



## Cooperative Extension Service Food Cost Survey

### University of Alaska Fairbanks

### December 2008

| Community        | Sales Tax (%)<br>(2) | Missing Items<br>(3) | Couple 20-50y;<br>Children 6-11 (4) | Dec. 2008<br>(5) | Dec. 2007 (6) | Dec. 2006 | Dec. 2005 | Electricity<br>(7) | Heating Oil<br>(8) | Gasoline | Lumber (9) | Propane<br>(10) |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| Anchorage        | 0                    | 0                    | 131.66                              | 100              | 121.31        | 119.32    | 118.33    | 145.74             | 2.89               | 2.54     | 1.93       | 4.43            |
| Barrow           | 0                    | 7                    | 325.96                              | 248              |               |           |           | 118.65             |                    |          |            |                 |
| Bethel           | 6                    | 0                    | 256.13                              | 195              | 229.06        | 208.79    | 203.28    | 391.14*            | 6.00               | 5.59     | 5.44       | 8.43            |
| Cordova          | 6                    | 1                    | 215.41                              | 164              | 193.16        | 171.19    | 165.25    | 224.98*            | 4.60               | 4.94     | 4.74       | 4.77            |
| Delta            | 0                    | 2                    | 170.39                              | 129              | 150.00        | 146.41    | 136.06    | 167.77             | 2.66               | 2.72     | 3.35       | 3.05            |
| Fairbanks        | 0                    | 0                    | 131.70                              | 100              | 122.60        | 113.97    | 113.81    | 167.77             | 2.50               | 2.49     | 3.17       | 3.32            |
| Haines           | 5.5                  | 0                    | 173.93                              | 132              | 172.10        | 146.44    | 171.18    | 189.28*            | 3.80               | 3.50     | 2.21       | 0.00            |
| Homer            | 3.75                 | 1                    | 208.78                              | 159              | 184.62        | 159.74    | 158.89    | 192.68             | 2.32               | 2.95     | 2.69       | 3.67            |
| Juneau           | 5                    | 0                    | 142.53                              | 108              | 140.79        | 132.95    | 124.52    | 123.44             | 3.88               | 2.99     | 3.90       | 3.20            |
| Kenai - Soldotna | 6                    | 0                    | 151.46                              | 115              | 138.42        | 130.41    | 129.23    | 189.91             | 2.08               | 2.83     | 2.58       | 3.86            |
| Ketchikan        | 5.5                  | 0                    | 146.92                              | 112              | 134.73        | 130.17    | 122.46    | 102.20             | 3.67               | 3.59     | 2.44       | 3.35            |
| King Salmon      | 0                    | 9                    | 316.02                              | 240              | 264.04        |           | 227.16    | 325.50*            | 5.24               | 5.14     | 7.49       | 7.08            |
| Kodiak           | 6                    | 0                    | 181.54                              | 138              | 159.84        | 146.36    | 149.78    | 171.15             | 3.27               | 2.79     | 3.20       | 4.61            |
| Nome             | 5                    | 0                    | 217.96                              | 166              | 207.60        | 194.77    |           | 284.23*            | 5.24               | 4.99     | 6.29       | 6.77            |
| Palmer - Wasilla | 2.75                 | 0                    | 129.04                              | 98               | 120.34        | 114.20    | 110.81    | 154.09             | 2.79               | 2.46     | 2.25       | 4.02            |
| Petersburg       | 6                    | 0                    | 175.23                              | 133              | 160.50        |           |           | 108.90             | 3.63               | 3.42     |            | 3.82            |
| Portland, OR     | 0                    | 0                    | 109.82                              | 83               | 100.43        | 95.88     | 96.44     | 99.40              | 2.87               | 1.64     | 1.68       | 2.85            |
| Seward           | 7                    | 0                    | 173.59                              | 132              | 167.06        | 138.11    | 136.25    | 175.14             | 2.07               | 2.70     | 2.36       | 4.23            |
| Sitka            | 5                    | 0                    | 173.78                              | 132              | 152.00        | 145.51    | 134.57    | 97.04              |                    | 3.44     | 2.30       | 4.35            |
| Valdez           | 0                    | 2                    | 183.21                              | 139              |               |           |           | 130.50             | 2.84               | 3.02     | 4.25       | 3.05            |

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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/foodlist.htm>

