

# Statewide Average<sup>1</sup> by Funeral Type

## BIENNIAL STATISTICAL PRICING SURVEY RESULTS

### 2025

#### FUNERAL HOME CHARGES

High, average and low price points have been provided for each funeral type; they do not reflect actual consumer purchases.

	<b>TYPICAL</b> <i>Includes one day of visitation, embalming, church and committal service, local transfer, hearse, limousine and other items.</i>	<b>ABBREVIATED TYPICAL</b> <i>Includes one hour of visitation, embalming, church and committal service, local transfer, hearse and other items.</i>	<b>MINIMAL</b> <i>Includes no visiting hours or embalming, no church or committal service and no incidentals with the family assembling at the place of disposition.</i>
<b>Professional Services<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$4,190</b> Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff; Preparation and Care of the Deceased including Embalming, Dressing, Casketing and Cosmetizing	<b>\$4,190</b> Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff; Preparation and Care of the Deceased including Embalming, Dressing, Casketing and Cosmetizing	<b>\$2,576</b> Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff
<b>Facility Charges<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$2,753</b> Staff/Facilities; Equipment for Funeral Ceremony (including accompaniment and services at place of committal); Four hours of visitation	<b>\$1,882</b> Staff/Facilities; Equipment for Funeral Ceremony (including accompaniment and services at place of committal); One hour of visitation	<b>\$643</b> Accompaniment; Services at place of committal; No ceremony or visitation
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>\$1,624</b> Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home; Use of Hearse and Limousine	<b>\$1,064</b> Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home; Use of Hearse	<b>\$1,064</b> Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home; Use of Hearse
<b>Miscellaneous Cash Advances</b>	<b>\$1,688</b> Religious Services; Certified Copies of Death Certificates and Permit; Newspaper Notices; Pallbearer Charges (4)	<b>\$1,688</b> Religious Services; Certified Copies of Death Certificates and Permit; Newspaper Notices; Pallbearer Charges (4)	<b>\$24</b> Certified Copies of Death Certificates and Permit
<b>Miscellaneous Merchandise</b>	\$797 HIGH <b>\$651</b> AVERAGE    \$495 LOW Memorial Cards; Register Book; Acknowledgment Cards; Crucifix/Cross/Name Plate; Full Female Burial Clothing	\$797 HIGH <b>\$651</b> AVERAGE    \$495 LOW Memorial Cards; Register Book; Acknowledgment Cards; Crucifix/Cross/Name Plate; Full Female Burial Clothing	<b>\$0</b> No miscellaneous merchandise
<b>SUBTOTAL OF FUNERAL HOME CHARGES BEFORE CASKET SELECTED</b>	<b>\$11,052</b> HIGH <b>\$10,906</b> AVERAGE <b>\$10,750</b> LOW	<b>\$9,621</b> HIGH <b>\$9,475</b> AVERAGE <b>\$9,319</b> LOW	<b>\$4,307</b> AVERAGE

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#### CASKET PRICE POINTS

<b>\$5,499</b> <b>HIGH</b> Solid Hardwood with Velvet Interior	<b>\$3,786</b> <b>AVERAGE</b> 18 Gauge Gasketed Steel with Crepe Interior	<b>\$1,409</b> <b>LOW</b> Cloth Covered Corrugated Fiberboard with Handles and Interior
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CASKET COSTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE **AVERAGE** SUBTOTAL OF EACH FUNERAL TYPE LISTED ABOVE.

<b>SUBTOTAL OF AVERAGE FUNERAL HOME CHARGES WITH CASKET SELECTED</b>	<b>\$16,405</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$14,692</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET <b>\$12,315</b> W/ LOW CASKET	<b>\$14,974</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$13,261</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET <b>\$10,884</b> W/ LOW CASKET	<b>\$9,806</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$8,093</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET <b>\$5,716</b> W/ LOW CASKET
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Disposition methods and charges continue on the following page.



