

## National Average Cost of an Adult Funeral: 2006 vs. 2004

Regular adult funeral costs (for funeral with a viewing and ceremony) include the following general items. Costs do not include cemetery, monument or marker costs, or miscellaneous cash-advance charges, such as flowers or obituaries.

- 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

Item	2006*	2004*
Non-declinable basic services fee	\$1,595 (+8.46%)	\$1,460
Removal/transfer of remains to funeral home	\$233 (+16.31%)	\$195
Embalming	\$550 (+9.45%)	\$498
Other preparation of the body	\$203 (+13.79%)	\$175
Use of facilities/staff for viewing	\$406 (+16.50%)	\$339
Use of facilities/staff for funeral ceremony	\$463 (+14.69%)	\$395
Hearse	\$251 (+10.36%)	\$225
Service car/van	\$120 (+16.67%)	\$100
Basic memorial printed package	\$119 (+20.17%)	\$95
<b>Subtotal without casket</b>	<b>\$3,930 (+11.40%)</b>	<b>\$3,482</b>
Metal casket (average charge for most frequently purchased item)	\$2,255 (+6.87%)	\$2,100
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Vault (Average charge for most frequently purchased item)	\$1,128 (+11.52%)	\$998
<b>Total with Vault</b>	<b>\$7,323 (+10.15%)</b>	<b>\$6,580</b>

\* Median Price – The amount at which half of the figures fall below and half are above.