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        | 19.65       | 20.98         | 21.83        | 27.81        | 32.18         | 34.08         | 35.41         | 37.97         | 34.74         | 34.84       | 34.17           | 33.89           |
| Barrow           | 48.65       | 51.94         | 54.05        | 68.86        | 79.67         | 84.37         | 87.66         | 94.00         | 86.01         | 86.25       | 84.60           | 83.90           |
| Bethel           | 38.23       | 40.81         | 42.47        | 54.11        | 62.60         | 66.29         | 68.88         | 73.87         | 67.59         | 67.77       | 66.48           | 65.93           |
| Cordova          | 32.15       | 34.32         | 35.72        | 45.50        | 52.65         | 55.76         | 57.93         | 62.12         | 56.84         | 57.00       | 55.91           | 55.44           |
| Delta Junction   | 25.43       | 27.15         | 28.26        | 35.99        | 41.65         | 44.10         | 45.82         | 49.14         | 44.96         | 45.09       | 44.23           | 43.86           |
| Fairbanks        | 19.66       | 20.98         | 21.84        | 27.82        | 32.19         | 34.09         | 35.42         | 37.98         | 34.75         | 34.85       | 34.18           | 33.90           |
| Haines           | 25.96       | 27.71         | 28.84        | 36.74        | 42.51         | 45.02         | 46.77         | 50.16         | 45.90         | 46.02       | 45.14           | 44.77           |
| Homer            | 31.16       | 33.27         | 34.62        | 44.10        | 51.03         | 54.04         | 56.15         | 60.21         | 55.09         | 55.24       | 54.19           | 53.74           |
| Juneau           | 21.27       | 22.71         | 23.64        | 30.11        | 34.84         | 36.89         | 38.33         | 41.10         | 37.61         | 37.71       | 36.99           | 36.69           |
| Kenai- Soldotna  | 22.60       | 24.13         | 25.12        | 32.00        | 37.02         | 39.20         | 40.73         | 43.68         | 39.97         | 40.08       | 39.31           | 38.98           |
| Ketchikan        | 21.93       | 23.41         | 24.36        | 31.04        | 35.91         | 38.03         | 39.51         | 42.37         | 38.77         | 38.88       | 38.13           | 37.82           |
| King Salmon      | 47.16       | 50.35         | 52.40        | 66.76        | 77.24         | 81.80         | 84.99         | 91.14         | 83.39         | 83.62       | 82.02           | 81.34           |
| Kodiak           | 27.09       | 28.93         | 30.10        | 38.35        | 44.37         | 46.99         | 48.82         | 52.35         | 47.90         | 48.04       | 47.12           | 46.73           |
| Nome             | 32.53       | 34.73         | 36.14        | 46.04        | 53.27         | 56.42         | 58.62         | 62.86         | 57.52         | 57.67       | 56.57           | 56.10           |
| Palmer - Wasilla | 19.26       | 20.56         | 21.40        | 27.26        | 31.54         | 33.40         | 34.70         | 37.21         | 34.05         | 34.14       | 33.49           | 33.21           |
| Petersburg       | 26.15       | 27.92         | 29.06        | 37.02        | 42.83         | 45.36         | 47.12         | 50.53         | 46.24         | 46.37       | 45.48           | 45.10           |
| Portland, OR     | 16.39       | 17.50         | 18.21        | 23.20        | 26.84         | 28.42         | 29.53         | 31.67         | 28.98         | 29.06       | 28.50           | 28.27           |
| Seward           | 25.91       | 27.66         | 28.79        | 36.67        | 42.43         | 44.93         | 46.68         | 50.06         | 45.81         | 45.93       | 45.06           | 44.68           |
| Sitka            | 25.94       | 27.69         | 28.82        | 36.71        | 42.47         | 44.98         | 46.73         | 50.12         | 45.86         | 45.98       | 45.11           | 44.73           |
| Valdez           | 27.34       | 29.19         | 30.38        | 38.70        | 44.78         | 47.42         | 49.27         | 52.84         | 48.35         | 48.48       | 47.55           | 47.16           |



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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        | 33.70                   | 33.41                   | 32.84                 | 78.79                             | 75.09                             | 114.48                                       | 131.66                                        |
| Barrow           | 83.43                   | 82.72                   | 81.31                 | 195.06                            | 185.89                            | 283.42                                       | 325.96                                        |
| Bethel           | 65.56                   | 65.00                   | 63.89                 | 153.27                            | 146.07                            | 222.71                                       | 256.13                                        |
| Cordova          | 55.13                   | 54.67                   | 53.74                 | 128.90                            | 122.85                            | 187.30                                       | 215.41                                        |
| Delta Junction   | 43.61                   | 43.24                   | 42.51                 | 101.96                            | 97.17                             | 148.15                                       | 170.39                                        |
| Fairbanks        | 33.71                   | 33.42                   | 32.85                 | 78.81                             | 75.11                             | 114.51                                       | 131.70                                        |
| Haines           | 44.52                   | 44.14                   | 43.39                 | 104.08                            | 99.19                             | 151.23                                       | 173.93                                        |
| Homer            | 53.44                   | 52.99                   | 52.08                 | 124.94                            | 119.07                            | 181.53                                       | 208.78                                        |
| Juneau           | 36.48                   | 36.17                   | 35.56                 | 85.29                             | 81.28                             | 123.93                                       | 142.53                                        |
| Kenai - Soldotna | 38.77                   | 38.44                   | 37.78                 | 90.64                             | 86.38                             | 131.69                                       | 151.46                                        |
| Ketchikan        | 37.60                   | 37.29                   | 36.65                 | 87.92                             | 83.79                             | 127.75                                       | 146.92                                        |
| King Salmon      | 80.88                   | 80.20                   | 78.83                 | 189.11                            | 180.22                            | 274.78                                       | 316.02                                        |
| Kodiak           | 46.46                   | 46.07                   | 45.29                 | 108.64                            | 103.53                            | 157.85                                       | 181.54                                        |
| Nome             | 55.79                   | 55.31                   | 54.37                 | 130.43                            | 124.30                            | 189.52                                       | 217.96                                        |
| Palmer - Wasilla | 33.03                   | 32.75                   | 32.19                 | 77.22                             | 73.59                             | 112.20                                       | 129.04                                        |
| Petersburg       | 44.85                   | 44.47                   | 43.71                 | 104.86                            | 99.93                             | 152.36                                       | 175.23                                        |
| Portland, OR     | 28.11                   | 27.87                   | 27.40                 | 65.72                             | 62.63                             | 95.49                                        | 109.82                                        |
| Seward           | 44.43                   | 44.05                   | 43.30                 | 103.88                            | 99.00                             | 150.94                                       | 173.59                                        |
| Sitka            | 44.48                   | 44.10                   | 43.35                 | 103.99                            | 99.11                             | 151.10                                       | 173.78                                        |
| Valdez           | 46.89                   | 46.50                   | 45.70                 | 109.64                            | 104.48                            | 159.30                                       | 183.21                                        |