



## Cooperative Extension Service Food Cost Survey University of Alaska Fairbanks September 2008

| Community        | Sales Tax (%) (2) | Missing Items (3) | Couple 20-50y; Children 6-11 (4) | Sept. 2008 (5) | Sept. 2007 | Sept. 2006 | Sept. 2005 | Electricity (7) | Heating Oil (8) | Gasoline | Lumber (9) | Propane (10) |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| Anchorage        | 0                 | 0                 | 126.81                           | 100            | 123.33     | 119.29     | 121.50     | 139.17          | 5.28            | 4.24     | 2.34       | 4.32         |
| Barrow           | 0                 | 13                | 379.73                           | 299            |            | 287.82     |            | 118.65          |                 |          |            |              |
| Bethel           | 6                 | 0                 | 270.34                           | 213            | 233.70     | 205.34     | 202.08     | 455.70*         | 6.62            | 5.74     | 5.44       | 8.43         |
| Cordova          | 6                 | 0                 | 200.79                           | 158            | 181.37     | 175.03     | 167.93     | 218.02*         | 5.24            | 4.94     | 4.68       | 4.77         |
| Delta Junction   | 0                 | 0                 | 162.15                           | 128            | 155.07     | 155.02     | 144.52     | 210.38          | 4.06            | 4.43     | 3.10       | 3.05         |
| Fairbanks        | 0                 | 0                 | 128.86                           | 102            | 122.13     | 115.55     | 123.72     | 210.38          | 4.20            | 4.19     | 4.39       | 4.87         |
| Haines           | 5.5               | 1                 | 183.57                           | 145            | 169.88     | 147.48     | 173.62     | 213.14*         | 5.01            | 4.64     | 3.09       |              |
| Homer            | 7.5               | 0                 | 185.09                           | 146            | 161.52     | 149.82     | 150.46     | 166.30          | 4.03            | 4.54     | 3.05       | 3.86         |
| Juneau           | 5                 | 0                 | 142.82                           | 113            | 142.55     | 132.41     | 123.60     | 123.06          | 4.84            | 4.45     | 2.67       | 3.61         |
| Kenai - Soldotna | 6                 | 0                 | 151.23                           | 119            | 137.49     | 131.22     | 128.05     | 165.00          | 4.10            | 4.44     | 2.81       | 4.00         |
| Ketchikan        | 6                 | 0                 | 150.67                           | 119            | 134.54     | 130.22     | 125.91     | 102.20          | 4.73            | 4.35     | 2.85       | 3.98         |
| King Salmon      | 0                 | 8                 | 289.74                           | 228            | 263.41     | 260.22     |            | 325.50*         | 5.85            | 5.44     | 7.49       | 7.08         |
| Kodiak           | 6                 | 7                 | 204.26                           | 161            | 158.76     | 141.20     | 147.77     | 188.77          | 4.71            | 4.45     | 3.68       | 4.81         |
| Kotzebue         | 6                 | 3                 | 289.33                           | 228            | 248.86     | 237.89     |            | 153.61*         | 5.99            | 7.16     | 14.99      | 7.35         |
| Nome             | 5                 | 0                 | 222.83                           | 176            | 205.67     | 170.95     | 199.08     | 284.23*         |                 |          |            |              |
| Palmer - Wasilla | 2.75              | 0                 | 128.86                           | 102            | 121.99     | 114.19     | 120.52     | 142.84          | 4.25            | 4.19     | 3.12       | 4.28         |
| Portland, OR     | 0                 | 0                 | 113.88                           | 90             | 100.71     | 92.61      | 99.07      | 98.26           | 4.40            | 3.60     | 1.83       | 3.10         |
| Seward           | 7                 | 1                 | 199.22                           | 157            | 162.30     | 129.57     | 134.34     | 166.03          | 4.18            | 4.54     | 3.17       | 3.70         |
| Sitka            | 5                 | 0                 | 172.48                           | 136            | 159.83     | 138.14     | 133.81     | 97.97           | 4.84            | 4.36     | 2.58       | 4.18         |
| Valdez           | 0                 | 1                 | 193.82                           | 153            |            |            |            | 79.80           | 4.44            | 1.73     | 4.25       | 3.55         |

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2 Average of adjoining communities where applicable

