**Appendix J   Average Burial Costs  by County**

In order to periodically and consistently determine average burial (not cremation) costs in their county as discussed in [Section 440.512](http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/ltc/440_Resources/440_5_Burial_Resources.htm#440.512__Determining_average_cost_of_burial_at_the_CAO_), CAOs should use the following letter template to survey local funeral homes. Once at least five responses are returned, CAOs should discard the highest and lowest cost figures and report the average of the remaining funeral home cost figures to the Bureau of Policy.

[Burial cost survey letter template](http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/ltc/Funeral_Home_Letter_Template_to_be_made_available_in_LTCH_Appendix_J.DOCX)

Burial Costs for 2019

[***Burial Costs for 2018***](http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/ltc/2018_Burial_Averages_Worksheet_updated_2-21-2018.pdf)

[Burial Costs for 2017](http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/ltc/Copy_of_2017_Burial_Averages_Worksheet_updated_2-17-17.pdf)

[Burial Costs for 2016](http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/ltc/Burial_Costs_for_2016.xlsx)

[Burial Costs for 2015](http://services.dpw.state.pa.us/oimpolicymanuals/ltc/Copy_of_2015_Burial_figures.xlsx)

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