## BURIAL AS DISPOSITION METHOD

	TYPICAL	ABBREVIATED TYPICAL	MINIMAL
Burial Vault	<b>\$2,954</b> Fiberglass Lined Concrete	<b>\$2,954</b> Fiberglass Lined Concrete	<b>\$1,936</b> Minimum Concrete
Purchase of Single Grave	<b>\$3,879</b>	<b>\$2,042</b>	<b>\$850</b>
Weekday Opening/ Closing of Grave	<b>\$2,568</b>	<b>\$1,696</b>	<b>\$950</b>
		<b>\$6,692</b> AVERAGE	
Added to <b>SUBTOTAL OF AVERAGE                      FUNERAL HOME CHARGES WITH                      CASKET SELECTED</b>			
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<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b> WITH BURIAL AS DISPOSITION METHOD	<b>\$23,097</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$19,007</b> W/ LOW CASKET	<b>\$21,666</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$17,576</b> W/ LOW CASKET	<b>\$16,498</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$12,408</b> W/ LOW CASKET
	<b>\$15,384</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET	<b>\$13,941</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET	<b>\$8,773</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET

## CREMATION AS DISPOSITION METHOD

	TYPICAL	ABBREVIATED TYPICAL	MINIMAL
Crematory Fee	<b>\$579</b>	<b>\$383</b>	<b>\$293</b>
Spun Metal Urn	<b>\$386</b>	<b>\$297</b>	<b>\$184</b>
		<b>\$680</b> AVERAGE	
Added to <b>SUBTOTAL OF AVERAGE                      FUNERAL HOME CHARGES WITH                      CASKET SELECTED</b>			
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<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b> WITH CREMATION AS DISPOSITION METHOD	<b>\$17,085</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$12,995</b> W/ LOW CASKET	<b>\$15,654</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$11,564</b> W/ LOW CASKET	<b>\$10,486</b> W/ HIGH CASKET <b>\$6,396</b> W/ LOW CASKET
	<b>\$15,372</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET	<b>\$13,941</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET	<b>\$8,773</b> W/ AVERAGE CASKET



OPTIONAL PACKAGE COSTS

Immediate Burial Package

Packages commonly include basic services of funeral director and staff; local transfer (within 10 miles) of remains to funeral home; sheltering of remains for up to 48 hours; obtaining necessary permits and authorizations; local transportation to the cemetery; sanitary care; preparation of remains for identification; and a Cloth Covered Fiberboard Casket.

The use of facilities and staff for visitation, the cost of an outer burial container, grave purchase and grave opening are NOT included.

\$7,023 HIGH	\$4,992 AVERAGE	\$4,105 LOW
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Direct Cremation Package

Packages commonly include basic services of funeral director and staff; local transfer (within 10 miles) of remains to funeral home; sheltering of remains for up to 48 hours; obtaining necessary permits and authorizations; local transportation to the crematory; sanitary care; preparation of remains for identification; and minimum alternative container.

The use of facilities and staff for visitation, the cost of a non-alternative casket, an urn and crematory charges are NOT included.

\$3,980 HIGH	\$3,099 AVERAGE	\$2,434 LOW
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NJSFDA MEMBER FIRM PARTICIPATION

	2023	2025
Atlantic . . . . .	67%	47%
Bergen . . . . .	33%	32%
Burlington . . . . .	25%	36%
Camden . . . . .	35%	52%
Cape May . . . . .	80%	60%
Cumberland . . . . .	64%	55%
Essex . . . . .	43%	43%
Gloucester . . . . .	33%	32%
Hudson . . . . .	48%	40%
Hunterdon . . . . .	50%	63%
Mercer . . . . .	25%	52%
Middlesex . . . . .	50%	50%
Monmouth . . . . .	47%	42%
Morris . . . . .	57%	60%
Ocean . . . . .	56%	72%
Passaic . . . . .	45%	53%
Salem . . . . .	29%	29%
Somerset . . . . .	73%	38%
Sussex . . . . .	20%	75%
Union . . . . .	41%	43%
Warren . . . . .	100%	83%

Out of 429 surveys sent, 202 firms responded—a 47% response rate.

