

National Average Cost of an Adult Funeral: 2012 vs. 2009			
Item	2012*	2009*	% Change
Non-declinable basic services fee	\$1,975	\$1,817	8.7%
Removal/transfer of remains to funeral home	\$285	\$250	14.0%
Embalming	\$695	\$628	10.7%
Other preparation of the body	\$225	\$200	12.5%
Use of facilities/staff for viewing	\$400	\$395	1.3%
Use of facilities/staff for funeral ceremony	\$495	\$450	10.0%
Hearse	\$295	\$275	7.3%
Service car/van	\$130	\$125	4.0%
Basic memorial printed package	\$150	\$125	20.0%
Subtotal without casket	\$4,650	\$4,265	9.0%
Metal casket (average charge for the most frequently purchased item)	\$2,395	\$2,295	4.4%
Average Cost of a Funeral	\$7,045	\$6,560	7.4%
Vault (average charge for the most frequently purchased item)	\$1,298	\$1,195	8.6%
Total with vault	\$8,343	\$7,755	7.6%

* Median Price - The amount at which half of the figures fall below and half are above. Prices have not been adjusted for inflation.

SOURCE: <http://nfda.org/news-a-events/all-press-releases/3719-nfda-releases-results-of-member-general-price-list-survey.html> National Funeral Directors Association News Release 8/01/2013
EDITORIAL NOTE: The NFDA report adds median values to calculate "AVERAGE COST OF A FUNERAL" and "Total with vault" prices. While this procedure is mathematically incorrect, the values - while low - are within the expected range.