

# 2016 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 of the select items ranged from a low of **\$115.88** in Chesterfield Inlet to a high of **\$178.90** in Coral Harbour.

Milk and alternatives<sup>4</sup> prices ranged from a low of **\$87.89** in Arviat to a high of **\$148.36** in Resolute for the same items.

For grain product<sup>5</sup>, Arviat had the lowest price at **\$174.47**, while Grise Fiord had the highest price at **\$238.13**.

The lowest price for meat and alternatives<sup>6</sup> was **\$254.39** in Rankin Inlet, while the highest price of **\$387.30** for the same items was in Grise Fiord.

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	Vegetables and Fruit	Milk and Alternatives	Grain Products	Meat and Alternatives
	Dollars (\$)			
Cape Dorset	152.84	117.56	215.56	326.81
Hall Beach	152.86	99.25	190.00	306.89
Igloolik	145.41	109.09	215.23	273.35
Iqaluit	165.52	118.73	211.61	294.37
Kimmirut	139.56	106.71	216.79	281.56
Pangnirtung	166.42	133.23	210.54	294.76
Qikiqtarjuaq	176.24	119.73	213.89	305.82
Sanikiluaq	149.68	113.99	228.03	307.60
Arctic Bay	164.95	124.64	197.67	302.59
Clyde River	177.69	123.72	238.06	316.28
Resolute	167.70	148.36	236.09	312.20
Grise Fiord	153.34	136.42	238.13	387.30
Pond Inlet	152.88	127.16	208.12	301.20
Arviat	145.06	87.89	174.47	295.90
Baker Lake	145.23	101.64	190.75	269.14
Chesterfield Inlet	115.88	99.15	181.47	291.53
Coral Harbour	178.90	123.68	199.46	312.67
Rankin Inlet	128.65	102.92	176.80	254.39
Nauyasat	154.22	107.95	182.56	285.61
Whale Cove	117.00	109.89	178.31	273.22
Cambridge Bay	138.63	109.23	189.20	313.40
Gjoa Haven	174.25	122.41	202.62	291.53
Kugaaruk	178.15	141.37	233.11	366.91
Kugluktuk	147.98	114.88	197.77	284.81
Taloyoak	177.47	126.76	191.66	339.53
Baffin	158.85	121.43	216.90	308.52
Kivalliq	140.71	104.73	183.40	283.21
Kitikmeot	163.30	122.93	202.87	319.24
Nunavut	154.66	117.05	204.72	303.58

## 2. Cost Differences of Food Groups: Ratios Comparing Communities and Regions to 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 Chesterfield Inlet, where it was **25.1%** less than the average cost for the same items, to a high of **15.7%** more in Coral Harbour.

For milk and alternatives, Arviat paid **24.9%** less than the Nunavut average cost, while it was **26.8%** higher in Resolute.

