

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.

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| | September 1999 | September 2000 | September 2001 | September 2002 | September 2003 | September 2004 | Annual Change |
| Sales Tax Rate | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | |
| Percent of Food Unavailable | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.0 | |
| Child, 1 year | 19.03 | 5.00 | 20.24 | 18.29 | 19.49 | 20.93 | 7.4% |
| Child, 2 years | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20.24 | 18.29 | 19.49 | 20.71 | 6.3% |
| Children 3-5 years of age | 20.83 | 19.25 | 22.26 | 20.07 | 21.22 | 22.88 | 7.8% |
| Children 6-8 years of age | 27.70 | 25.55 | 29.60 | 26.83 | 28.39 | 30.57 | 7.7% |
| Children 9-11 years of age | 31.39 | 28.97 | 33.53 | 30.44 | 32.06 | 34.52 | 7.7% |
| Males 12-14 years of age | 35.47 | 32.84 | 37.96 | 34.39 | 36.19 | 39.02 | 7.8% |
| Males 15-19 years of age | 36.47 | 33.83 | 39.17 | 35.47 | 37.30 | 40.08 | 7.5% |
| Males 20-50 years of age | 36.27 | 33.65 | 38.96 | 35.39 | 37.21 | 40.17 | 8.0% |
| Males 51 and older | 34.48 | 32.03 | 36.94 | 33.68 | 35.47 | 38.23 | 7.8% |
| Females 12-19 years of age | 30.49 | 28.25 | 32.71 | 29.53 | 31.23 | 33.62 | 7.7% |
| Females 20-50 years of age | 31.59 | 29.42 | 33.92 | 30.88 | 32.44 | 34.96 | 7.8% |
| Females 51 and older | 30.79 | 28.52 | 33.02 | 29.98 | 31.51 | 34.02 | 8.0% |
| Family of 2, 20-50 years of age | 74.64 | 69.37 | 80.18 | 72.89 | 76.63 | 82.66 | 7.9% |
| Family of 2, 51 years and older | 71.85 | 66.58 | 76.95 | 70.02 | 73.68 | 79.48 | 7.9% |
| Family of 4, children 1-5 years | 107.00 | 99.78 | 115.38 | 104.62 | 110.17 | 118.74 | 7.8% |
| Family of 4, children 6-11 years | 126.95 | 117.60 | 136.01 | 123.53 | 130.10 | 140.23 | 7.8% |
| Electricity, 1000 kWh | 0.00 | 129.39 | 132.80 | 134.34 | 131.98 | 139.95 | 6.0% |
| Heating Oil, 55 gal | 0.00 | 89.10 | 79.20 | 83.05 | 84.15 | 101.75 | 20.9% |
| Gasoline, auto, 55 gal | 80.30 | 101.20 | 101.20 | 94.60 | 104.50 | 118.80 | 13.7% |
| Lumber, 2X4X8 | 3.35 | 2.84 | 2.84 | 3.25 | 2.74 | 3.70 | 35.0% |
| Propane, 100 lb. Refill | 40.43 | 48.38 | 48.62 | 48.38 | 56.29 | 60.18 | 6.9% |

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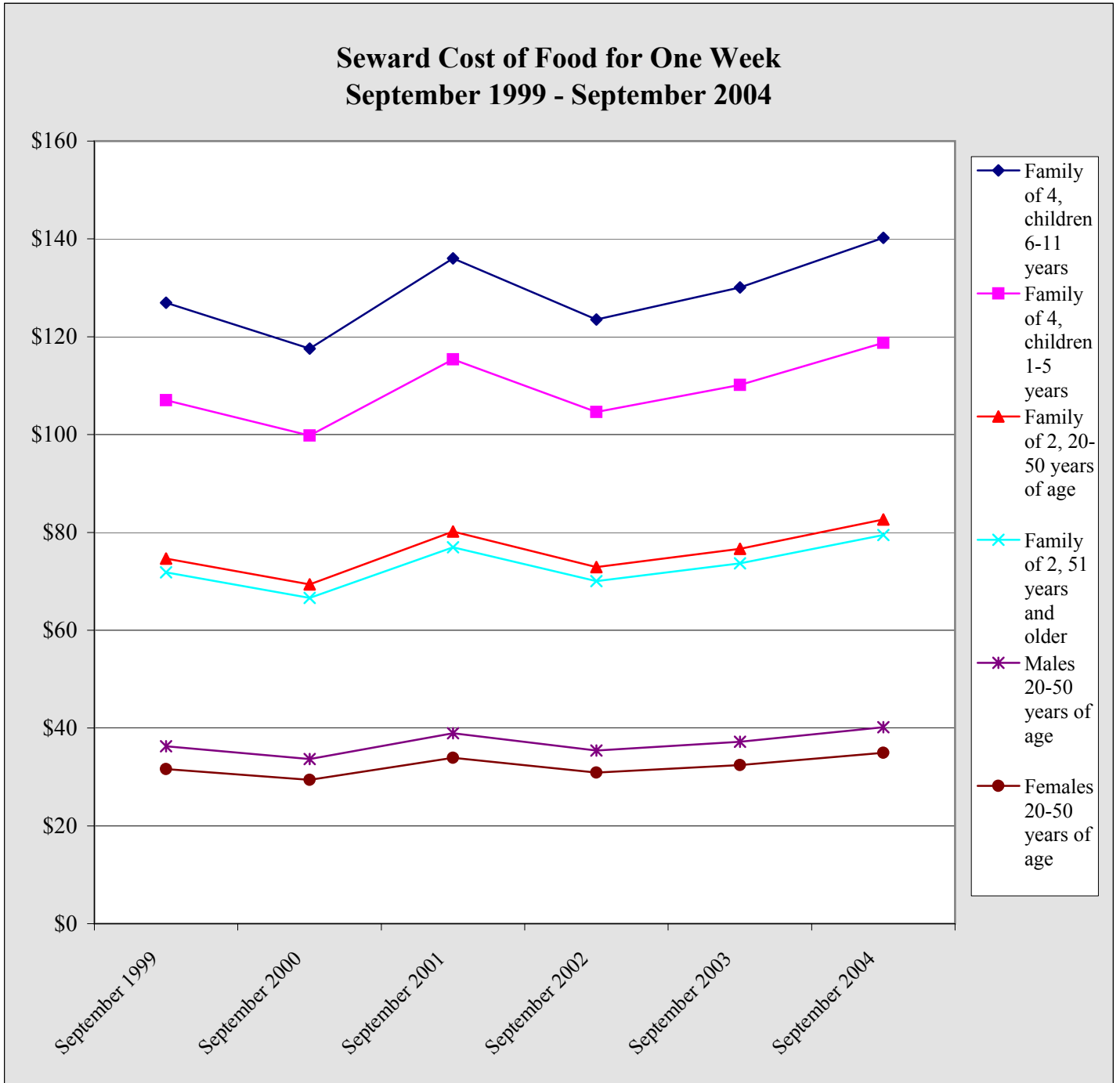


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