

# 2015 Nunavut Food Price Survey<sup>1</sup>

## Food Groups by Community and Region



### 1. Cost of Food Groups, by Community and Region

This report examines the total cost of select food items that correspond to the food groups in the Nunavut Food Guide<sup>2</sup>, by Community and Region.

For the vegetables and fruit<sup>3</sup> group, the cost ranged from a low of **\$90.00** in Rankin Inlet to a high of **\$137.51** in Kugaaruk.

Milk and alternatives<sup>4</sup> prices ranged from a low of **\$83.11** in Baker Lake to a high of **\$136.21** in Kugaaruk for the same items.

For grain product<sup>5</sup>, Arviat had the lowest price at **\$158.74**, while Kugaaruk had the highest price at **\$227.06**.

The lowest price for meat and alternatives<sup>6</sup> was **\$288.41** in Rankin Inlet, while the highest price of **\$401.53** was in Taloyoak.

### Food Groups, by Community and Region

	Vegetables and Fruit	Milk and Alternatives	Grain Products	Meat and Alternatives
	Dollars (\$)			
Cape Dorset	126.14	131.62	201.07	357.81
Hall Beach	93.06	103.18	182.47	352.30
Igloolik	108.92	107.41	189.60	325.16
Iqaluit	94.15	117.74	186.25	296.97
Kimmirut	107.94	105.41	188.78	346.66
Pangnirtung	117.83	129.94	183.36	306.51
Qikiqtarjuaq	105.51	121.38	191.87	313.09
Sanikiluaq	108.78	111.48	186.41	344.41
Arctic Bay	108.41	119.34	202.65	359.06
Clyde River	133.43	121.43	205.99	385.07
Resolute	115.79	126.94	188.91	341.76
Grise Fiord	103.84	132.51	209.41	337.23
Pond Inlet	101.52	122.47	198.02	356.33
Arviat	91.01	88.64	158.74	342.09
Baker Lake	103.69	83.11	168.78	291.88
Chesterfield Inlet	93.94	100.87	183.70	310.52
Coral Harbour	107.32	118.72	189.60	393.72
Rankin Inlet	90.00	88.98	164.20	288.41
Repulse Bay	102.37	105.33	176.59	334.03
Whale Cove	90.48	105.14	163.94	301.93
Cambridge Bay	103.92	118.38	188.62	303.69
Gjoa Haven	122.07	127.62	183.83	377.47
Kugaaruk	137.51	136.21	227.06	379.78
Kugluktuk	108.92	111.57	175.74	380.51
Taloyoak	129.47	132.00	188.18	401.53
Baffin	109.64	119.30	193.45	340.18
Kivalliq	96.97	98.69	172.22	323.23
Kitikmeot	120.38	125.16	192.69	368.60
Nunavut	108.24	114.70	187.35	341.12

## 2. Cost Differences of Food Groups: Communities and Regions Compared with Nunavut

The table and figures on the following pages show the price ratios<sup>9</sup> of the select food guide items for each community and region compared to Nunavut.

For the vegetables and fruit group, the ratio ranged from a low in Rankin Inlet, where it was **16.9%** less than the average Nunavut cost for the same items, to a high of **27.0%** more in Kugaaruk.

For milk and alternatives, Baker Lake paid **27.5%** less than the Nunavut average cost, while it was **18.8%** higher in Kugaaruk.

