

Soldotna Cost of Food Survey

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. It has been determined that separation of Kenai and Soldotna data would be meaningless so data presented relates to both communities.

SOLDOTNA/KENAI										
	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	Annual Change
Sales Tax (in percent)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
Child, 1 year	16.40	15.88	16.63	16.66	16.81	17.05	18.11	19.17	19.05	-0.6%
Child, 2 years	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.05	18.11	18.90	18.87	-0.2%
Children 3-5 years of age	22.18	17.35	18.20	14.67	18.42	18.72	19.87	20.76	20.84	0.4%
Children 6-8 years of age	23.81	22.95	24.24	18.14	24.53	24.96	26.55	28.02	27.93	-0.3%
Children 9-11 years of age	27.03	26.15	27.48	27.51	27.84	28.29	30.07	31.46	31.40	-0.2%
Males 12-14 years of age	30.55	29.51	30.98	31.07	31.50	31.95	33.94	35.44	35.52	0.2%
Males 15-19 years of age	31.47	30.38	31.86	32.03	32.52	33.03	34.90	36.50	36.57	0.2%
Males 20-50 years of age	31.32	30.20	31.60	31.77	32.42	33.03	34.99	36.58	36.65	0.2%
Males 51 and older	29.88	28.91	30.11	30.29	30.82	31.45	33.32	34.91	34.96	0.1%
Females 12-19 years of age	26.35	25.46	26.69	26.82	27.17	27.63	29.19	30.67	30.73	0.2%
Females 20-50 years of age	27.47	26.58	27.57	27.77	28.35	28.88	30.60	31.99	31.96	-0.1%
Females 51 and older	26.68	25.72	26.78	26.99	27.58	28.13	29.72	31.02	31.09	0.2%
Family of 2, 20-50 years of age	62.72	62.48	65.12	65.53	66.84	68.09	72.18	75.43	75.48	0.1%
Family of 2, 51 years and older	62.22	60.06	62.58	63.01	64.24	65.54	69.37	72.51	72.64	0.2%
Family of 4, children 1-5 years	93.13	90.01	94.00	94.52	95.99	97.69	103.57	108.24	108.31	0.1%
Family of 4, children 6-11 years	109.63	105.89	110.89	111.36	113.14	115.16	122.21	128.06	127.94	-0.1%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	111.00	119.89	120.65	119.36	111.90	122.09	124.36	100.82	115.35	14.4%
Gasoline, auto, 55 gal	76.95	74.75	67.32	81.95	94.05	79.45	100.10	100.65	120.45	19.7%
Lumber, 2X4X8'	3.87	3.34	3.50	3.60	2.96	3.13	3.28	3.04	3.29	8.2%
Propane, 100 lb. refill	39.48	39.48	34.93	42.48	49.56	43.42	54.04	49.10	56.64	15.4%
Sewer & Water, monthly	41.58	41.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	NA

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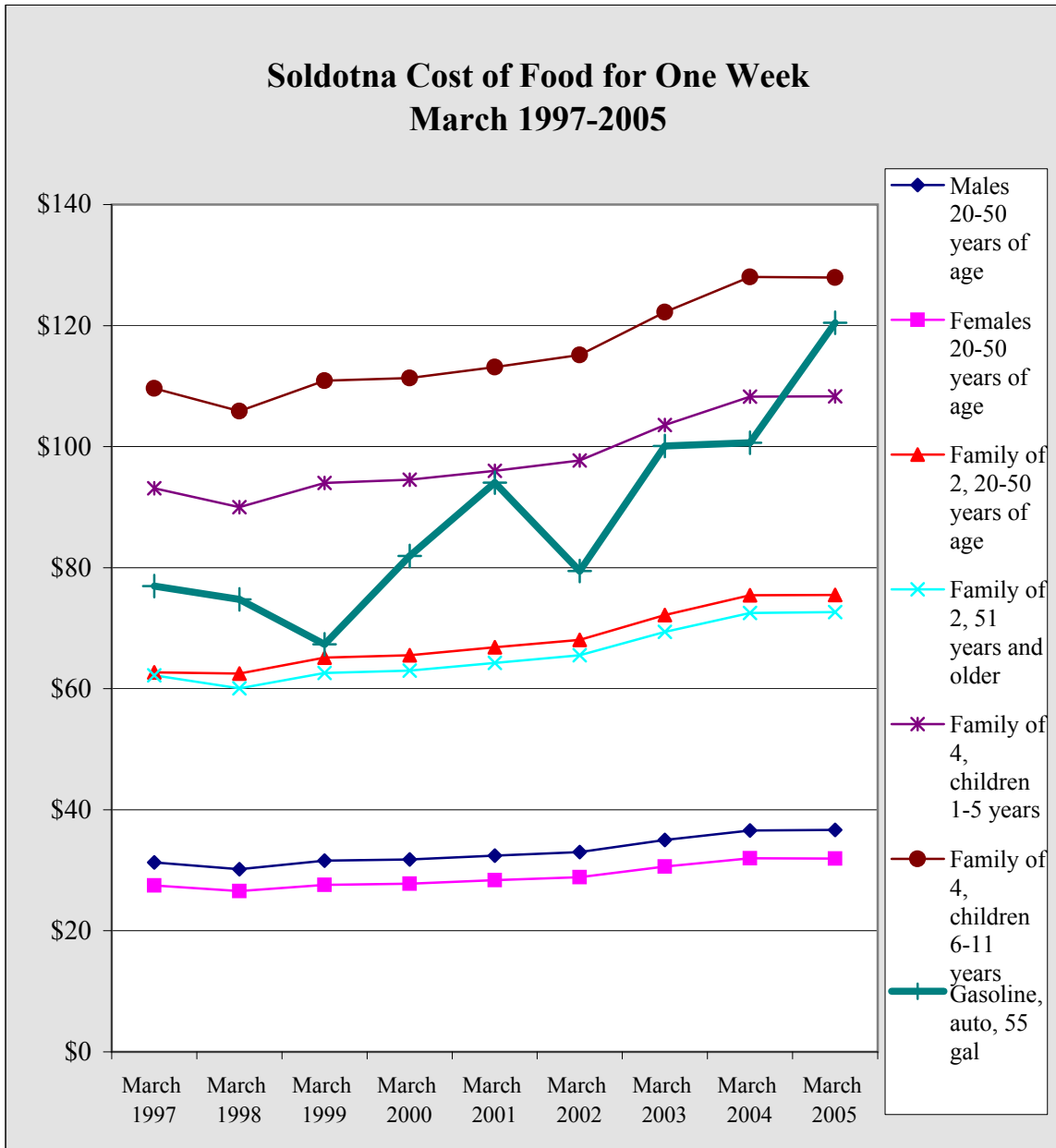


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