TOTAL REPORTED CALLS PER COUNTY

	Calls	Welfare
Atlantic . . . . .	1,385	202
Bergen . . . . .	1,706	62
Burlington . . . . .	1,653	76
Camden . . . . .	1,567	175
Cape May . . . . .	998	129
Cumberland . . . . .	661	82
Essex . . . . .	4,757	834
Gloucester . . . . .	432	15
Hudson . . . . .	636	88
Hunterdon . . . . .	596	31
Mercer . . . . .	952	35
Middlesex . . . . .	2,068	74
Monmouth . . . . .	3,271	206
Morris . . . . .	1,432	53
Ocean . . . . .	1,458	170
Passaic . . . . .	1,224	170
Salem . . . . .	176	14
Somerset . . . . .	618	80
Sussex . . . . .	559	75
Union . . . . .	1,767	177
Warren . . . . .	840	75
TOTAL . . . . .	28,756	2,823

There were 74,776 New Jersey deaths in 2024. The NJSFDA biennial survey statistics are based on 38% of the deaths in the state.



# Defined Public Assistance Funeral

## BIENNIAL STATISTICAL PRICING SURVEY RESULTS

### 2019–2025

Statewide Average <sup>1</sup> with Percentage Change Per Annum					
CATEGORY	1985	2019	2021	2023	2025
<b>Professional Services<sup>2</sup></b> Basic services of funeral director and staff; preparation and care of deceased including embalming, dressing and casketing	\$ 794	\$ 3,558 1.67%	\$ 3,784 3.18%	\$ 4,017 3.08%	\$ 4,190 2.15%
<b>Other Staff and Related Facilities<sup>2</sup></b> Funeral ceremony including transportation to and services at place of committal	\$ 401	\$ 2,269 3.95%	\$ 2,196 -1.61%	\$ 2,424 5.19%	\$ 2,753 6.79%
<b>Transportation</b> Transfer of deceased to funeral home; use of hearse and limousine	\$ 247	\$ 1,301 3.41%	\$ 1,356 2.11%	\$ 1,524 6.19%	\$ 1,624 3.28%
<b>Miscellaneous Cash Advances</b> Religious services, certified copies of death certificate and permits, newspaper notices, charge for four pallbearers	\$ 154	\$ 1,408 2.69%	\$ 1,525 4.15%	\$ 1,685 5.25%	\$ 1,688 0.09%
<b>Miscellaneous Merchandise</b> Prayer cards, acknowledgment cards, register book, crucifix/cross, name plate, full female burial clothing	\$ 158	\$ 538 -1.88%	\$ 568 2.79%	\$ 620 4.58%	\$ 651 2.50%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b> OF FUNERAL HOME CHARGES BEFORE CASKET SELECTED	\$ 1,754	\$ 9,074 2.40%	\$ 9,429 1.96%	\$10,270 4.46%	\$10,906 3.10%
<b>Casket</b> Oval, cloth-covered corrugated fiberboard with handles and crepe interior	\$ 448	\$ 1,087 2.87%	\$ 1,126 1.79%	\$ 1,141 0.67%	\$ 1,409 11.74%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b> OF FUNERAL HOME CHARGES WITH CASKET SELECTED	\$ 2,202	\$10,161 2.45%	\$10,555 1.94%	\$11,411 4.05%	\$12,315 3.96%
<b>Outer Burial Container</b> Standard minimum concrete	\$ 372	\$ 1,507 2.29%	\$ 1,611 3.45%	\$ 1,841 7.14%	\$ 1,936 2.58%
<b>TOTAL</b> DEFINED WELFARE FUNERAL COSTS BEFORE CEMETERY/CREMATORY CHARGES	\$ 2,574	\$11,668 2.43%	\$12,166 2.13%	\$13,252 4.46%	\$14,251 3.77%

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