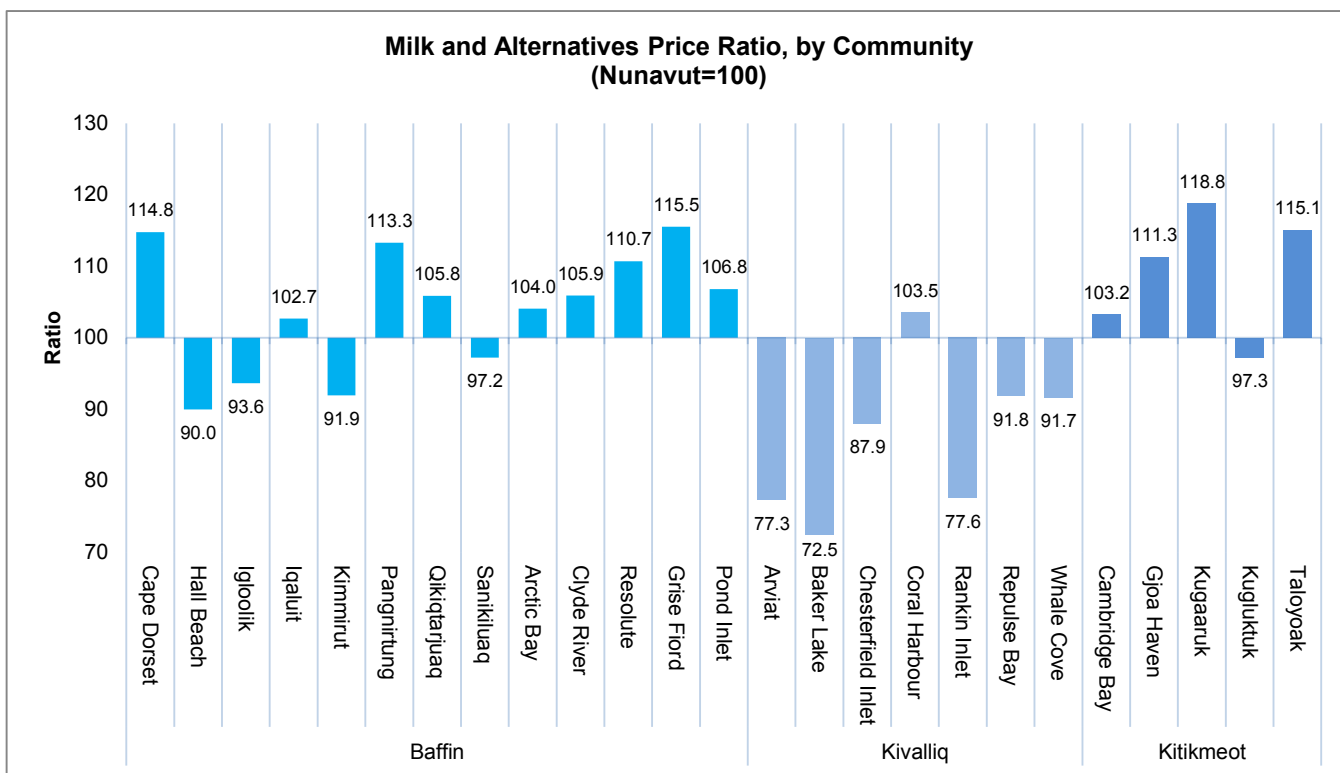
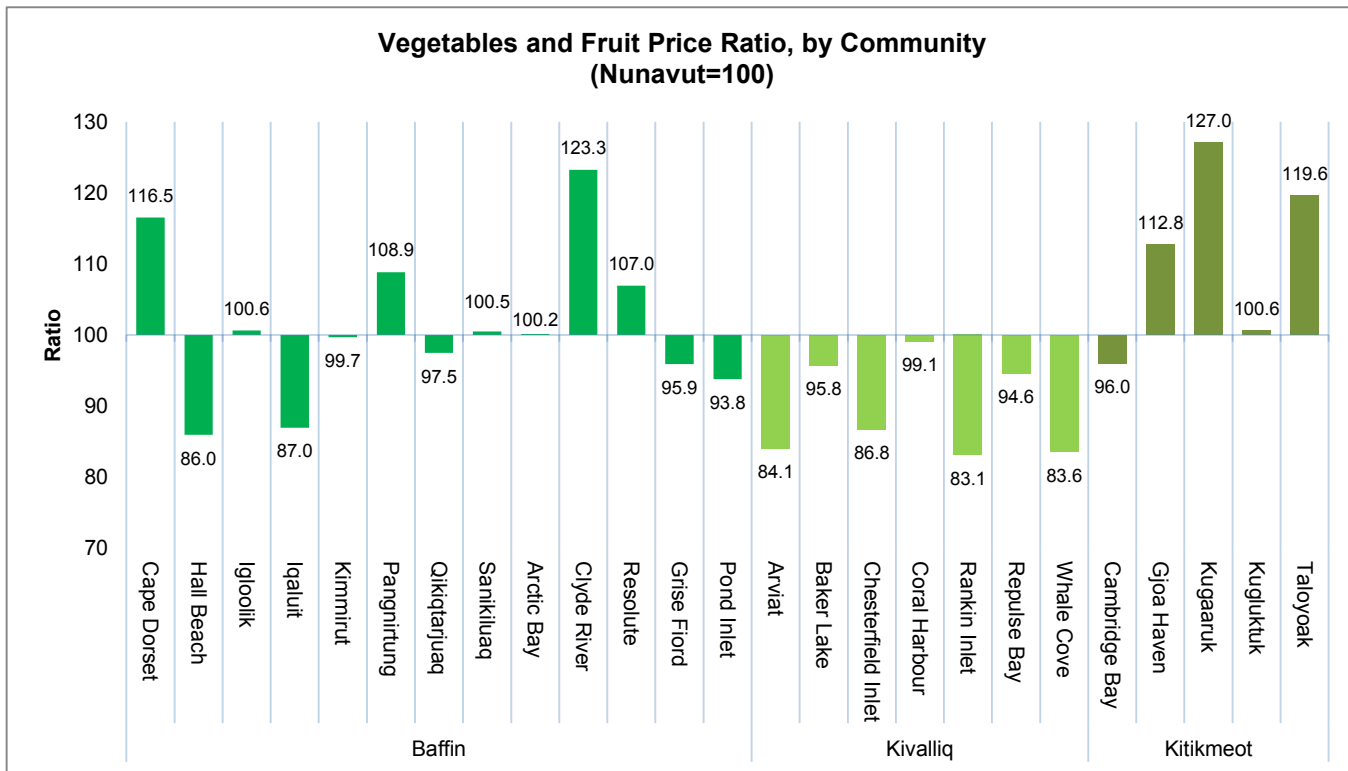
The lowest cost for grain products compared to Nunavut was in Arviat with a **15.3%** lower price, while the highest cost was in Kugaaruk with a **21.2%** higher price.

