

Statewide Average¹ by Funeral Type

BIENNIAL STATISTICAL PRICING SURVEY RESULTS

2023

FUNERAL HOME CHARGES

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

	TYPICAL <i>Includes one day of visitation, embalming, church and committal service, local transfer, hearse, limousine and other items.</i>	ABBREVIATED TYPICAL <i>Includes one hour of visitation, embalming, church and committal service, local transfer, hearse and other items.</i>	MINIMAL <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>						
Professional Services²	\$4,017 Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff; Preparation and Care of the Deceased including Embalming, Dressing, Casketing and Cosmetizing	\$4,017 Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff; Preparation and Care of the Deceased including Embalming, Dressing, Casketing and Cosmetizing	\$2,419 Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff						
Facility Charges²	\$2,424 Staff/Facilities; Equipment for Funeral Ceremony (including accompaniment and services at place of committal); Four hours of visitation	\$1,651 Staff/Facilities; Equipment for Funeral Ceremony (including accompaniment and services at place of committal); One hour of visitation	\$559 Accompaniment; Services at place of committal; No ceremony or visitation						
Transportation	\$1,524 Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home; Use of Hearse and Limousine	\$1,011 Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home; Use of Hearse	\$1,011 Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home; Use of Hearse						
Miscellaneous Cash Advances	\$1,685 Religious Services; Certified Copies of Death Certificates and Permit; Newspaper Notices; Pallbearer Charges (4)	\$1,685 Religious Services; Certified Copies of Death Certificates and Permit; Newspaper Notices; Pallbearer Charges (4)	\$23 Certified Copies of Death Certificates and Permit						
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¹ Each statewide average is derived by calculating the combined average of all 21 counties.

² For those funeral homes that do NOT charge for *Basic Services of Funeral Director and Staff*, the charges for *Arrangements to Obtain Necessary Permits and Records Information and Coordinating the Gathering and Commemoration* have been included.

CASKET PRICE POINTS

\$4,662 HIGH Solid Hardwood with Velvet Interior	\$3,697 AVERAGE 18 Gauge Gasketed Steel with Crepe Interior	\$1,141 LOW 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.

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Disposition methods and charges continue on the following page.



BURIAL AS DISPOSITION METHOD

	TYPICAL			ABBREVIATED TYPICAL			MINIMAL			
Burial Vault	\$2,493 Fiberglass Lined Concrete			\$2,493 Fiberglass Lined Concrete			\$1,841 Minimum Concrete			
Purchase of Single Grave	\$3,100			\$1,918			\$840			
Weekday Opening/ Closing of Grave	\$2,407			\$1,580			\$950			
				\$5,991 AVERAGE						
				Added to SUBTOTAL OF AVERAGE FUNERAL HOME CHARGES WITH CASKET SELECTED						
TOTAL CHARGES WITH BURIAL AS DISPOSITION METHOD	\$20,923 W/ HIGH CASKET	\$19,958 W/ AVERAGE CASKET	\$17,402 W/ LOW CASKET	\$19,637 W/ HIGH CASKET	\$18,672 W/ AVERAGE CASKET	\$16,116 W/ LOW CASKET	\$14,665 W/ HIGH CASKET	\$13,700 W/ AVERAGE CASKET	\$11,144 W/ LOW CASKET	

CREMATION AS DISPOSITION METHOD

	TYPICAL			ABBREVIATED TYPICAL			MINIMAL			
Crematory Fee	\$550			\$361			\$244			
Spun Metal Urn	\$854			\$555			\$110			
				\$916 AVERAGE						
				Added to SUBTOTAL OF AVERAGE FUNERAL HOME CHARGES WITH CASKET SELECTED						
TOTAL CHARGES WITH CREMATION AS DISPOSITION METHOD	\$15,848 W/ HIGH CASKET	\$14,883 W/ AVERAGE CASKET	\$12,327 W/ LOW CASKET	\$14,562 W/ HIGH CASKET	\$13,597 W/ AVERAGE CASKET	\$11,041 W/ LOW CASKET	\$9,590 W/ HIGH CASKET	\$8,625 W/ AVERAGE CASKET	\$6,069 W/ LOW 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.

\$8,972 HIGH	\$4,610 AVERAGE	\$3,413 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.

\$4,720 HIGH	\$2,874 AVERAGE	\$1,959 LOW
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NJSFDA MEMBER FIRM PARTICIPATION

	2021	2023
Atlantic	59%	67%
Bergen	36%	33%
Burlington	37%	25%
Camden	34%	35%
Cape May	50%	80%
Cumberland	55%	64%
Essex	42%	43%
Gloucester	33%	33%
Hudson	39%	48%
Hunterdon	29%	50%
Mercer	35%	25%
Middlesex	47%	50%
Monmouth	39%	47%
Morris	48%	57%
Ocean	40%	56%
Passaic	55%	45%
Salem	75%	29%
Somerset	47%	73%
Sussex	40%	20%
Union	55%	41%
Warren	50%	100%

Out of 438 surveys sent, 186 firms responded—a 42% response rate.

TOTAL REPORTED CALLS PER COUNTY

	Calls	Welfare
Atlantic	1,549	224
Bergen	2,147	136
Burlington	1,556	61
Camden	1,562	81
Cape May	759	62
Cumberland	812	127
Essex	2,577	404
Gloucester	299	24
Hudson	1,873	411
Hunterdon	416	22
Mercer	763	36
Middlesex	1,980	131
Monmouth	4,625	252
Morris	2,221	90
Ocean	1,630	207
Passaic	1,677	185
Salem	167	18
Somerset	1,184	104
Sussex	144	9
Union	1,057	133
Warren	679	86
TOTAL	29,677	2,803

There were 81,388 New Jersey deaths in 2022. The NJSFDA biennial survey statistics are based on 41% of the deaths in the state.