

National Average Cost of an Adult Funeral:

2006 vs. 2004

(Source: www.Funeral.com)

Regular, adult funeral costs for funeral with a viewing and ceremony include the following general items:

- Non-declinable basic services fee
- Removal/transfer of remains to funeral home
- Embalming
- Other preparation of the body
- Use of facilities/staff for viewing
- Use of facilities/staff for funeral ceremony
- Hearse
- Service car/van
- Basic memorial printed package
- Metal casket

Costs do not include cemetery, monument or marker costs, or miscellaneous cash-advance charges, such as flowers or obituaries.

Item	2006*	2004*
Non-declinable basic services fee	\$1,595 (+9.2%)	\$1,460
Removal/transfer of remains to funeral home	\$233 (+19.5%)	\$195
Embalming	\$550 (+10.4%)	\$498
Other preparation of the body	\$203 (+16.0%)	\$175
Use of facilities/staff for viewing	\$406 (+19.8%)	\$339
Use of facilities/staff for funeral ceremony	\$463 (+17.2%)	\$395
Hearse	\$251 (+11.6%)	\$225

Service car/van	\$120 (+20.0%)	\$100
Basic memorial printed package	\$119 (+25.3%)	\$95
Subtotal without casket	\$3,930 (+12.9%)	\$3,482
Metal casket (average charge for most frequently purchased item)	\$2,255 (+7.4%)	\$2,100
National Average Cost of an Adult Funeral	\$6,195 (+11.0%)	\$5,582
Vault (Average charge for most frequently purchased item)	\$1,128 (+13.0%)	\$998
Total with Vault	\$7,323 (+11.3%)	\$6,580