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Consumer Prices

Bi-annual Average Price Analysis

Dublin and Outside Dublin

May 2008

This release presents an update of the biannual comparison of price levels between Dublin and outside Dublin for a selected range of goods and services. This analysis was last carried out in November of 2007. The information used are the prices collected by the Central Statistics Office for the compilation of the Consumer Price Index for May 2008.

Only goods and services, which are comparable, in terms of specification, are used in this analysis. For other items the range of items priced is too broad to make direct comparisons. Therefore, it is possible to construct comparable average prices for two regions, Dublin (City and County) and Outside Dublin (Regional Cities and towns with a population of less than 20,000) for 79 categories of goods and services.

The goods and services covered account for approximately 21% of the total value of the CPI basket of goods and services.

Tables 1 and 2 present the average price data for the two regions, while Table 3 gives a price level comparison between the two regions and Ireland as a whole. Table 4 shows the trend in average prices from May 2007 to May 2008 inclusive.

Comment

It should be noted that the prices of goods and services are determined by factors such as outlet location, size, brand and quality. This should be borne in mind when considering the information contained in the tables below.

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Prices in Dublin higher for 62% of items

Of the 79 items included in this analysis, average prices were higher in Dublin for 49 items; lower for 28 items while two items were the same. (See Table 3 and Summary Table on next page).

29 of the items had average prices which fell within a range of +/-3%. Average prices for another 38 items were more than 3% higher in Dublin compared with the rest of the country, while the remaining 12 items were more than 3% cheaper in Dublin.

Meat and Fish prices generally comparable, Fruit & Vegetable prices higher in Dublin

In May 2008, eight of the eighteen meat products were more expensive in Dublin. The differences ranged from best back rashers which were 22.3% more expensive in Dublin to round steak which was 5.9% cheaper in Dublin (See Table 3).

Higher average prices were recorded in Dublin for three of the five fish products. The differences ranged from 5.9% higher for salmon steak in Dublin to fillets of plaice, which were 9.5% cheaper in Dublin. (See Table 3).

Nine of the ten fruit and vegetable items were more expensive in Dublin than in the rest of the country. The differences ranged from grapes being 10.7% more expensive to carrots, which were 3.2% cheaper. (See Table 3).

Other Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices mostly lower in Dublin

For the remaining sixteen *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* products (including milk, cheese, butter, eggs, bread, flour, sugar, tea, spaghetti, preserves and orange juice), ten of the items showed lower average prices in Dublin with white self raising flour being cheaper in Dublin by 8.4%. Six products had higher average prices in Dublin with orange juice showing the greatest difference, on average 18.6% more expensive in Dublin. (See Table 3).

Drinks out prices higher in Dublin, off-licence prices generally comparable

For *Alcoholic Beverages*, the comparison varied greatly between take home drink (off licence) and drinks consumed on a licensed premises. For take home drink, average prices were generally comparable, within a range of +/-6% between Dublin and outside Dublin, for all of the items covered. (See Table 3).

For alcohol consumed on a licensed premises, average prices were higher in Dublin for all items. On average, the prices of these products were more than 9.7% higher in Dublin than outside. The greatest difference was for a half-pint of lager where the average price was 13.8% higher in Dublin. (See Table 3).

Tobacco prices in Dublin similar to prices outside of Dublin

For Tobacco, there was a minor difference with average prices in Dublin 0.2% higher than the rest of the country. (See Table 3).

Petrol prices comparable but services prices higher in Dublin

Petrol and Diesel prices were 1.5 % higher in Dublin. The average petrol price in Dublin was €1.264 per litre compared to €1.245 outside of Dublin. Average diesel prices were €1.339 per litre in Dublin compared to €1.319. (See Table 3).

Average prices are compared for four selected services, all of which showed significantly higher average prices in Dublin. These services include cinema entrance (9.6% higher in Dublin), ladies' wash, cut & blow-dry (20.7% higher in Dublin), gents' dry haircut (34.7% higher in Dublin) and gents' wash, cut & blow-dry (44.7% higher in Dublin). (See Table 3).

