## Kenai 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. It has been determined that separation of Kenai and Soldotna data would be meaningless so data presented relates to both communities.

| KENAI/SOLDOTNA                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
|                                  | March | Annual |
|                                  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | Change |
| Sales Tax (in percent)           | 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   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |        |
|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Child, 1 year                    | 16.4  | 15.9  | 16.6  | 16.7  | 16.8  | 17.1  | 18.1  | 19.2  | 19.1  | -0.6%  |
| Child, 2 years                   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 17.1  | 18.1  | 18.9  | 18.9  | -0.2%  |
| Children 3-5 years of age        | 22.2  | 17.4  | 18.2  | 14.7  | 18.4  | 18.7  | 19.9  | 20.8  | 20.8  | 0.4%   |
| Children 6-8 years of age        | 23.8  | 23.0  | 24.2  | 18.1  | 24.5  | 25.0  | 26.6  | 28.0  | 27.9  | -0.3%  |
| Children 9-11 years of age       | 27.0  | 26.2  | 27.5  | 27.5  | 27.8  | 28.3  | 30.1  | 31.5  | 31.4  | -0.2%  |
|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Males 12-14 years of age         | 30.6  | 29.5  | 31.0  | 31.1  | 31.5  | 32.0  | 33.9  | 35.4  | 35.5  | 0.2%   |
| Males 15-19 years of age         | 31.5  | 30.4  | 31.9  | 32.0  | 32.5  | 33.0  | 34.9  | 36.5  | 36.6  | 0.2%   |
| Males 20-50 years of age         | 31.3  | 30.2  | 31.6  | 31.8  | 32.4  | 33.0  | 35.0  | 36.6  | 36.7  | 0.2%   |
| Males 51 and older               | 29.9  | 28.9  | 30.1  | 30.3  | 30.8  | 31.5  | 33.3  | 34.9  | 35.0  | 0.1%   |
|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Females 12-19 years of age       | 26.4  | 25.5  | 26.7  | 26.8  | 27.2  | 27.6  | 29.2  | 30.7  | 30.7  | 0.2%   |
| Females 20-50 years of age       | 27.5  | 26.6  | 27.6  | 27.8  | 28.4  | 28.9  | 30.6  | 32.0  | 32.0  | -0.1%  |
| Females 51 and older             | 26.7  | 25.7  | 26.8  | 27.0  | 27.6  | 28.1  | 29.7  | 31.0  | 31.1  | 0.2%   |
|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Family of 2, 20-50 years of age  | 62.7  | 62.5  | 65.1  | 65.5  | 66.8  | 68.1  | 72.2  | 75.4  | 75.5  | 0.1%   |
| Family of 2, 51 years and older  | 62.2  | 60.1  | 62.6  | 63.0  | 64.2  | 65.5  | 69.4  | 72.5  | 72.6  | 0.2%   |
| Family of 4, children 1-5 years  | 93.1  | 90.0  | 94.0  | 94.5  | 96.0  | 97.7  | 103.6 | 108.2 | 108.3 | 0.1%   |
| Family of 4, children 6-11 years | 109.6 | 105.9 | 110.9 | 111.4 | 113.1 | 115.2 | 122.2 | 128.1 | 127.9 | -0.1%  |
|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| Electricity, 1000 kWh            | 111.0 | 119.9 | 120.7 | 119.4 | 111.9 | 122.1 | 124.4 | 100.8 | 115.4 | 14.4%  |
| Gasoline, auto, 55 gal           | 77.0  | 74.8  | 67.3  | 82.0  | 94.1  | 79.5  | 100.1 | 100.7 | 120.5 | 19.7%  |
| Lumber, 2X4X8'                   | 3.9   | 3.3   | 3.5   | 3.6   | 3.0   | 3.1   | 3.3   | 3.0   | 3.3   | 8.2%   |
| Propane, 100 lb. refill          | 39.5  | 39.5  | 34.9  | 42.5  | 49.6  | 43.4  | 54.0  | 49.1  | 56.6  | 15.4%  |
| Sewer & Water, monthly           | 41.6  | 41.3  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | NA     |

Table 3.13

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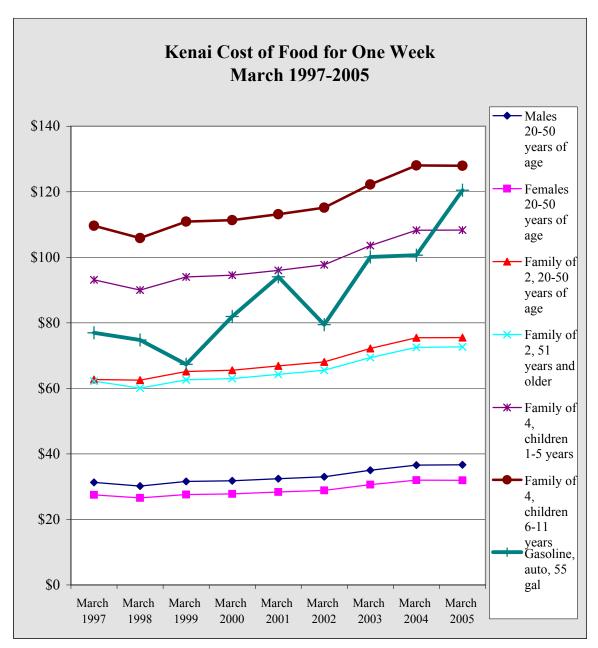


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