Turkey Dinner for 10

Each year the American Farm Bureau Federation completes their Thanksgiving Dinner Survey which consists of a traditional turkey dinner for 10 people. The table below lists the cost of the dinner from 2016 through 2025.

1) Calculate the percentage change from year to year. Round your answers to the nearest 1/10th percent.

Year	Cost of Thanksgiving Dinner for 10	Percentage Change
2016	$49.87	XXXX
2017	$49.12	— 1.5%
2018	$48.90	— 0.4%
2019	$48.91	0.0%
2020	$46.90	— 4.1%
2021	$53.31	13.7%
2022	$64.05	20.1%
2023	$61.17	— 4.5%
2024	$58.08	— 5.1%
2025	$55.18	— 5.0%
2026	?	

$49.12 — $49.87 = — 0.75

— $0.75 / $49.87 = — 1.5%

2) Why do you think the cost of the dinner rose so quickly in 2021 and 2022?

These were the years of the pandemic when most business had decreased production or closed entirely. Smaller supply meant high costs.

3) Since the official cost for 2026 will not be available until November 18th, here is an opportunity for you to determine your own total cost for 2026. You can go to a store online or just go to a store in person.

What store did you survey? _____

Item	Quantity	Price
Turkey	16-pound whole turkey	
Stuffing	14-ounce package of cubed stuffing mix	
Sweet Potatoes	3 pounds	
Dinner Rolls	One package (about 1 dozen rolls)	
Frozen Peas	1 pound	
Fresh Cranberries	12 ounces	
Carrots and Celery	Enough for a vegetable tray	
Pumpkin Pie Mix	Two pie crusts plus pumpkin pie filling	
Whipping Cream	Half pint	
Whole Milk	1 gallon	