3 Total food items in survey = 104. See <http://www.uaf.edu/ces/fcs/index.html>

4 Family of 4 including 2 school age children, 6-11 years old

5 Weekly food cost by community as a percentage of Anchorage cost

6 Historic Dollar Values

7 1000 kWh. \*\* communities participate in the power cost equalization program. See <http://www.state.ak.us/rca/Statistics/pce.html>

8 Per Gallon, columns 10-11

9 2" x 4" x 8'

10 Per Gallon, 23.6 gallons equals 100 lbs.



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#### Weekly Food Costs for Individuals by Age (Years)

| Community        | Child<br>1y | Child<br>2-3y | Child<br>4-5 | Child<br>6-8 | Child<br>9-11 | Male<br>12-13 | Male<br>14-18 | Male<br>19-50 | Male<br>51-70 | Male<br>71+ | Female<br>12-13 | Female<br>14-18 |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Anchorage        | 18.78       | 20.05         | 21.04        | 26.67        | 30.93         | 32.65         | 34.38         | 36.65         | 33.65         | 33.56       | 32.84           | 32.75           |
| Barrow           | 56.23       | 60.03         | 63.02        | 79.86        | 92.62         | 97.78         | 102.95        | 109.74        | 100.77        | 100.50      | 98.33           | 98.06           |
| Bethel           | 40.03       | 42.74         | 44.86        | 56.85        | 65.94         | 69.62         | 73.29         | 78.12         | 71.74         | 71.55       | 70.00           | 69.81           |
| Cordova          | 29.73       | 31.74         | 33.32        | 42.23        | 48.98         | 51.71         | 54.43         | 58.03         | 53.29         | 53.14       | 51.99           | 51.85           |
| Delta Junction   | 24.01       | 25.63         | 26.91        | 34.10        | 39.55         | 41.76         | 43.96         | 46.86         | 43.03         | 42.92       | 41.99           | 41.87           |
| Fairbanks        | 19.08       | 20.37         | 21.38        | 27.10        | 31.43         | 33.18         | 34.93         | 37.24         | 34.20         | 34.10       | 33.37           | 33.28           |
| Haines           | 27.18       | 29.02         | 30.46        | 38.60        | 44.78         | 47.27         | 49.77         | 53.05         | 48.72         | 48.58       | 47.53           | 47.40           |
| Homer            | 27.41       | 29.26         | 30.72        | 38.92        | 45.15         | 47.66         | 50.18         | 53.49         | 49.12         | 48.99       | 47.93           | 47.80           |
| Juneau           | 21.15       | 22.58         | 23.70        | 30.04        | 34.84         | 36.78         | 38.72         | 41.27         | 37.90         | 37.80       | 36.98           | 36.88           |
| Kenai - Soldotna | 22.39       | 23.91         | 25.10        | 31.80        | 36.89         | 38.94         | 41.00         | 43.70         | 40.13         | 40.03       | 39.16           | 39.05           |
| Ketchikan        | 22.31       | 23.82         | 25.00        | 31.69        | 36.75         | 38.80         | 40.85         | 43.54         | 39.98         | 39.88       | 39.01           | 38.91           |
| King Salmon      | 42.90       | 45.80         | 48.08        | 60.93        | 70.67         | 74.61         | 78.55         | 83.73         | 76.89         | 76.68       | 75.03           | 74.82           |
| Kodiak           | 30.24       | 32.29         | 33.90        | 42.96        | 49.82         | 52.60         | 55.38         | 59.03         | 54.21         | 54.06       | 52.89           | 52.75           |
| Kotzebue         | 42.84       | 45.74         | 48.01        | 60.85        | 70.57         | 74.51         | 78.44         | 83.61         | 76.78         | 76.58       | 74.92           | 74.71           |
| Nome             | 32.99       | 35.23         | 36.98        | 46.86        | 54.35         | 57.38         | 60.41         | 64.39         | 59.13         | 58.98       | 57.70           | 57.54           |
| Palmer - Wasilla | 19.08       | 20.37         | 21.38        | 27.10        | 31.43         | 33.18         | 34.93         | 37.24         | 34.20         | 34.10       | 33.37           | 33.28           |
| Portland, OR     | 16.86       | 18.00         | 18.90        | 23.95        | 27.78         | 29.33         | 30.87         | 32.91         | 30.22         | 30.14       | 29.49           | 29.41           |
| Seward           | 29.50       | 31.49         | 33.06        | 41.90        | 48.59         | 51.30         | 54.01         | 57.57         | 52.87         | 52.73       | 51.59           | 51.44           |
| Sitka            | 25.54       | 27.27         | 28.62        | 36.27        | 42.07         | 44.42         | 46.76         | 49.84         | 45.77         | 45.65       | 44.66           | 44.54           |
| Valdez           | 28.70       | 30.64         | 32.16        | 40.76        | 47.28         | 49.91         | 52.54         | 56.01         | 51.44         | 51.30       | 50.19           | 50.05           |



