

Homer 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.

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	March 2000	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	Annual Change
Sales Tax (in percent)	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	
Percent of Food Unavailable	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
Child 1 year	20.6	20.0	21.0	19.4	21.0	20.9	0.2%
Child 2 years	0.0	0.0	21.0	19.4	20.7	20.7	0.2%
Children 3-5 years	18.1	21.9	23.0	21.3	22.7	22.9	0.7%
Children 6-8 years	22.4	29.2	30.7	28.5	30.7	30.7	0.1%
Children 9-11 years	33.9	33.1	34.8	32.2	34.4	34.5	0.2%
Males 12-14 years	38.3	37.5	39.3	36.4	38.8	39.0	0.6%
Males 15-19 years	39.5	38.7	40.7	37.4	39.9	40.2	0.6%
Males 20-50 years	39.2	38.6	40.7	37.5	40.0	40.3	0.5%
Males 51 years & over	37.4	36.7	38.7	35.7	38.2	38.4	0.5%
Females 12-19 years	33.1	32.3	34.0	31.3	33.6	33.8	0.6%
Females 20-50 years	34.3	33.7	35.6	32.8	35.0	35.1	0.3%
Females 51 years and over	33.3	32.8	34.6	31.9	33.9	34.2	0.6%
Family of 2 (20-50 years)	80.8	79.6	83.8	77.4	82.5	82.9	0.4%
Family of 2 (51 & older)	77.7	76.5	80.7	74.4	79.4	79.8	0.6%
Family of 4 children 1-5 years	116.6	114.3	120.2	111.1	118.4	119.0	0.4%
Family of 4 children 6-11 years	137.4	134.7	141.7	131.0	140.1	140.5	0.3%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	103.5	112.4	118.9	124.7	101.3	115.9	14.4%
Heating oil, 55 gal		75.9	56.7	82.0	88.6	120.5	36.0%
Gas-55 gal unleaded auto		99.0	85.2	105.0	103.4	117.1	13.3%
Lumber, 2X4X8'		2.6	3.1	2.7	3.3	3.6	9.4%
Propane, 100 LB refill		38.7	38.7	42.2	45.8	52.8	15.3%

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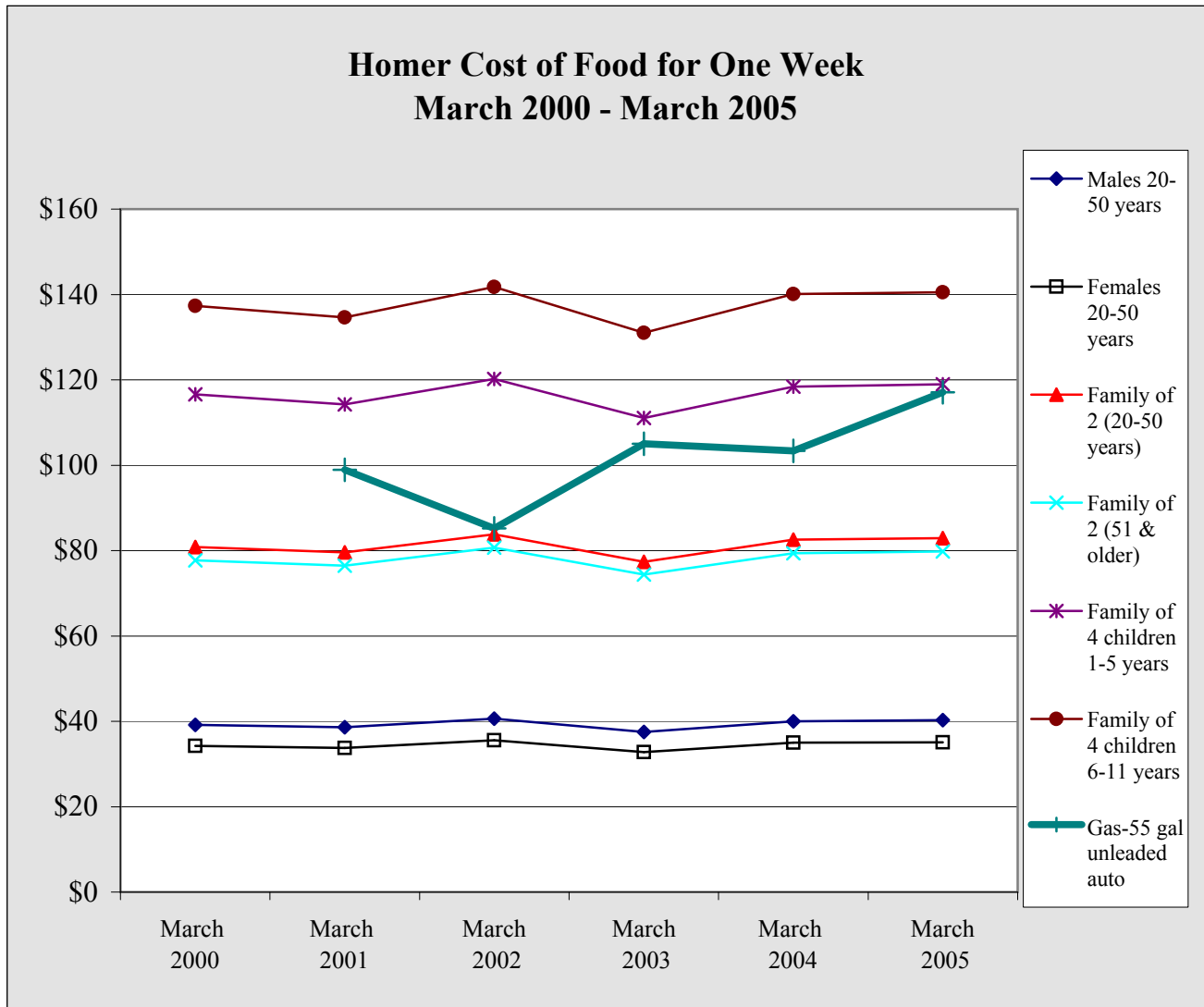


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* Data for 1999 not available

* Gas Price for 2000 not available