The ratio for meat and alternatives ranged from a low of **15.5%** less than the average Nunavut cost in Rankin Inlet to a high in Taloyoak, where it was **17.7%** more.

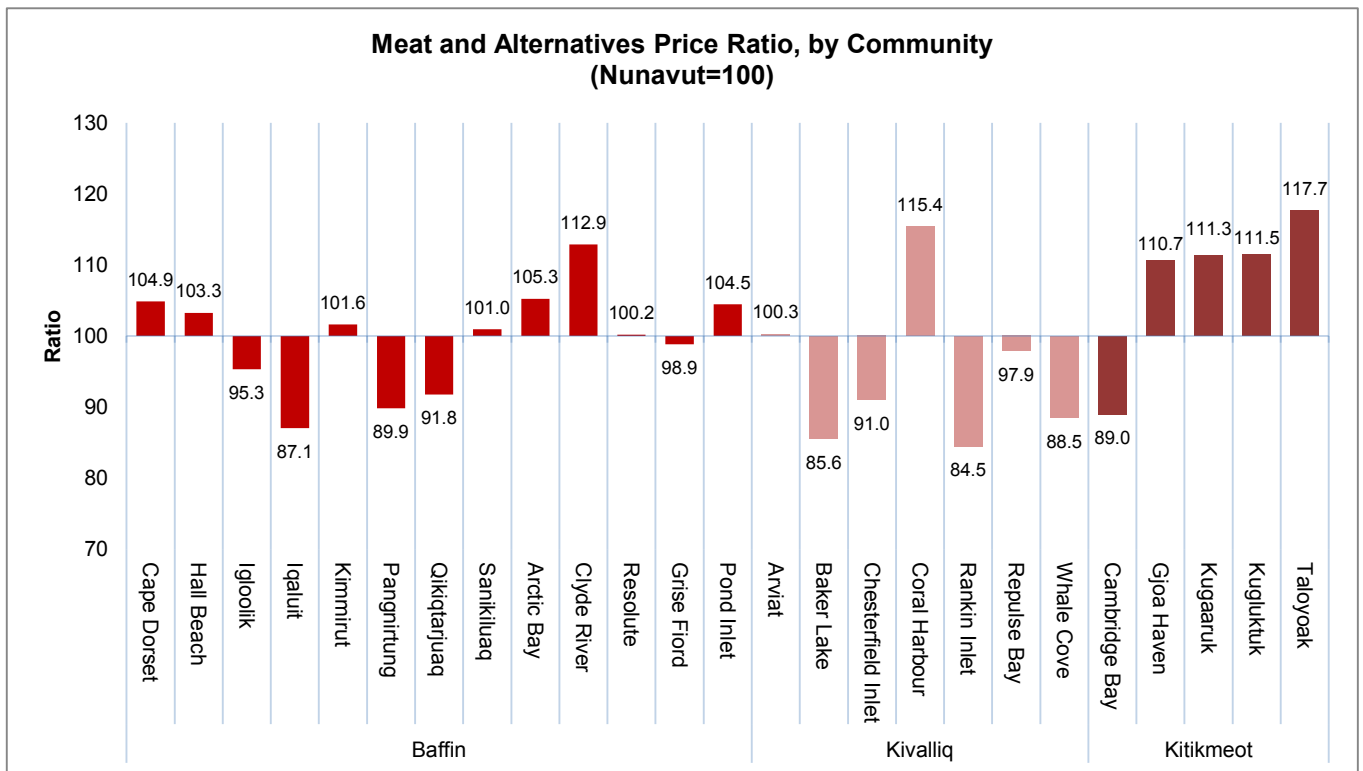
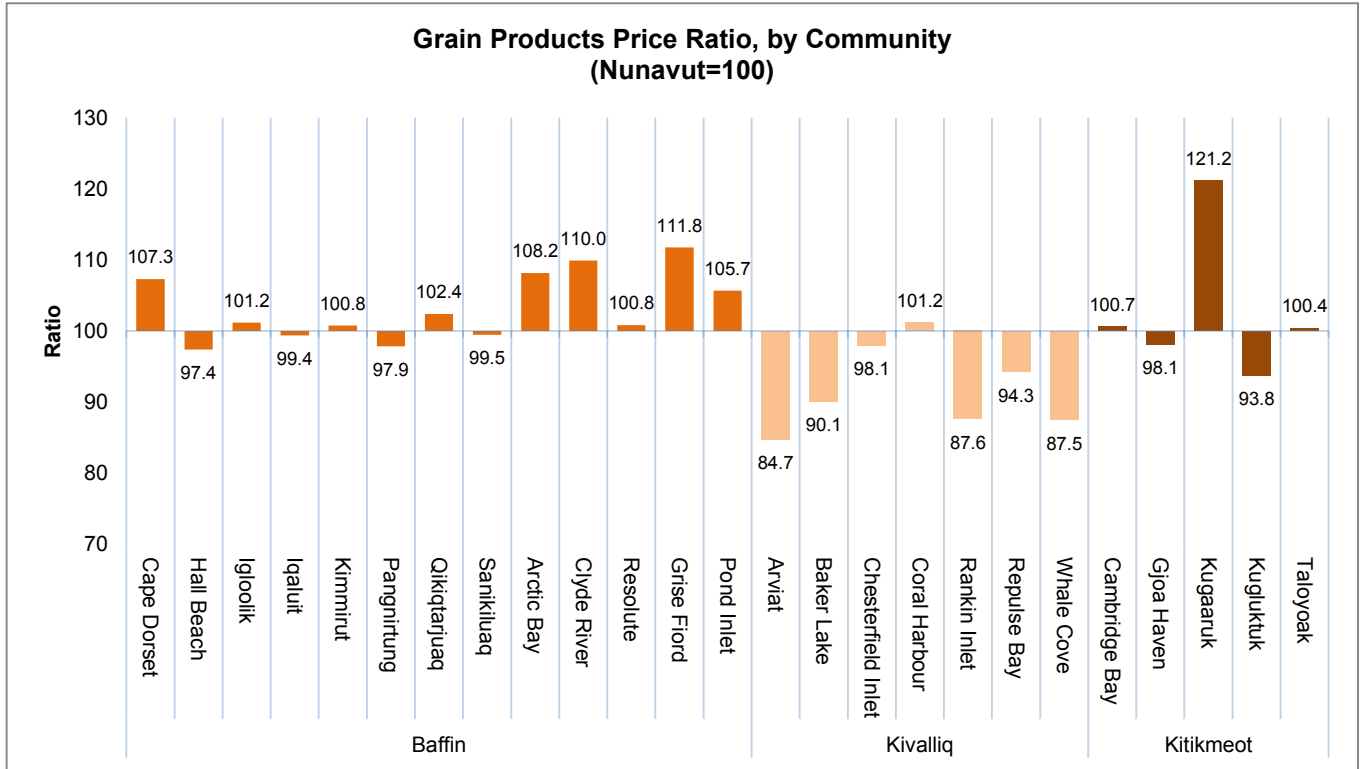
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	Vegetables and Fruit	Milk and Alternatives	Grain Products	Meat and Alternatives
	Price Ratio (Nunavut=100)			
Cape Dorset	116.54	114.75	107.32	104.89
Hall Beach	85.98	89.95	97.39	103.28
Igloolik	100.63	93.64	101.20	95.32
Iqaluit	86.98	102.66	99.41	87.06
Kimmirut	99.72	91.90	100.76	101.63
Pangnirtung	108.86	113.29	97.87	89.86
Qikiqtarjuaq	97.48	105.83	102.41	91.78
Sanikiluaq	100.50	97.19	99.50	100.97
Arctic Bay	100.15	104.04	108.17	105.26
Clyde River	123.27	105.87	109.95	112.88
Resolute	106.97	110.68	100.83	100.19
Grise Fiord	95.93	115.53	111.78	98.86
Pond Inlet	93.79	106.77	105.69	104.46
Arviat	84.08	77.29	84.73	100.28
Baker Lake	95.80	72.46	90.09	85.57
Chesterfield Inlet	86.79	87.94	98.05	91.03
Coral Harbour	99.14	103.51	101.20	115.42
Rankin Inlet	83.15	77.58	87.64	84.55
Repulse Bay	94.57	91.84	94.25	97.92
Whale Cove	83.59	91.67	87.51	88.51
Cambridge Bay	96.01	103.21	100.68	89.03
Gjoa Haven	112.78	111.26	98.12	110.66
Kugaaruk	127.04	118.76	121.19	111.34
Kugluktuk	100.63	97.27	93.80	111.55
Taloyoak	119.61	115.09	100.44	117.71
Baffin	101.29	104.01	103.25	99.73
Kivalliq	89.59	86.04	91.93	94.76
Kitikmeot	111.21	109.12	102.85	108.06