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**Weekly Food Costs for Individuals by Age (Years)**

| <b>Community</b> | <b>Female<br/>19-50</b> | <b>Female<br/>51-70</b> | <b>Female<br/>71+</b> | <b>Family<br/>of 2;<br/>19-50</b> | <b>Family<br/>of 2;<br/>51-70</b> | <b>Family<br/>of 4;<br/>children<br/>2-5</b> | <b>Family<br/>of 4;<br/>children<br/>6-11</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Anchorage        | 32.56                   | 32.38                   | 31.48                 | 76.19                             | 72.66                             | 110.39                                       | 126.81                                        |
| Barrow           | 97.51                   | 96.97                   | 94.25                 | 228.16                            | 217.57                            | 330.57                                       | 379.73                                        |
| Bethel           | 69.42                   | 69.04                   | 67.10                 | 162.44                            | 154.89                            | 235.34                                       | 270.34                                        |
| Cordova          | 51.56                   | 51.27                   | 49.84                 | 120.65                            | 115.04                            | 174.79                                       | 200.79                                        |
| Delta Junction   | 41.64                   | 41.41                   | 40.25                 | 97.43                             | 92.91                             | 141.16                                       | 162.15                                        |
| Fairbanks        | 33.09                   | 32.91                   | 31.98                 | 77.43                             | 73.83                             | 112.18                                       | 128.86                                        |
| Haines           | 47.14                   | 46.88                   | 45.56                 | 110.30                            | 105.18                            | 159.80                                       | 183.57                                        |
| Homer            | 47.53                   | 47.27                   | 45.94                 | 111.21                            | 106.05                            | 161.13                                       | 185.09                                        |
| Juneau           | 36.68                   | 36.47                   | 35.45                 | 85.81                             | 81.83                             | 124.33                                       | 142.82                                        |
| Kenai - Soldotna | 38.84                   | 38.62                   | 37.54                 | 90.87                             | 86.65                             | 131.65                                       | 151.23                                        |
| Ketchikan        | 38.69                   | 38.48                   | 37.40                 | 90.53                             | 86.33                             | 131.16                                       | 150.67                                        |
| King Salmon      | 74.40                   | 73.99                   | 71.92                 | 174.09                            | 166.01                            | 252.23                                       | 289.74                                        |
| Kodiak           | 52.45                   | 52.16                   | 50.70                 | 122.73                            | 117.03                            | 177.81                                       | 204.26                                        |
| Kotzebue         | 74.30                   | 73.88                   | 71.82                 | 173.85                            | 165.77                            | 251.87                                       | 289.33                                        |
| Nome             | 57.22                   | 56.90                   | 55.31                 | 133.89                            | 127.67                            | 193.98                                       | 222.83                                        |
| Palmer - Wasilla | 33.09                   | 32.91                   | 31.98                 | 77.43                             | 73.83                             | 112.18                                       | 128.86                                        |
| Portland, OR     | 29.24                   | 29.08                   | 28.27                 | 68.43                             | 65.25                             | 99.14                                        | 113.88                                        |
| Seward           | 51.16                   | 50.87                   | 49.45                 | 119.70                            | 114.15                            | 173.43                                       | 199.22                                        |
| Sitka            | 44.29                   | 44.05                   | 42.81                 | 103.64                            | 98.82                             | 150.15                                       | 172.48                                        |
| Valdez           | 49.77                   | 49.49                   | 48.11                 | 116.46                            | 111.05                            | 168.73                                       | 193.82                                        |