



NATIONAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Funeral Costs - Calendar Year 2016

Source: 2017 NFDA General Price List Survey

	National Median Cost	New England	Middle Atlantic	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	East North Central	West North Central	Mountain	Pacific
		CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	NJ, NY, PA	DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, WV, VA	AL, KY, MS, TN	AR, LA, OK, TX	IL, IN, MI, OH, WI	IA, MN, KS, MO, ND, SD, NE	AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY	AK, CA, HI, OR, WA

National Median Cost of A Funeral With Viewing and Ceremony Followed by Burial

Since the 1960s, NFDA has calculated the median cost of a funeral with burial by totaling the costs of the items listed below. The national median cost of a funeral for calendar year 2016 was \$7,360. If a vault is included, something that is typically required by a cemetery, the median cost is \$8,755.

The cost does not take into account cemetery, monument or marker costs or miscellaneous cash-advance charges, such as for flowers or an obituary.

Nondeclinable basic services fee	\$2,100	\$2,198	\$1,995	\$2,080	\$1,975	\$1,995	\$2,195	\$2,400	\$1,695	\$1,695
Removal/transfer of remains to funeral home	\$325	\$375	\$350	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$325	\$350	\$318	\$350
Embalming	\$725	\$695	\$778	\$700	\$763	\$725	\$700	\$728	\$650	\$525
Other preparation of the body (e.g., casketing, cosmetology, dressing, grooming, etc.)	\$250	\$225	\$253	\$200	\$195	\$200	\$283	\$295	\$225	\$245
Use of facilities/staff for viewing	\$425	\$500	\$495	\$400	\$420	\$320	\$495	\$395	\$350	\$290
Use of facilities/staff for funeral ceremony	\$500	\$635	\$500	\$475	\$450	\$525	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$648
Hearse	\$325	\$368	\$350	\$295	\$293	\$300	\$335	\$300	\$275	\$348
Service car/van	\$150	\$175	\$195	\$150	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$125	\$138	\$150
Printed materials (basic memorial package - e.g., memorial cards, register book, etc.)	\$160	\$150	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$136	\$165	\$225	\$195	\$175
Metal burial casket	\$2,400	\$2,148	\$2,355	\$2,353	\$2,300	\$2,595	\$2,447	\$2,498	\$2,335	\$2,200
National Median Cost of A Funeral With Viewing and Ceremony Followed by Burial	\$7,360	\$7,469	\$7,421	\$7,078	\$6,921	\$7,196	\$7,595	\$7,816	\$6,681	\$6,626
<i>Vault</i>	<i>\$1,395</i>	<i>\$1,300</i>	<i>\$1,450</i>	<i>\$1,400</i>	<i>\$1,398</i>	<i>\$1,295</i>	<i>\$1,375</i>	<i>\$1,480</i>	<i>\$1,100</i>	<i>\$945</i>
Total with Vault	\$8,755	\$8,769	\$8,871	\$8,478	\$8,319	\$8,491	\$8,970	\$9,296	\$7,781	\$7,571

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National Median Cost of A Funeral With Viewing and Ceremony Followed by Cremation

NFDA calculated the national median cost of a funeral with viewing and ceremony followed by cremation by totaling the costs of the items listed below. The median cost for this form of memorialization for the calendar year 2016 was \$6,260.

The cost does not take into account vault, cemetery monument/marker costs or other miscellaneous cash advance charges.

*69% of respondents use a third-party crematory (i.e., the funeral home does not own a crematory)

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Service car/van	\$150	\$175	\$195	\$150	\$150	\$100	\$150	\$125	\$138	\$150
Printed materials (basic memorial package - e.g., memorial cards, register book, etc.)	\$160	\$150	\$150	\$125	\$125	\$136	\$165	\$225	\$195	\$175
Cremation fee (third-party crematory)*	\$350	\$355	\$325	\$400	\$400	\$375	\$285	\$400	\$365	\$313
Cremation casket	\$1,000	\$995	\$1,115	\$995	\$995	\$995	\$1,000	\$1,050	\$995	\$995
Urn	\$275	\$295	\$275	\$253	\$250	\$250	\$266	\$295	\$290	\$225
National Median Cost of A Funeral With Viewing and Ceremony Followed by Cremation	\$6,260	\$6,598	\$6,431	\$6,078	\$5,973	\$5,921	\$6,364	\$6,763	\$5,721	\$5,611

Caskets and Vaults (median costs)

Metal Burial Casket	\$2,400	\$2,148	\$2,355	\$2,353	\$2,300	\$2,595	\$2,447	\$2,498	\$2,335	\$2,200
Wood Burial Casket	\$2,984	\$2,495	\$2,785	\$3,168	\$3,050	\$2,995	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,923	\$2,695
Cremation Casket	\$1,000	\$995	\$1,115	\$995	\$995	\$995	\$1,000	\$1,050	\$995	\$995
Alternative Cremation Container	\$125	\$138	\$125	\$150	\$158	\$150	\$100	\$135	\$130	\$98
Rental Casket	\$275	\$995	\$1,000	\$895	\$995	\$975	\$1,095	\$995	\$895	\$895
Urn	\$275	\$295	\$275	\$253	\$250	\$250	\$266	\$295	\$290	\$225
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