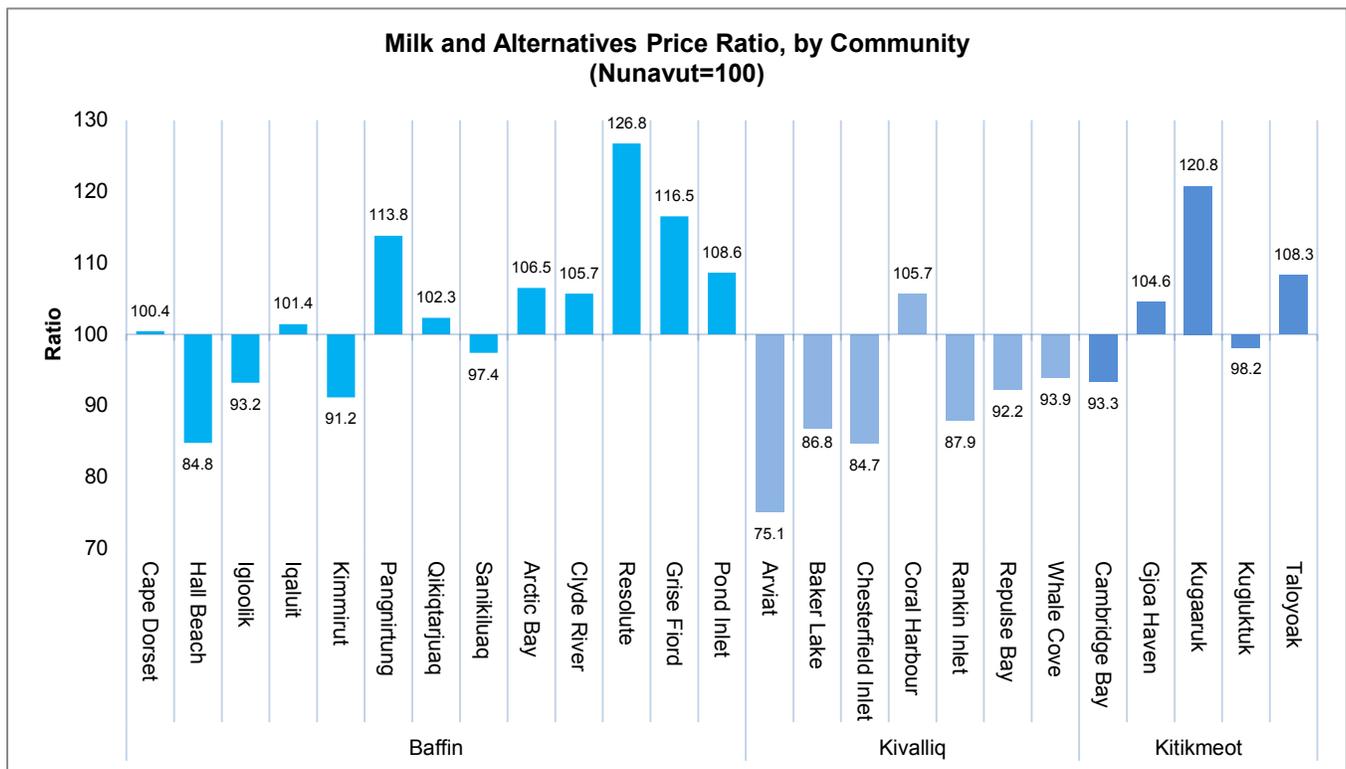
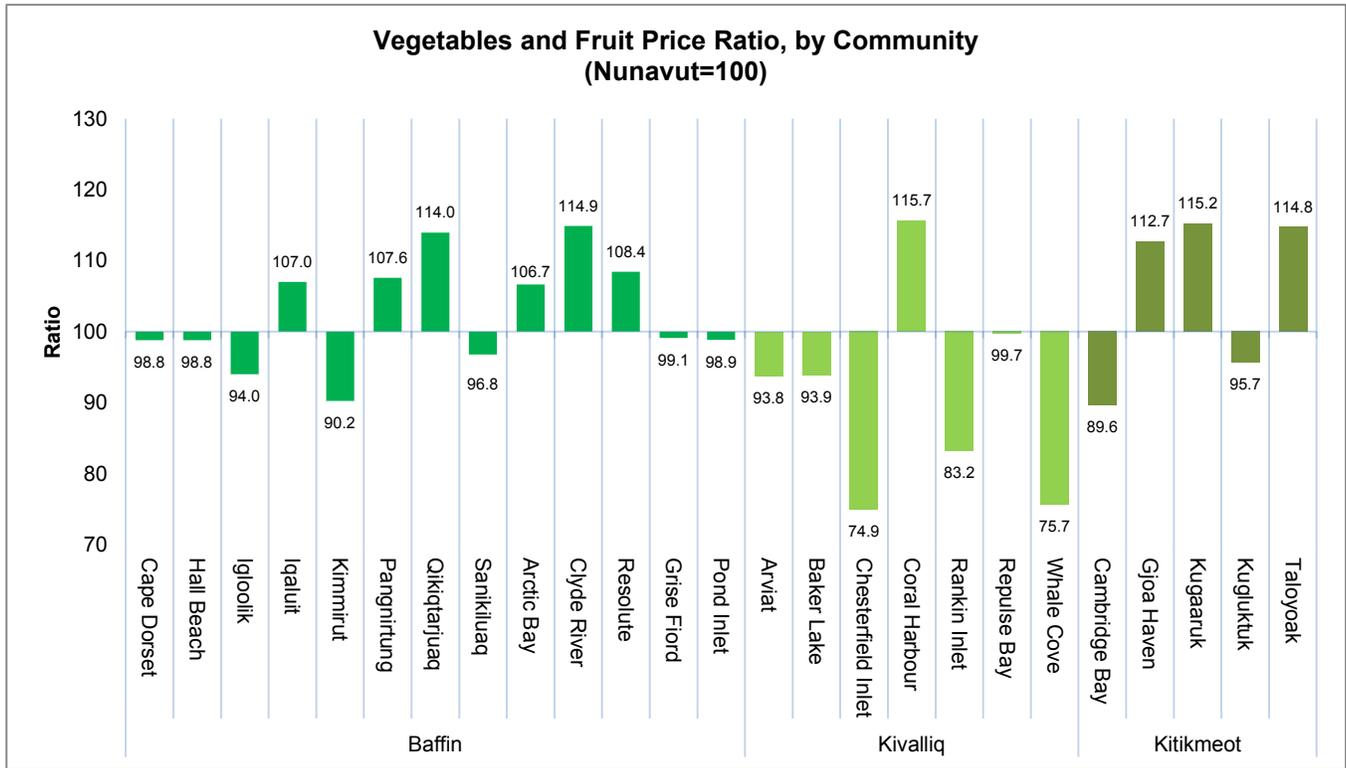
The lowest cost for grain products compared to Nunavut was in Arviat with a **14.8%** lower price, while the highest cost was in Grise Fiord with a **16.3%** higher price.

