

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 2000	September 2001	September 2002	September 2003	September 2004	September 2005	Annual Change
Sales Tax Rate	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	6.00	
Percent of Food Unavailable	0.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	0.00	
Child, 1 year	5.00	20.24	18.29	19.49	20.93	20.00	-4.4%
Child, 2 years	0.00	20.24	18.29	19.49	20.71	19.77	-4.5%
Children 3-5 years of age	19.25	22.26	20.07	21.22	22.88	21.78	-4.8%
Children 6-8 years of age	25.55	29.60	26.83	28.39	30.57	29.32	-4.1%
Children 9-11 years of age	28.97	33.53	30.44	32.06	34.52	33.08	-4.2%
Males 12-14 years of age	32.84	37.96	34.39	36.19	39.02	37.37	-4.2%
Males 15-19 years of age	33.83	39.17	35.47	37.30	40.08	38.52	-3.9%
Males 20-50 years of age	33.65	38.96	35.39	37.21	40.17	38.48	-4.2%
Males 51 and older	32.03	36.94	33.68	35.47	38.23	36.55	-4.4%
Females 12-19 years of age	28.25	32.71	29.53	31.23	33.62	32.24	-4.1%
Females 20-50 years of age	29.42	33.92	30.88	32.44	34.96	33.47	-4.3%
Females 51 and older	28.52	33.02	29.98	31.51	34.02	32.52	-4.4%
Family of 2, 20-50 years of age	69.37	80.18	72.89	76.63	82.66	79.13	-4.3%
Family of 2, 51 years and older	66.58	76.95	70.02	73.68	79.48	75.99	-4.4%
Family of 4, children 1-5 years	99.78	115.38	104.62	110.17	118.74	113.48	-4.4%
Family of 4, children 6-11 years	117.60	136.01	123.53	130.10	140.23	134.34	-4.2%
Electricity, 1000 kWh	129.39	132.80	134.34	131.98	139.95	151.31	8.1%
Heating Oil, 55 gal	89.10	79.20	83.05	84.15	101.75	144.10	41.6%
Gasoline, auto, 55 gal	101.20	101.20	94.60	104.50	118.80	161.70	36.1%
Lumber, 2X4X8	2.84	2.84	3.25	2.74	3.70	3.70	0.0%
Propane, 100 lb. Refill	48.38	48.62	48.38	56.29	60.18	76.70	27.5%

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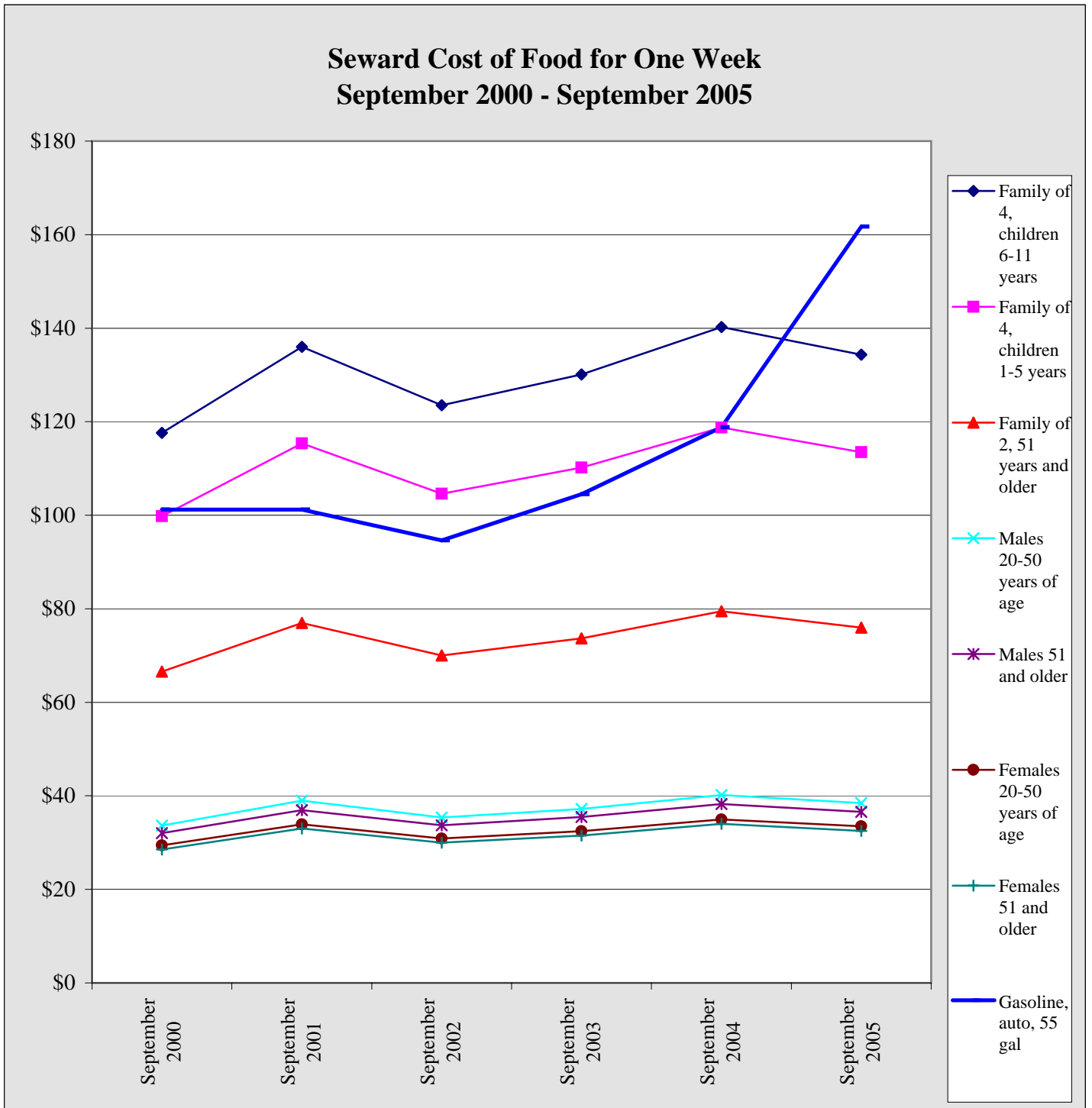


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