

Cost of Living Comparison

Food purchased at Supermarket (Prices in British pound)							
	Perth	London	Manchester		Perth	London	Manchester
Apples (1 kg)	0.93	1.41	1.07	Margarine, 500g	0.69	0.9	0.7
Bacon (1 kg)	4.13	7.67	6.62	Milk, pasteurised (1 l)	1.1	0.59	0.59
Bananas (1 kg)	1.1	0.87	0.79	Mineral water (1 l)	0.86	0.67	0.98
Beef: filet mignon (1 kg)	11.15	19.36	17.33	Mushrooms (1 kg)	3.71	2.33	1.79
Beef: ground or minced (1 kg)	3	4.57	3.87	Olive oil (1 l)	3.71	6.49	4.66
Beef: roast (1 kg)	3.3	7.09	5.51	Onions (1 kg)	0.64	0.74	0.6
Beef: steak, entrecote (1 kg)	8.26	9.16	10.76	Orange juice (1 l)	1.34	1.65	0.81
Beef: stewing, shoulder (1 kg)	3.51	4.18	3.87	Oranges (1 kg)	1.24	1.22	1.33
Butter, 500 g	1	2.01	1.2	Peaches, canned (500 g)	1.29	0.47	0.6
Carrots (1 kg)	0.68	0.65	0.46	Peanut or corn oil (1 l)	1.59	1	0.7
Cheese, imported (500 g)	1.76	3.04	4.23	Peas, canned (250 g)	0.59	0.24	0.21
Chicken: fresh (1 kg)	3.08	2.23	1.96	Pork: chops (1 kg)	4.07	4.89	4.99
Chicken: frozen (1 kg)	2.89	1.24	2.13	Pork: loin (1 kg)	2.89	4.08	2.73
Coca-Cola (1 l)	1.6	0.74	0.61	Potatoes (2 kg)	1.65	1.39	1.2
Cocoa (250 g)	2	2.65	n/a	Sliced pineapples, canned (500 g)	0.85	0.85	0.72
Cornflakes (375 g)	1.89	1.09	0.63	Spaghetti (1 kg)	1.11	1.58	0.78
Drinking chocolate (500 g)	2.47	1.38	2.55	Sugar, white (1 kg)	0.81	0.79	0.79
Eggs (12)	1.1	2.3	0.87	Tea bags (25 bags)	0.83	0.55	0.3
Flour, white (1 kg)	0.93	1.01	0.34	Tomatoes (1 kg)	1.1	1.34	1.92
Fresh fish (1 kg)	10.74	13.27	8.63	Tomatoes, canned (250 g)	0.48	0.26	0.4
Frozen fish fingers (1 kg)	2.89	3.91	2.8	Tonic water (200 ml)	0.19	0.18	0.18
Ground coffee (500 g)	5.37	5.29	4.72	Veal: chops (1 kg)	5.99	n/a	n/a
Ham: whole (1 kg)	6.61	6.83	9.07	Veal: fillet (1 kg)	5.19	20.41	n/a
Instant coffee (125 g)	2.6	2.8	2.48	Veal: roast (1 kg)	5.72	n/a	n/a
Lamb: chops (1 kg)	4.13	8.11	8.14	White bread, 1 kg	1.81	1.02	0.71
Lamb: leg (1 kg)	2.58	6.82	5.29	White rice, 1 kg	1.11	1.01	1.01
Lamb: Stewing (1 kg)	3.3	5	4.1	Yoghurt, natural (150 g)	0.24	0.4	0.22
Lemons (1 kg)	0.48	1.55	1.31				
Lettuce (one)	0.68	0.77	0.66				

Alcohol (Supermarket)

	Perth	London	Manchester
Wine, common table (750 ml)	4.54	4.07	4.07
Wine, superior quality (750 ml)	6.19	12.23	8.15
Wine, fine quality (750 ml)	33.06	22.44	19.38
Beer, local brand (1 l)	2.31	1.33	2.04
Beer, top quality (330 ml)	1.47	1	0.84
Scotch whisky, six years old (700 ml)	9.5	15.3	16.32
Gin, Gilbey's or equivalent (700 ml)	10.33	11.71	10.97
Vermouth, Martini & Rossi (1 l)	6.06	5.19	4.07
Cognac, French VSOP (700 ml)	40.91	26.27	15.3
Liqueur, Cointreau (700 ml)	18.6	17.84	11.72

Personal care (Supermarket)