The ratio for meat and alternatives ranged from a low of **16.2%** less than the average Nunavut cost in Rankin Inlet to a high in Grise Fiord, where it was **27.6%** more.

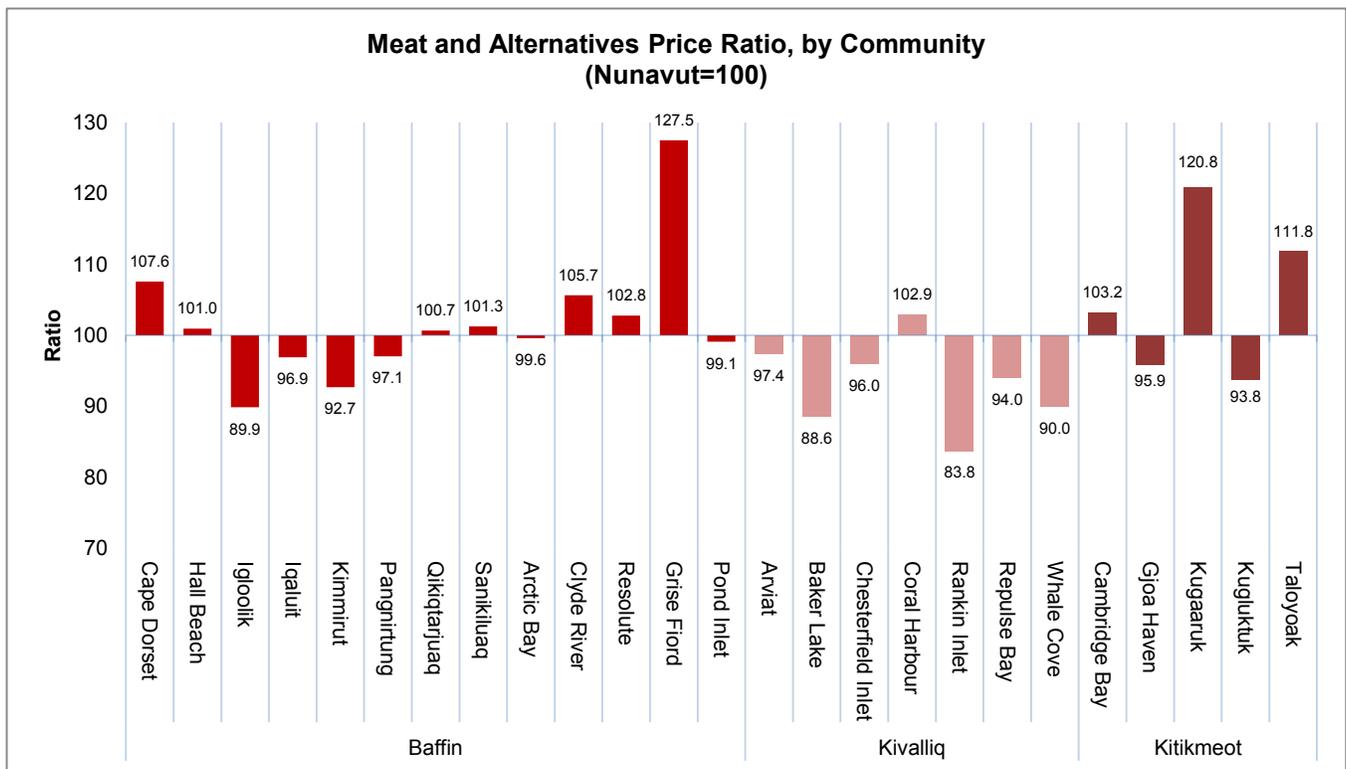
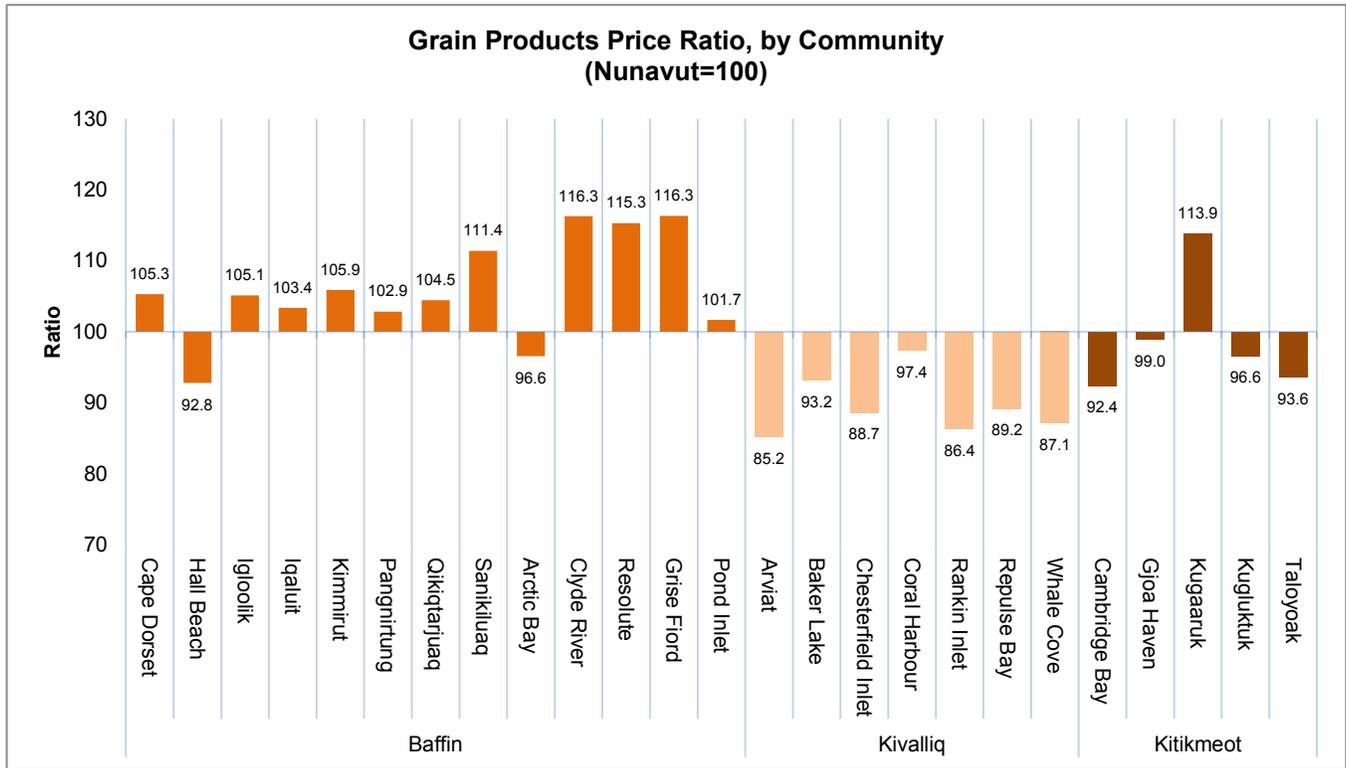
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	Vegetables and Fruit	Milk and Alternatives	Grain Products	Meat and Alternatives
	Price Ratio (Nunavut=100)			
Cape Dorset	98.82	100.43	105.29	107.65
Hall Beach	98.83	84.79	92.81	101.09
Igloolik	94.02	93.20	105.14	90.04
Iqaluit	107.02	101.43	103.37	96.97
Kimmirut	90.24	91.17	105.90	92.75
Pangnirtung	107.60	113.82	102.85	97.10
Qikiqtarjuaq	113.95	102.28	104.48	100.74
Sanikiluaq	96.78	97.38	111.39	101.33
Arctic Bay	106.65	106.48	96.56	99.68
Clyde River	114.89	105.70	116.29	104.18
Resolute	108.43	126.75	115.32	102.84
Grise Fiord	99.15	116.54	116.32	127.58
Pond Inlet	98.85	108.63	101.66	99.22
Arviat	93.79	75.09	85.22	97.47
Baker Lake	93.90	86.83	93.18	88.66
Chesterfield Inlet	74.92	84.70	88.65	96.03
Coral Harbour	115.67	105.66	97.43	103.00
Rankin Inlet	83.18	87.93	86.36	83.80
Nauyasat	99.72	92.22	89.18	94.08
Whale Cove	75.65	93.88	87.10	90.00
Cambridge Bay	89.64	93.32	92.42	103.24
Gjoa Haven	112.67	104.58	98.98	96.03
Kugaaruk	115.19	120.77	113.87	120.86
Kugluktuk	95.68	98.15	96.61	93.82
Taloyoak	114.75	108.29	93.62	111.84
Baffin	102.71	103.74	105.95	101.63
Kivalliq	90.98	89.47	89.59	93.29
Kitikmeot	105.58	105.02	99.10	105.16