Prices 4.9% higher in Dublin

On average, the prices of the goods and services included in this analysis were 4.9% higher in Dublin in May 2008. In November 2007, prices on average were 4.3% higher in Dublin.

When the prices of alcohol consumed on a licence premises are excluded from this comparison, the average price difference between Dublin and outside Dublin falls to 2.1%.

Lower variation in prices in Dublin

Typically in Dublin there were smaller differences between the average of the 5 lowest quotes and the 5 highest quotes for the items priced. On average, the highest 5 quotes were 67.8% higher than the corresponding lowest 5 quotes, whereas outside Dublin the difference was, on average, 130.7%. (See Tables 1 & 2).

Summary Table: Price Level Comparison - Dublin v Outside Dublin - May 2008

Items with Higher Average Prices in Dublin			Items with Lower Average Prices in Dublin		
Item Description	Unit	% Difference	Item Description	Unit	% Difference
Gents' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	+44.7	Fillets of plaice	1kg	-9.5
Gents' dry cut	fee	+34.7	Flour, white, self-raising	2kg	-8.4
Best back rashers	1kg	+22.3	Round steak	1kg	-5.9
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	+20.7	Lamb, whole leg	1kg	-5.2
Medium Uncooked Chicken	1600g	+20.0	Spaghetti	500g	-5.1
Orange Juice	1 litre	+18.6	Milk, fresh, pasteurised full fat	2 litre	-5.0
Draught lager	1/2 pint	+13.8	Bread, white, sliced (large)	800g	-5.0
Draught lager	1 pint	+13.4	Sherry, bottle (take home)	75cl	-4.7
Draught cider	1 pint	+12.8	Cider, can (take home)	500ml	-4.5
Pork steak	1kg	+12.3	Ham fillet	1kg	-4.3
Eggs, standard (grade 3)	Half Dozen	+11.7	Milk, fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	-4.0
Cooked ham	1kg	+11.2	Carrots	1kg	-3.2
Bottled lager	330ml	+11.0	Fillets of whiting	1kg	-3.0
Draught ale	1 pint	+10.8	Brandy, bottle (take home)	70cl	-2.7
Grapes	1kg	+10.7	Pork, loin chops	1kg	-2.6
Cinema	fee	+9.6	Lambs' liver	1kg	-2.5
Draught stout	1 pint	+9.4	Bread, brown, sliced (large)	800g	-2.3
Bottled cider	330ml	+9.3	Sirloin steak	1kg	-1.9
Broccoli	1kg	+9.1	Alcopops, bottle (take home)	275ml	-1.2
Potatoes	2.5kg	+8.8	Lager, single can (take home)	500ml	-1.2
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	+8.6	Striploin steak	1kg	-1.2
Tomatoes	1kg	+8.1	Tea Bags	80	-0.9
Tinned Tomatoes	400g	+7.6	Butter	1 lb	-0.8
Wine, small bottle	187ml	+7.3	Pork, roast loin	1kg	-0.8
Bottled alcopops	275ml	+7.2	Flour, brown, wholemeal	2kg	-0.3
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	+6.9	Pork sausages	1kg	-0.2
Eggs, large (grade 2)	Half Dozen	+6.7	White Granulated Sugar	1kg	-0.1
Mushrooms	1kg	+6.2	Lager, tray (take home)	12 x 330ml	-0.1
Salmon steak	1kg	+5.9			
Lamb,gigot chops	1kg	+5.8			
Wine, table	75cl	+5.8			
Potatoes	10kg	+5.6			
Cod fillets	1kg	+5.4			
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	+5.3			
Sliced/diced beef pieces	1kg	+4.8			
Onions	1kg	+3.5			
Cream liqueur, bottle (take home)	70cl	+3.5			
Collar of bacon	1kg	+3.1			
Whiskey, bottle (take home)	70cl	+2.7			
Bananas	1kg	+2.6			
Irish Cheddar Cheese	1kg	+2.5			
Vodka, bottle (take home)	70cl	+2.4			
Smoked salmon	1kg	+1.8			
Marmalade	1 lb	+1.8			
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	+1.5			
Autodiesel	1 litre	+1.5			
Roast beef - topside/rib	1kg	+0.5			
Jam	1 lb	+0.4			
Filtered, standard size cigarettes	20	+0.2			

