

Homer 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.

HOMER							
	June 2000	June 2001	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	Annual Change
Sales Tax (in percent)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	
Children							
Child 1 year	19.47	21.20	20.80	19.23	22.29	5.5	15.9%
Child 2 years			20.80	19.14	21.86	5.5	14.2%
Children 3-5 years	21.40	21.20	22.87	22.11	24.00	5.5	8.5%
Children 6-8 years	28.50	30.91	30.42	29.66	32.09	5.5	8.2%
Children 9-11 years	32.25	35.02	34.45	34.60	36.15	5.5	4.5%
Males							
Males 12-14 years	36.51	39.64	39.01	37.82	40.95	5.5	8.3%
Males 15-19 years	37.73	40.91	40.25	39.31	42.04	5.5	6.9%
Males 20-50 years	37.42	40.59	40.04	39.23	41.82	5.5	6.6%
Males 51 years & over	35.70	38.60	37.96	36.94	39.81	5.5	7.8%
Females							
Females 12-19 years	31.44	34.17	33.62	31.94	35.28	5.5	10.5%
Females 20-50 years	32.76	35.43	34.86	33.49	36.43	5.5	8.8%
Females 51 years and over	31.84	34.58	33.93	33.19	35.44	5.5	6.8%
Families							
Family of 2 (20-50 years)	77.18	83.62	82.40	80.00	86.07	5.5	7.6%
Family of 2 (51 & older)	74.34	80.51	79.08	77.14	82.76	5.5	7.3%
Family of 4 children 1-5 years	111.05	120.42	118.57	113.99	124.10	5.5	8.9%
Family of 4 children 6-11 years	130.93	141.96	139.77	136.98	146.48	5.5	6.9%
Utilities							
Electricity, 1000 kWh	103.47	112.43	118.93	123.72	101.30	5.5	-18.1%
Heating oil, 55 gal	86.35	78.65	61.60	82.50	105.05	5.5	27.3%
Gas-55 gal unleaded auto	95.65	98.40	94.55	101.15	0.00	5.5	-100.0%
Lumber, 2X4X8'	2.94	3.43	3.02	2.73	3.83	5.5	40.3%
Propane, 100 LB refill	33.22	38.59	38.71	38.23	47.32	5.5	23.8%

Table 2.16

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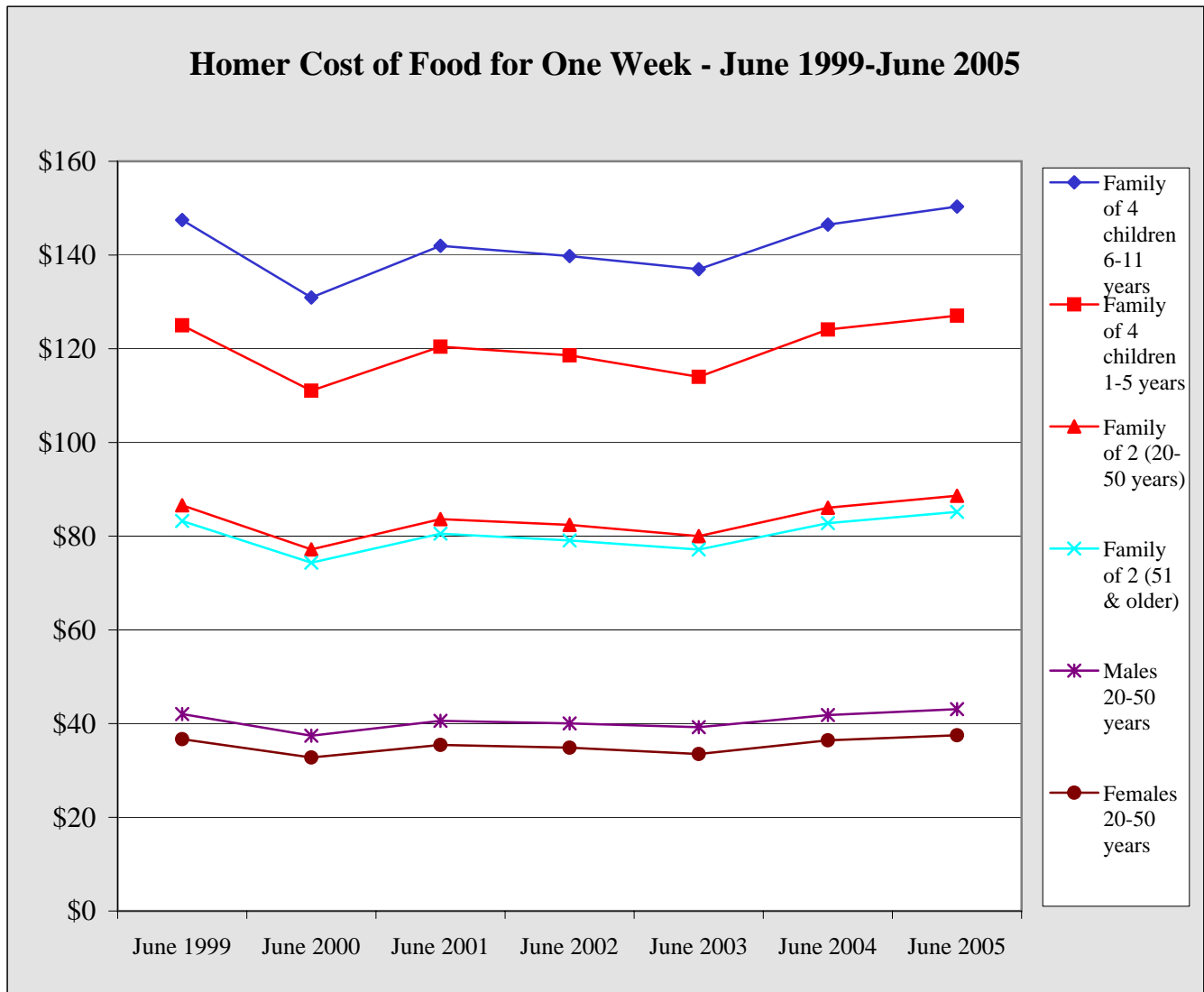


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