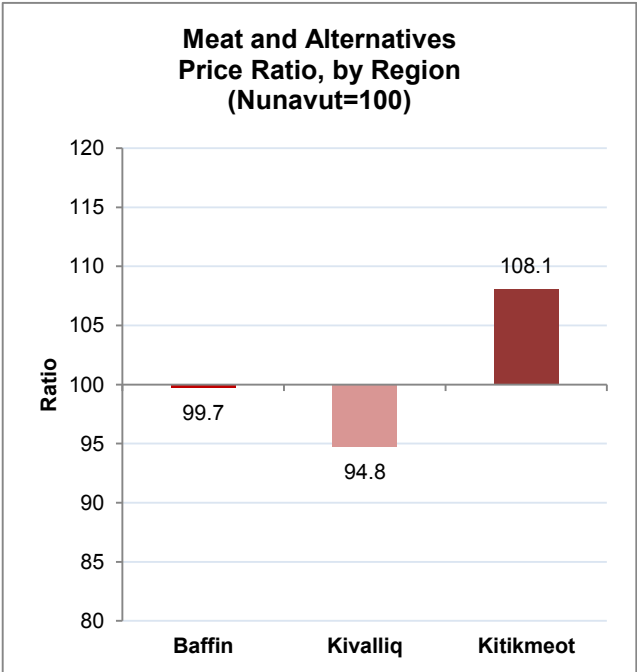
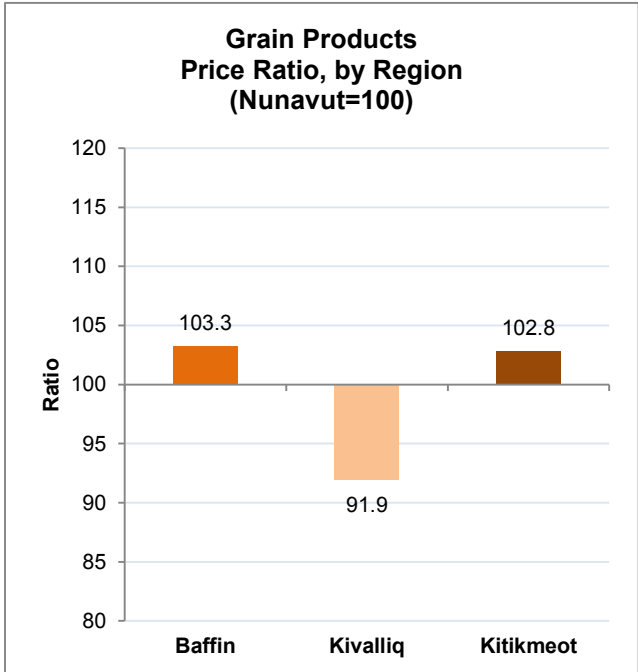
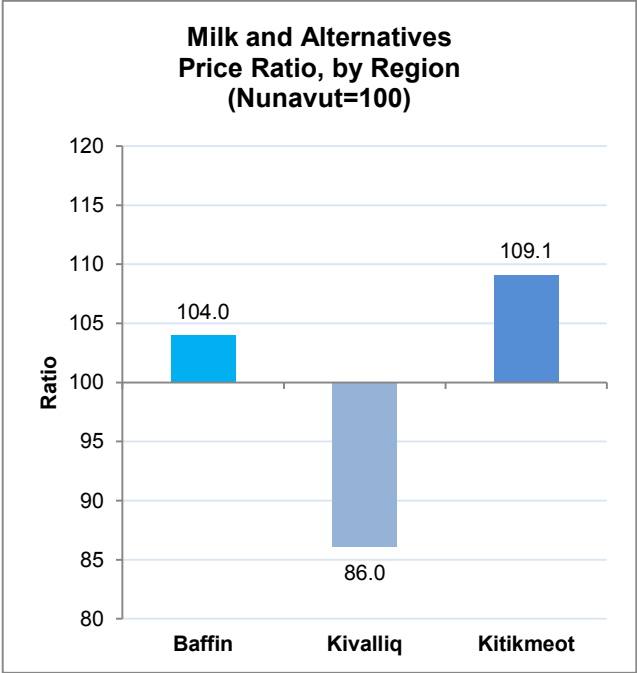
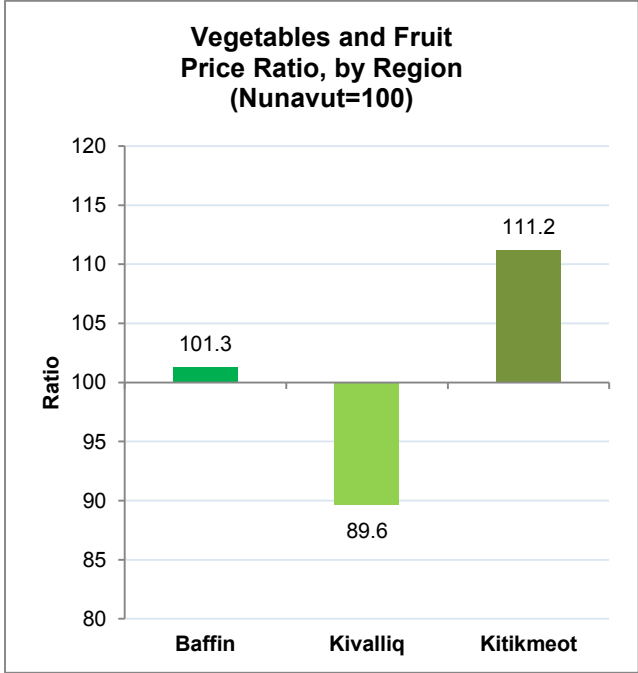
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**4. Cost Differences of Food Groups:  
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### Note to Readers:

