

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.

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	September 2000	September 2001	September 2002	September 2003	September 2004	Annual Change
Sales Tax (in percent)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Child 1 year	19.9	20.5	20.6	20.3	20.9	3.0%
Child 2 years	0.0	20.5	20.6	20.3	20.7	1.9%
Children 3-5 years	21.9	22.6	22.6	22.1	22.9	3.3%
Children 6-8 years	29.1	30.0	30.2	29.6	30.6	3.2%
Children 9-11 years	33.0	34.0	34.2	33.4	34.5	3.2%
Males 12-14 years	37.4	38.5	38.7	37.7	39.0	3.4%
Males 15-19 years	38.5	39.7	39.9	38.9	40.1	3.0%
Males 20-50 years	38.3	39.5	39.8	38.8	40.2	3.5%
Males 51 years & over	36.4	37.5	37.9	37.0	38.2	3.3%
Females 12-19 years	32.1	33.2	33.2	32.6	33.6	3.2%
Females 20-50 years	33.5	34.4	34.7	33.8	34.9	3.3%
Females 51 years and over	32.5	33.5	33.7	32.8	34.0	3.5%
Family of 2 (20-50 years)	78.9	81.3	81.9	79.9	82.6	3.4%
Family of 2 (51 & older)	75.8	78.1	78.7	76.8	79.4	3.4%
Family of 4 children 1-5 years	113.5	117.1	117.6	114.8	118.7	3.3%
Family of 4 children 6-11 years	133.8	138.0	138.9	135.6	140.2	3.3%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	114.3	122.6	126.8	114.3	121.9	6.6%
Heating oil, 55 gal	89.1	75.4	67.1	82.5	98.5	19.3%
Gas-55 gal unleaded auto	99.5	96.8	93.8	108.3	121.5	12.2%
Lumber, 2X4X8'	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.8	22.0%
Propane, 100 LB refill	36.4	40.0	38.7	44.9	50.5	12.4%

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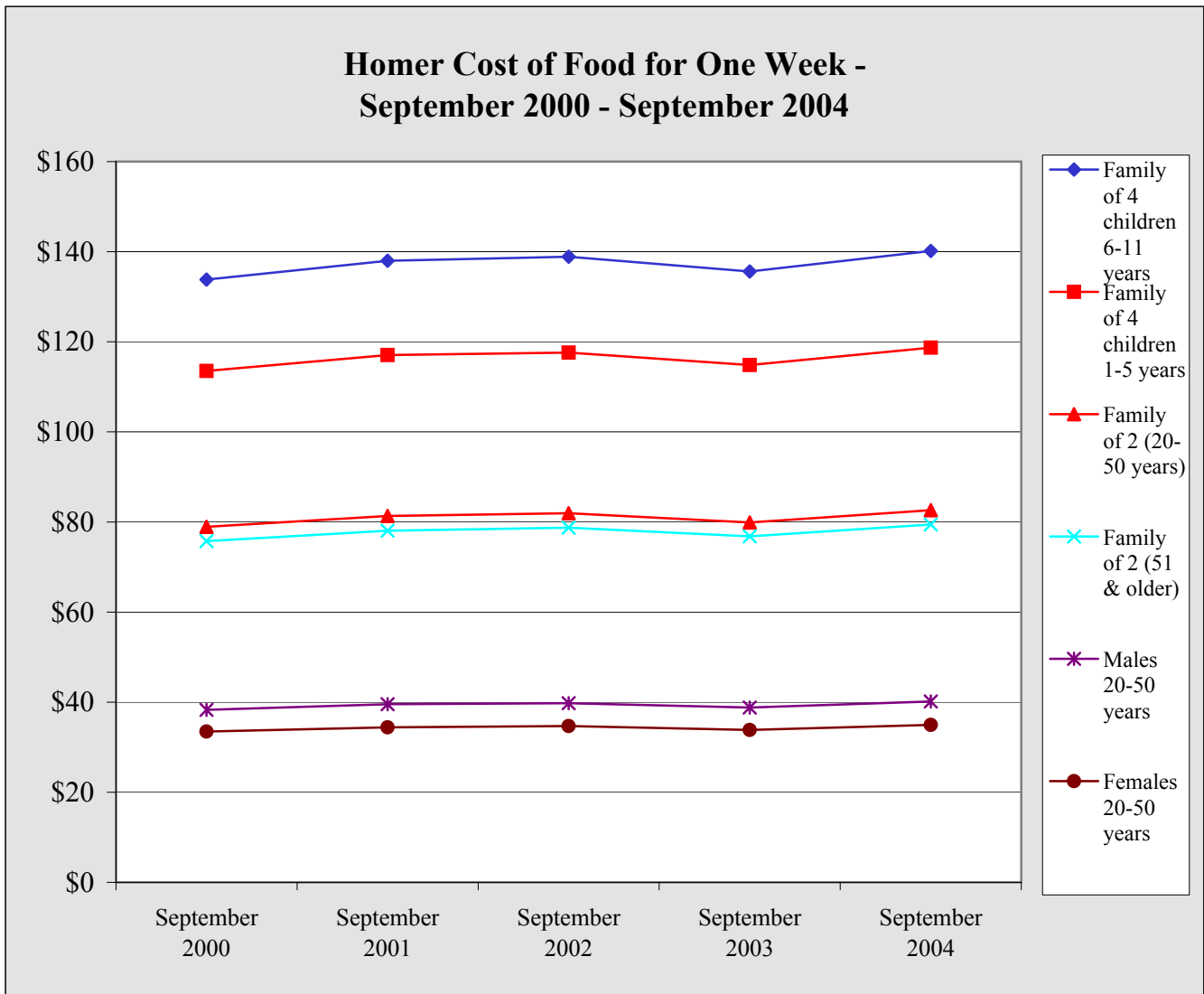


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