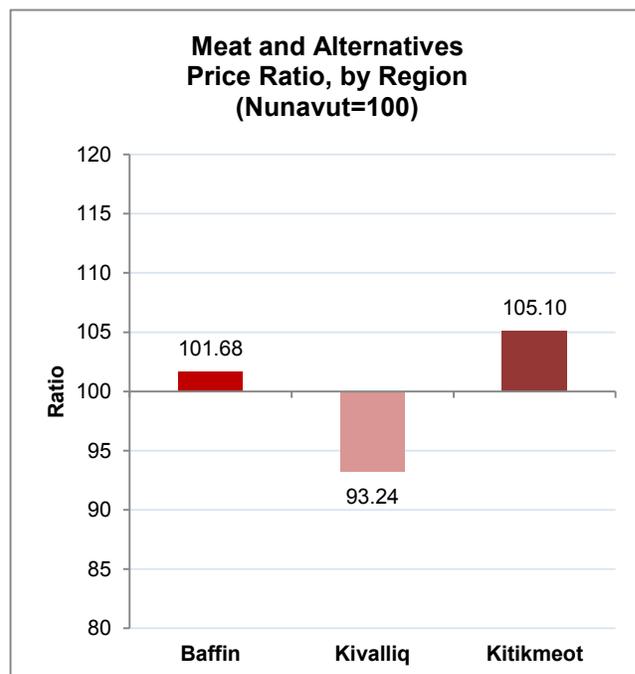
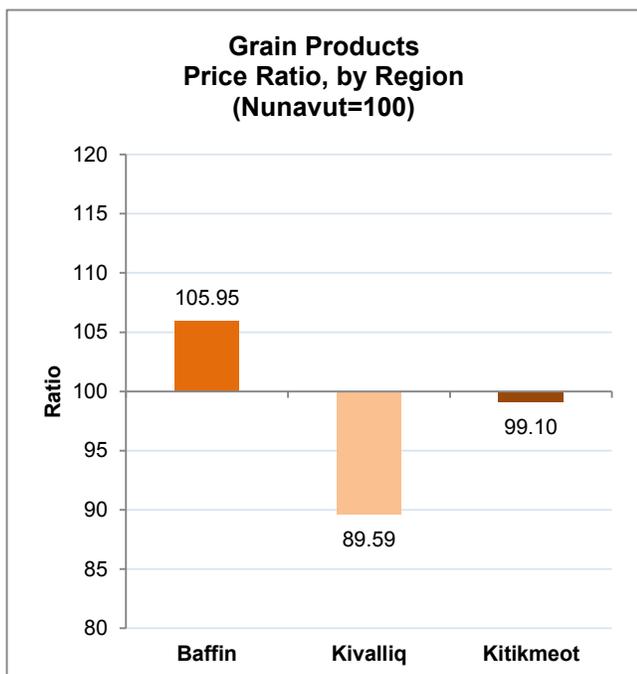
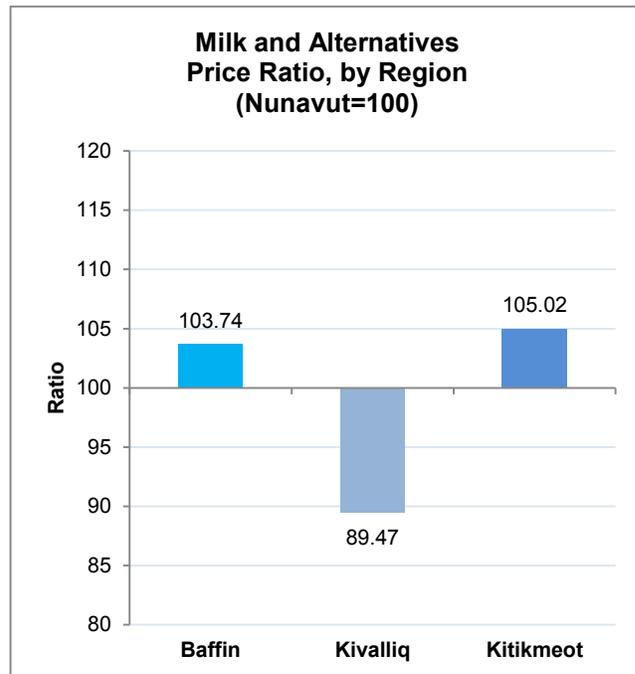
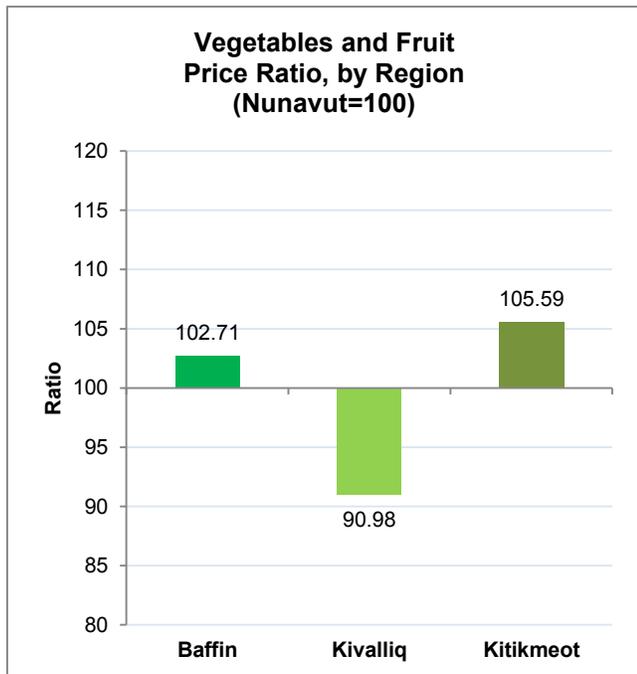
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**4. Cost Differences of Food Groups:  
Ratios Compared with Nunavut, by Region**