	Perth	London	Manchester
Aspirins (100 tablets)	3.3	6.12	8.16
Razor blades (five pieces)	3.41	3.32	4.56
Toothpaste with fluoride (120 g)	1.47	2.06	1.1
Facial tissues (box of 100)	1.47	1.58	1.52
Hand lotion (125 ml)	1.55	2.04	1.68
Shampoo & conditioner in one (400 ml)	3.51	2.93	2.64
Lipstick (deluxe type)	16.12	15.31	12.24
Man's haircut (tips included)			
Low	6.2	40.82	20.41
High	16.53	71.43	40.82
Woman's cut & blow dry			
Low	12.4	51.02	25.51
High	35.12	96.94	102.04

Tobacco (Supermarket)

	Perth	London	Manchester
Cigarettes, Marlboro (pack of 20)	5.31	5.42	5.31
Cigarettes, local brand (pack of 20)	4.46	5.21	4.64
Pipe tobacco (50 g)	10.33	8.1	7.6

Laundromat (Standard high-street outlet)

	Perth	London	Manchester
Laundry (one shirt)	2.07	2.04	1.79
Dry cleaning, man's suit	6.2	6.63	9.18
Dry cleaning, woman's dress	3.72	4.59	6.38
Dry cleaning, trousers	3.39	4.59	4.85

Household supplies

	Perth	London	Manchester
Soap (100 g)	0.93	0.41	0.38
Laundry detergent (3 l)	7	6.69	5.1
Toilet tissue (two rolls)	1.14	1.05	0.96
Dishwashing liquid (750 ml)	2.76	1.46	0.95
Insect-killer spray (330 g)	2.3	2.24	2.44
Light bulbs (two, 60 watts)	1.03	1.01	0.7
Batteries (two, size D/LR20)	2	2.94	2.04
Frying pan (Teflon or good equivalent)	17.36	23.46	22.96
Electric toaster (for two slices)	10.33	35.71	30.6

Domestic help

	Perth	London	Manchester
Hourly rate for domestic cleaning help	14.46	10.2	8.67
Average			
Maid's monthly wages (full time)	805.79	1479.59	1122.45
Average			
Babysitter's rate per hour	10.33	7.65	5.87

Utilities			
	Perth	London	Manchester
Telephone line, monthly rental			
Average	11.98	10.71	11.22
Telephone, charge per local call from home (3 mins)			
Average	0.09	0.15	0.09
Electricity, monthly bill for family of four			
Low	82.23	86.73	81.63
High	123.97	114.29	122.45
Gas, monthly bill for family of four			
Low	47.52	56.12	28.06
High	55.79	95.92	61.22
Water, monthly bill for family of four			
Low	16.53	23.47	20.41
High	61.98	35.71	30.61
Heating oil (100 l)			
Low	77.48	40.82	n/a
High	n/a	n/a	n/a

Recreation			
	Perth	London	Manchester
Compact disc album			
Low	12.4	10.15	9.17
High	14.46	14.23	13.26
Television, colour (66 cm)			
Low	350.83	611.22	612.23
High	702.07	1255.1	1223.47
Personal computer (64 MB)			
Low	660.74	917.35	560.2
High	1404.96	1647.96	1224.48
Kodak colour film (36 exposures)			
Low	3.71	5.09	6.11
High	5.37	6.11	8.15
Cost to develop 36 colour photos - Average	4.45	7.74	6.11
International daily newspaper (Average)	2.48	1.33	1.22
Daily local newspaper (Average)	0.79	0.71	0.82
International weekly news magazine (Time)	2.42	2.76	2.55
Paperback novel (at bookstore) - Average	10.27	7.64	7.13

Recreation (Continued)			
	Perth	London	Manchester
Four best seats at cinema			
Low	33.06	38.78	23.47
High	53.72	48.98	30.61
Three-course dinner at top restaurant for four people			
Low	227.27	342.86	219.39
High	305.79	489.8	331.63
Four best seats at theatre or concert			
Low	206.61	224.49	97.96
High	247.93	571.43	163.27

Clothing (Mid-priced/branded store)			
	Perth	London	Manchester
Socks, wool mixture	6.2	11.22	14.28
Child's jeans	35.12	50	25
Child's shoes, dresswear	36.78	47.45	25.51
Child's shoes, sportswear	49.59	46.94	40.81
Girl's dress	29.75	66.33	19.38
Boy's jacket, smart	36.78	80.61	30.6
Boy's dress trousers	26.86	39.8	18.36
Man's business suit, two piece, medium weight	288.84	663.27	551.02
Man's business shirt, white	35.12	121.43	56.12
Man's shoes, business wear	82.23	229.59	66.33
Man's raincoat, Burberry type	229.34	403.06	255.1
Woman's dress, ready to wear, daytime	144.63	278.57	214.29
Woman's cardigan sweater	61.98	182.65	81.63
Woman's raincoat, Burberry type	165.29	556.12	203.06
Woman's tights, panty hose	3.08	13.78	6.11

