

Hot Dog Menu Items

Cost Per Serving

This also includes where I buy my products, too! (Submitted by Josh B.)

- Hot dogs (all beef), Sam's Club, 8 to 1's. This means 8 dogs to a pound in a 10 pound box for a total of 80 dogs, for only \$18.82, or \$. 24 each
- Buns (Sarah Lee), Sam's Club, 16 to a bag at \$1.77, or \$.11 each
- Relish (Little Sister), Sam's Club, 1 gallon at \$4.46, or \$.03 each serving
- Fresh Onions (50 lb. bag Sweet), Sam's Club \$18.00, or \$.01 each serving
- Ketchup (Heinz,) 44oz. bottle, Sam's Club, \$3.82 or \$.02 each serving
- Mustard (French's), Sam's Club, 30 oz bottle, \$.03 each serving
- Chips (Frito-lay Assorted), Sam's Club, 50 one oz. bags at \$11.22, or \$.22 each bag
- Candy Bars (assorted brands,) Sam's Club, \$12.84, or \$.43 each
- Drinks: Sam's Club is my faithful source, but I search the paper for the specials at the local grocery stores. Sometimes they run these without any limit, so I buy a lot. Sam's Club 78 average is about \$.32 a can, but by buying all over, I get an average closer to \$.28 a can.
- Napkins (Marathon), Sam's Club, 4500 for \$18.77, or \$.004 each. Less than ½ a penny.
- Foil Sheets (Bakery & Chefs), 500 for \$11.02, or \$.02 each. I use foil sheets, because they aren't as messy and they look better than the wax paper sheets.
- I don't buy a lot of ice; the only thing I have in ice is my can drinks. My condiments and dogs are in a cooler with frozen jugs of water or ice packs. Less than 1/2 cent per serving
- Propane is a true cost, and I have averaged it out to about \$.015 per serving. This may be a little high, but it's a good figure to use. (That's \$1.5 cents per serving.)

You're probably noticing that the websites that say that you make about \$.90 cent out of each dollar, are misleading. I saw one recently give costs when tempting you to buy their hot dog carts, and it stated that the average hot dog cost is \$.11. Well, I am sure you could find a hot dog that cheap, but no one would want to eat it. It even stated that a meal costs the vendor \$.65 cent with a drink and chips. This is not true at all.