1. In March 2015, the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics (NBS) conducted Food Price Survey in all 25 communities. Prices of 133 items, including 18 non-food items, were collected by Government Liaison Officers at retail outlets throughout Nunavut.
2. The food categories used in this report are based on the four food groups of the Nunavut Food Guide. For more information, refer to the Department of Health website at: <http://www.livehealthy.gov.nu.ca/en/healthy-eating/nunavut-food-guide>
3. Vegetables and Fruit includes: Frozen Corn (750g), Frozen Mixed Vegetables (750g), Canned Tomatoes (540ml), Canned Fruit Cocktail (398ml), Canned Peaches (398ml), Canned Pears (398ml), Canned Pineapple (398ml), Tomato Juice (540ml), Vegetable Juice (945-950ml), Apples (1kg), Bananas (1kg), Oranges (1kg), Tomatoes (1kg) Carrots (1kg), Celery (1kg), Lettuce (Per Head), Cucumbers (Per Unit), Onions (Any Type, per kg), Potatoes (2.27kg).
4. Milk and Alternatives includes: 3.25% Milk (4L and 2L), 2% Milk (4L and 2L), 1% Milk (2L and 1L), Salted Butter (454g), Soft Margarine (454g and 907g), Yogurt (500g), Yogurt Tubes (480g), Medium Cheddar Cheese (200g), Processed Sliced Cheese (500g), Cheese Whiz (250g), UHT Milk (1L), Skim Milk Powder (500g), Evaporated Milk (370ml).
5. Grain Products includes: Soda Crackers (450g), Pilot Biscuits (825g), Instant Rice (700g and 1.4kg), Long Grain Rice (900-907g), Macaroni (500g and 900g), Spaghetti Noodles (500g and 900g), Macaroni and Cheese Dinner (200-225g), Pancake Mix (900g-1kg), Corn Flakes (470g), Rice Krispies (640g), Bran Flakes with Raisins (350g), Quick Type Oatmeal (1kg), White Flour (2.5kg and 10kg), White Bread (570g and 675g), Whole Wheat Bread (100%, 570g), 12 Hamburger Buns, 12 Hotdog Buns.
6. Meat and Alternatives includes: Large Eggs (12 and 18), Smooth Peanut Butter (500g), Canned Luncheon Meat (340g), Canned Sockeye Salmon (213g), Canned Pink Salmon (213g), White Solid Canned Tuna (170g), White Flaked Canned Tuna (170g), Canned Small Shrimp (106g), Canned Baked Beans (398ml), Sirloin Steak (1kg), T-Bone Steak (1kg), Beef Roast (1kg), Stewing Beef (1kg), Regular or Lean Ground Beef (1kg), Frozen Hamburger Patties (1kg, 10 units), Pork Chops (1kg), Pork Spare Ribs (1kg), Pre-Cooked Smoked Ham (1kg), Chicken Breasts (1kg), Chicken Legs or Drumsticks (1kg), Turkey (1kg), Sliced and Packaged Bacon (450-500g), Hotdog Wieners (450g), Sliced and Packaged Bologna (500g).
7. The total costs of the food groups are calculated by summing up the average price of the select food items in each community. The average price of an item is determined by calculating the average cost of all occurrences of an item from all stores in a community. Items are not separated by brand names.
8. Imputation methods and statistical adjustments were used to estimate prices that were unavailable in communities.
9. The price ratio compares the food group price in each community to the Nunavut average (Nunavut=100). For instance, a community with a ratio of 91 for a given food category paid 9% less than the Nunavut average price to purchase the same food group.
10. Items included in this survey always use regular prices and do not take into account sale prices.
11. Data are preliminary and subject to revision.

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