

National Average Cost of an Adult Funeral

A traditional US adult funeral with a viewing and ceremony includes charges for the following items:

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

The above list of funeral costs does not include cemetery, monument or marker costs, or miscellaneous cash-advance charges, such as flowers or obituaries. The following are the average costs as provided by the National Funeral Director's Association.

Item	Cost in 2004	Cost in 2006	Cost in 2009
Non-declinable basic services fee	\$1,460	\$1,595 (+9.2%)	\$1,817 (+19.6%)
Removal/transfer of remains to funeral home	\$195	\$233 (+19.5%)	\$250 (+22.0%)
Embalming	\$498	\$550 (+10.4%)	\$628 (20.7%)
Other preparation of the body	\$175	\$203 (+16.0%)	\$200 (+12.5%)
Use of facilities and staff for viewing	\$339	\$406 (+19.8%)	\$395 (14.2%)
Use of facilities and staff for funeral ceremony	\$395	\$463 (+17.2%)	\$450 (+12.2%)
Hearse	\$225	\$251 (+11.6%)	\$275 (+18.2%)
Service car/van	\$100	\$120 (+20.0%)	\$125 (+22.5%)
Basic memorial printed package	\$95	\$119 (+25.3%)	\$125 (+24.0%)
Subtotal without casket	\$3,482	\$3,930 (+12.9%)	\$4,265 (+18.4%)
Metal casket	\$2,100	\$2,255 (+7.4%)	\$2,295 (+9.3%)
National average cost of an adult funeral	\$5,582	\$6,195 (+11.0%)	\$6,560 (+14.9%)
Vault (average for most frequently used item)	\$998	\$1,128 (+13.0%)	\$1,195 (+16.5%)
Total with Vault	\$6,580	\$7,323 (+11.3%)	\$7,755 (+15.2%)