

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.

SEWARD								
	June 1999	June 2000	June 2001	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	Annual Change
Sales Tax Rate	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	1.0	3.0	0.0	2.0	1.0	0.0	
Child, 1 year	18.40	18.56	19.32	18.93	18.60	22.70	21.4	-1.7%
Child, 2 years	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.93	18.51	22.26	21.2	-2.2%
Children 3-5 years of age	20.14	20.40	19.32	20.83	21.39	24.45	23.4	2.7%
Children 6-8 years of age	26.82	27.17	28.17	27.70	28.70	32.68	31.5	3.6%
Children 9-11 years of age	30.40	30.74	31.92	31.37	33.47	36.82	35.4	6.7%
Males 12-14 years of age	34.28	34.81	36.14	35.52	36.59	41.71	40.1	3.0%
Males 15-19 years of age	35.25	35.97	37.29	36.65	38.03	42.82	41.3	3.8%
Males 20-50 years of age	34.95	35.68	37.00	36.46	37.96	42.59	41.3	4.1%
Males 51 and older	33.31	34.03	35.18	34.56	35.73	40.54	39.3	3.4%
Females 12-19 years of age	29.53	29.97	31.15	30.61	30.90	35.94	34.6	0.9%
Females 20-50 years of age	30.50	31.23	32.30	31.74	32.40	37.10	36.0	2.1%
Females 51 and older	29.63	30.36	31.52	30.89	32.11	36.10	35.0	3.9%
Family of 2, 20-50 years of age	72.04	73.57	76.23	75.02	77.40	87.67	85.0	3.2%
Family of 2, 51 years and older	69.23	70.87	73.39	72.00	74.63	84.30	81.7	3.7%
Family of 4, children 1-5 years	103.99	105.87	109.77	107.96	110.28	126.40	121.8	2.1%
Family of 4, children 6-11 years	122.68	124.82	129.40	127.26	132.52	149.20	144.1	4.1%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	132.28	122.01	133.07	133.59	130.79	135.64	139.5	-2.1%
Heating Oil, 55 gal	75.17	74.80	79.20	67.10	83.33	107.80	135.3	24.2%
Gasoline, auto, 55 gal	82.45	96.25	101.20	92.95	98.45	118.25	126.5	5.9%
Lumber, 2X4X8	3.84	2.92	2.78	3.06	2.72	3.77	3.9	-11.1%
Propane, 100 lb. Refill		41.30	41.29	45.00	55.70	61.36	68.9	23.8%

Table 5.16

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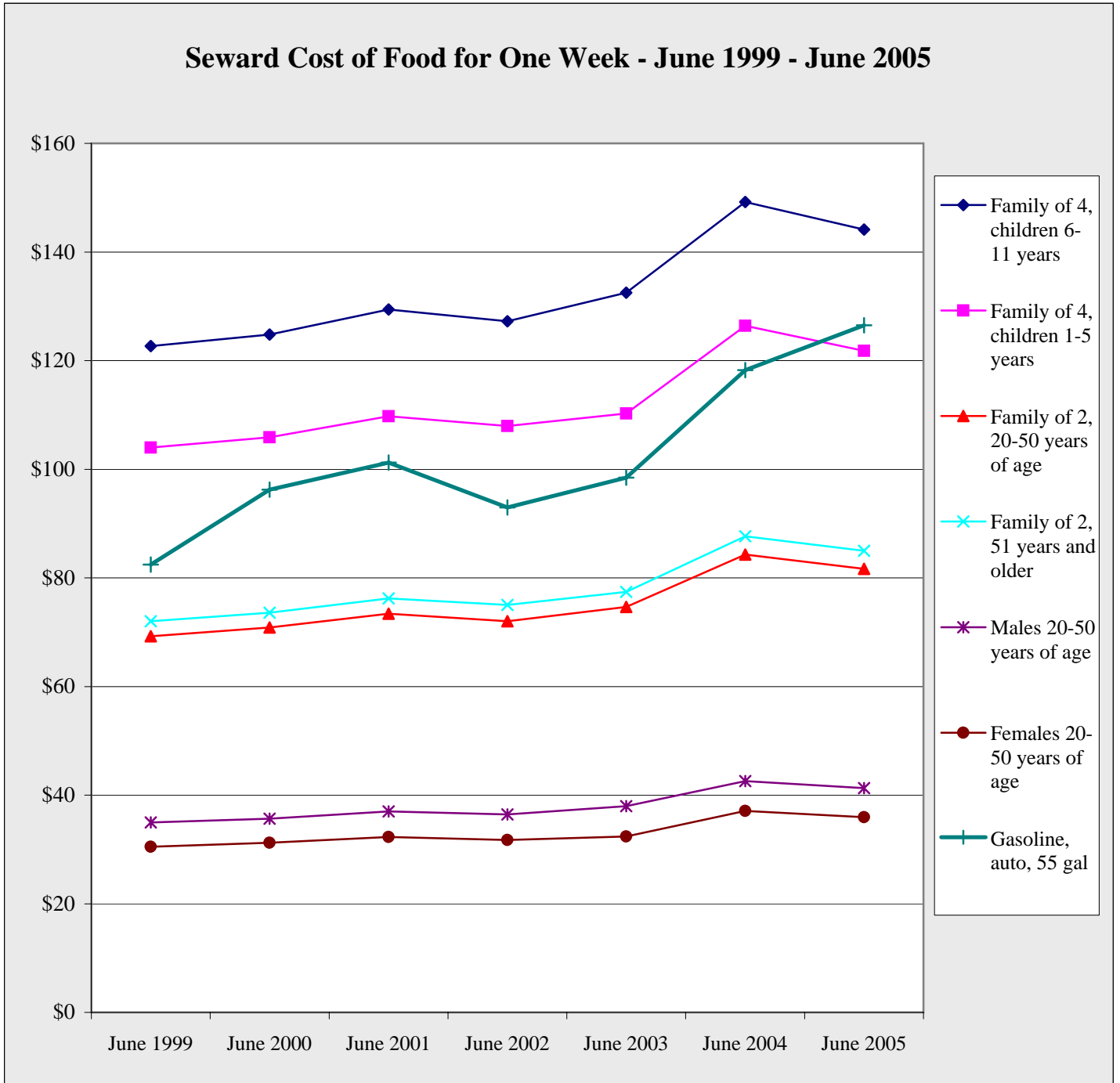


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