

Soldotna 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. Because separation of Kenai and Soldotna data would be meaningless, data presented relates to both communities.

SOLDOTNA/KENAI											
	Sept 1996	Sept 1997	Sept 1998	Sept 1999	Sept 2000	Sept 2001	Sept 2002	Sept 2003	Sept 2004	Sept 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	5.0	
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Child, 1 year	15.8	15.7	15.5	16.4	16.6	17.8	17.6	18.3	19.0	19.1	0.2%
Child, 2 years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.8	17.6	18.3	18.8	18.4	-2.5%
Children 3-5 years of age	17.3	17.2	17.0	18.0	18.3	19.6	19.4	20.0	20.8	20.8	-0.1%
Children 6-8 years of age	22.9	22.8	22.6	23.9	24.3	26.0	25.9	26.7	27.8	28.0	0.6%
Children 9-11 years of age	26.0	25.9	25.7	27.1	27.6	29.5	29.4	30.2	31.4	31.5	0.5%
Males 12-14 years of age	29.4	29.2	29.0	30.6	31.3	33.4	33.2	34.1	35.5	35.6	0.5%
Males 15-19 years of age	30.3	30.2	29.9	31.5	32.2	34.4	34.2	35.1	36.4	36.7	0.8%
Males 20-50 years of age	29.9	29.9	29.8	31.3	32.1	34.3	34.1	35.0	36.5	36.7	0.5%
Males 51 and older	28.5	28.6	28.4	29.8	30.5	32.5	32.5	33.4	34.7	34.8	0.3%
Females 12-19 years of age	25.3	25.2	25.0	26.3	26.9	28.8	28.5	29.4	30.5	30.7	0.6%
Females 20-50 years of age	26.2	26.3	26.1	27.3	28.0	29.8	29.8	30.5	31.8	31.9	0.4%
Females 51 and older	25.4	25.4	25.2	26.6	27.2	29.0	28.9	29.6	30.9	31.0	0.3%
Family of 2, 20-50 years of age	61.7	61.8	61.5	64.4	66.1	70.5	70.3	72.1	75.1	75.4	0.5%
Family of 2, 51 years and older	59.3	59.5	59.0	62.0	63.4	67.6	67.5	69.3	72.2	72.4	0.3%
Family of 4, children 1-5 years	89.2	89.1	88.4	93.0	95.0	101.4	100.9	103.6	107.9	108.2	0.3%
Family of 4, children 6-11 years	105.0	104.9	104.1	109.6	112.0	119.6	119.1	122.4	127.4	128.1	0.5%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	111.0	111.0	120.7	119.3	113.2	122.1	126.2	113.8	121.4	135.1	11.3%
Gasoline, auto, 55 gal	72.6	75.9	76.2	78.7	93.8	93.8	87.5	103.7	115.5	156.2	35.2%
Lumber, 2X4X8'	4.0	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.0	-16.7%
Propane, 100 lb. refill	38.2	39.5	38.7	34.9	41.8	0.0	43.4	48.1	51.9	59.0	13.6%
Sewer & Water, monthly	41.3	41.3	41.3								

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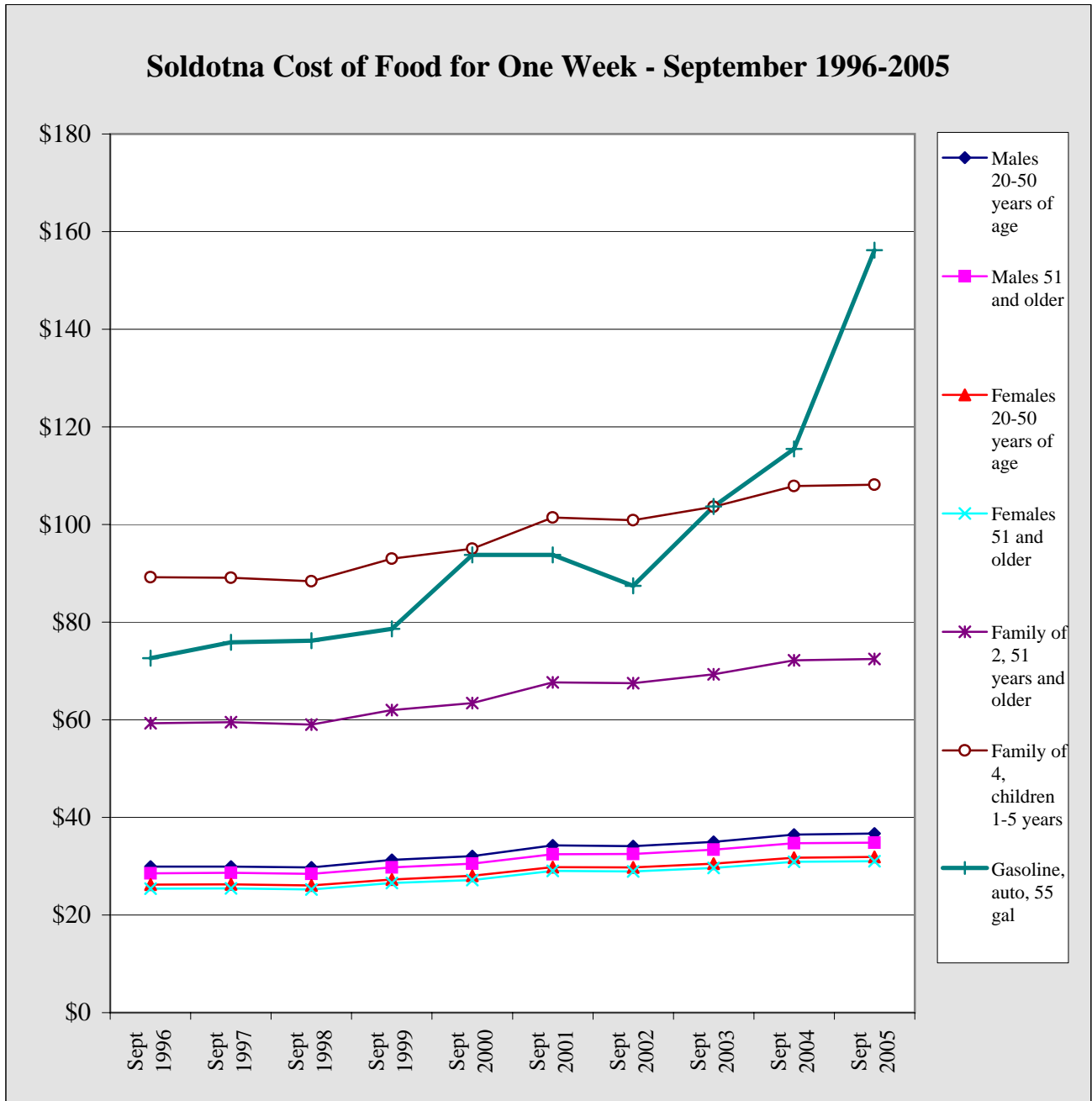


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