Transport (Car Prices)

	Perth	London	Manchester
Low priced car (900-1299 cc)			
Low	5780.99	7637.76	8137.76
High	7433.88	12852.04	8158.16
Compact car (1300-1799 cc)			
Low	10533.06	11933.67	10790.82
High	17764.46	15505.1	15301.02
Family car (1800-2499 cc)			
Low	19004.13	15505.1	15816.33
High	30123.97	25244.9	27857.14
Deluxe car (2500 cc upwards)			
Low	60330.17	55425.51	49928.57
High	78511.98	73907.14	71377.55
Yearly road tax or registration fee			
Low	164.88	117.35	117.35
High	268.6	168.37	163.27
Cost of a tune up (but no major repairs)			
Low	57.85	132.65	111.22
High	103.31	203.06	172.45
Annual premium for car insurance			
Low	661.16	535.71	714.29
High	909.09	2346.94	1020.41
Regular unleaded petrol (1 l)			
Low	0.53	0.97	0.91
Mid	0.56	1	0.93
High	0.61	1	0.97
Taxi: initial meter charge (Average)	1.76	2.45	2.4
Taxi rate per additional kilometre (Average)	1.1	1.53	0.61
Taxi: airport to city centre (Average)	22.73	51.02	25.51

Housing rents (Moderate Residence, Monthly)

	Perth	London	Manchester
Furnished residential apartment: 1 bedroom	371.9	1785.71	535.71
Furnished residential apartment: 2 bedrooms	578.51	1836.73	739.8
Unfurnished residential apartment: 2 bedrooms	413.22	1836.73	663.27
Unfurnished residential apartment: 3 bedrooms	723.14	2346.94	841.84
Unfurnished residential apartment: 4 bedrooms	785.12	4897.96	969.39
Furnished residential house: 3 bedrooms	661.16	3571.43	892.86
Unfurnished residential house: 3 bedrooms	785.12	4081.63	867.35
Unfurnished residential house: 4 bedrooms	991.74	5102.04	1224.49

Other Costs

	Perth	London	Manchester
Routine checkup at family doctor			
Low	20.66	102.04	71.43
High	28.1	163.27	122.45
One X-ray at doctor's office or hospital			
Low	55.79	45.92	91.84
High	76.45	132.65	142.86
Visit to dentist (one X-ray and one filling)			
Low	51.65	56.12	76.53
High	115.7	163.27	142.86
Green fees on a public golf course			
Low	11.57	14.29	26.53
High	23.97	51.02	45.92
Hire of tennis court for one hour			
Low	8.26	5.1	5.1
High	11.57	13.27	9.69
Cost of six tennis balls eg Dunlop, Wilson			
Low	6.81	13.27	10.19
High	10.53	14.29	13.26
Entrance fee to a public swimming pool			
Low	2.27	2.55	3.06
High	3.1	3.78	3.57

Business trip costs			
	Perth	London	Manchester
Business trip, typical daily cost			
Low	170.45	293.98	185.1
High	290.5	512.35	298.37
Hilton-type hotel, single room, one night including breakfast			
Average	72.31	335.71	188.78
Moderate hotel, single room, one night including breakfast			
Average	64.05	178.57	121.43
One drink at bar of first class hotel			
Low	2.69	7.14	3.57
High	4.96	10.2	5.61
Two-course meal for two people			
Low	72.31	61.22	25.51
High	165.29	112.24	61.22
Simple meal for one person			
Low	14.46	25.51	22.45
High	30.99	32.65	30.61
Fast food snack: hamburger, fries and drink			
Low	2.42	3.87	3.56
High	2.42	3.87	3.56
Hire car, weekly rate			
Low	144.63	204.08	158.16
Moderate	262.4	505.1	301.02
Regular unleaded petrol (1 l) - Average	0.57	0.99	0.94
Taxi: initial meter charge (Average)	1.76	2.45	2.4
Taxi rate per additional kilometre (Average)	1.1	1.53	0.61
Taxi: airport to city centre (Average)	22.73	51.02	25.51
International foreign daily newspaper (Average)	2.48	1.33	1.22
Daily local newspaper (Average)	0.79	0.71	0.82
International weekly news magazine (Time)	2.42	2.76	2.55
One good seat at cinema	10.85	10.97	6.77