**Note to Readers:**

1. In March 2016, the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics (NBS) conducted the Nunavut Food Price Survey in all 25 communities. Prices of 141 items, including 19 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 Peas (398ml), Canned Corn (341ml), Canned Tomatoes (540ml), Canned Fruit Cocktail (398ml), Canned Pineapple (398ml), Canned Peaches (398ml), Canned Pears (398ml), Orange Juice (960ml and 1L), Tomato Juice (540ml), Vegetable Juice (340-341ml), Apples (1kg), Bananas (1kg), Grapes, (1kg), Oranges (1kg), Tomatoes (1kg) Carrots (1kg), Celery (1kg), Iceberg Lettuce (Per Head), Green Cabbage (1kg), Cucumbers (Per Unit), Onions (All Types, per kg), Broccoli (1kg), Potatoes (All Types, 2.27kg).
4. Milk and Alternatives includes: 3.25% Milk (4L and 2L), 2% Milk (4L and 2L), Salted Butter (454g), Soft Margarine (454g and 907g), Yogurt (650g), Yogurt Tubes (480g), Medium Cheddar Cheese (270g), Processed Sliced Cheese (450g), Cheese Whiz (450g), UHT Milk (1L), Skim Milk Powder (500g), Evaporated Milk (385ml).
5. Grain Products includes: Soda Crackers (450-454g), Pilot Biscuits (400g), Instant Rice (700g), Long Grain Rice (900g), Macaroni (500g and 900g), Spaghetti Noodles (500g and 900g), Macaroni and Cheese Dinner (200-225g), Pancake Mix (905g), Corn Flakes (675-680g), Rice Krispies (640g), Bran Flakes with Raisins (755g), Quick Type Oatmeal (1kg), White Flour (2.5kg, 5kg and 10kg), White Bread (570g), 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 and 1kg), Canned Luncheon Meat (340g), Canned Sockeye Salmon (213g), Canned Pink Salmon (213g), White Solid Canned Tuna (net 170g), White Flaked Canned Tuna (net 170g), Canned Small Shrimp (106g), Canned Baked Beans (398ml), Sirloin Steak (1kg), Round Steak (1kg), Beef Roast (1kg), Regular or Lean Ground Beef (1kg), Frozen Hamburger Patties (1kg, 10 units), Pork Chops (1kg), Pork Ribs (1kg), Pre-Cooked Smoked Ham (1kg), Chicken Breasts (1kg), Chicken Legs or Drumsticks (1kg), Turkey (1kg), Sliced and Packaged Bacon (375g), 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 some 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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