years of age	33.4	37.2	34.3	35.7	33.8	39.3	37.2	-5.3%
Males 15-19 years of age	34.4	38.3	35.4	36.9	34.8	40.5	38.3	-5.3%
Males 20-50 years of age	34.3	38.1	35.3	36.9	34.9	40.6	38.4	-5.3%
Males 51 and older	32.7	36.4	33.6	35.2	33.2	38.7	36.7	-5.4%
Females 12-19 years of age	28.8	32.0	29.6	30.9	29.1	34.0	32.2	-5.3%
Females 20-50 years of age	30.1	33.4	30.9	32.3	30.5	35.5	33.5	-5.6%
Females 51 and older	29.2	32.3	30.0	31.4	29.6	34.4	32.6	-5.3%
Family of 2, 20-50 years of age	68.7	78.8	72.8	76.1	72.0	83.7	79.1	-5.4%
Family of 2, 51 years and older	68.1	75.6	70.0	73.3	69.2	80.5	76.2	-5.3%
Family of 4, children 1-5 years	101.9	113.2	104.6	109.2	103.3	120.1	113.6	-5.4%
Family of 4, children 6-11 years	120.0	133.4	123.2	128.7	121.8	142.1	134.1	-5.6%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	120.4	128.4	134.1	139.6	125.7	139.3	140.9	1.1%
Heating Oil, 55 gal	69.3	93.5	91.3	65.5	87.5	85.3	116.1	36.1%
Gasoline, auto, 55 gal	84.1	73.7	101.2	90.2	107.8	102.3	119.4	16.7%
Lumber, 2X4X8	3.6	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.2	3.8	69.1%
Propane, 100 lb. Refill	0.0	0.0	49.5	48.4	59.7	56.6	67.3	18.8%

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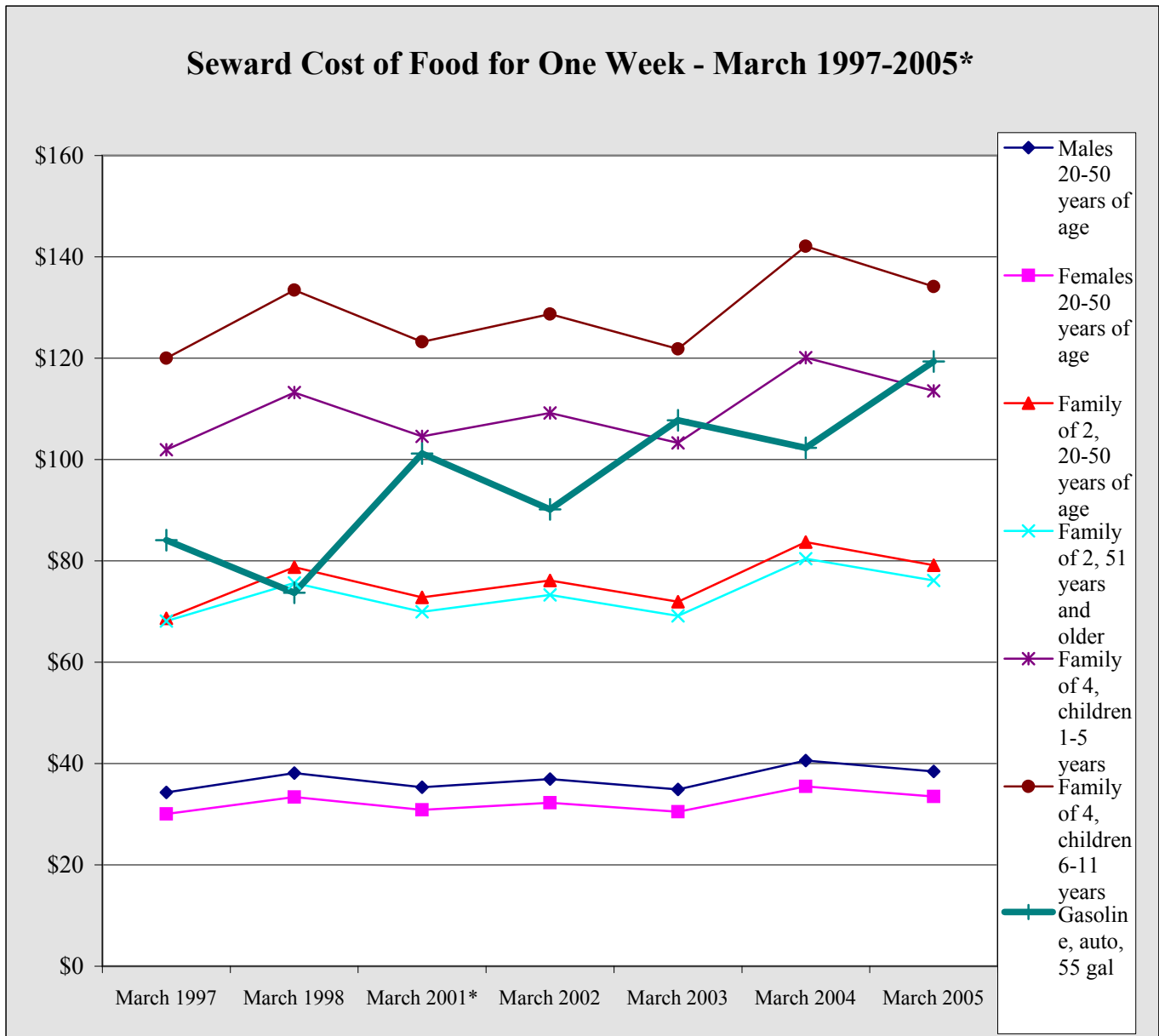


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