Table 1 Area Average Prices Listing - Dublin - May 2008

National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	No. of Quotes	Average Price (€)	Average Price of the 5 Lowest Quotes (€)	Average Price of the 5 Highest Quotes (€)	Difference High Quotes to Low Quotes (%) ¹
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES						
Beef						
Round steak	1kg	26	9.941	8.001	12.723	59.0
Sirloin steak	1kg	28	15.530	13.469	18.873	40.1
Striploin steak	1kg	27	22.712	18.214	28.531	56.6
Roast beef - topside/rib	1kg	27	10.807	7.649	14.804	93.5
Sliced/diced beef pieces	1kg	28	9.450	7.589	11.578	52.6
Lamb						
Whole leg	1kg	22	11.782	9.254	14.999	62.1
Loin chops	1kg	28	19.476	12.768	26.536	107.8
Gigot chops	1kg	25	12.504	8.681	15.801	82.0
Liver	1kg	26	5.480	4.196	8.864	111.2
Pork						
Roast loin	1kg	23	8.970	6.668	11.476	72.1
Loin chops	1kg	29	9.244	7.659	10.985	43.4
Steak	1kg	20	13.899	10.918	18.307	67.7
Bacon						
Best back rashers	1kg	25	13.126	8.699	20.080	130.8
Ham fillet	1kg	25	7.404	4.888	10.901	123.0
Collar	1kg	20	6.007	5.151	6.713	30.3
Medium Uncooked Chicken	1600g	19	8.379	5.817	12.759	119.3
Other Meat						
Cooked ham	1kg	25	19.292	12.474	26.740	114.4
Pork sausages	1kg	24	5.857	3.979	7.075	77.8

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Fresh Fish						
Fillets of whiting	1kg	18	8.949	6.721	10.434	55.2
Cod fillets	1kg	26	20.560	14.875	23.694	59.3
Salmon steak	1kg	17	16.662	12.523	21.156	68.9
Fillets of plaice	1kg	19	17.298	12.402	22.087	78.1
Smoked Fish						
Smoked salmon	1kg	24	27.298	17.740	41.686	135.0
Fresh Vegetables						
Potatoes	2.5kg	25	3.975	2.730	5.089	86.4
Potatoes	10kg	24	7.047	6.141	7.990	30.1
Tomatoes	1kg	29	2.953	2.491	4.634	86.0
Onions	1kg	28	1.497	0.902	1.690	87.4
Broccoli	1kg	28	4.764	2.799	7.746	176.7
Carrots	1kg	28	1.326	1.249	1.534	22.8
Mushrooms	1kg	26	4.970	4.590	5.853	27.5
Tinned Tomatoes	400g	28	0.826	0.520	1.064	104.6
Fresh Fruit						
Grapes	1kg	22	7.089	4.403	9.652	119.2
Bananas	1kg	28	1.487	1.390	1.998	43.7
Milk						
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	28	1.093	0.909	1.418	56.0
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	2 litre	29	1.967	1.650	2.380	44.2
Irish Cheddar Cheese	1kg	28	11.935	7.149	14.755	106.4
Butter	1 lb	28	2.324	1.772	3.033	71.2
Eggs						
Large (grade 2)	Half Dozen	29	1.900	1.538	2.504	62.8
Standard (grade 3)	Half Dozen	27	1.626	1.329	2.046	54.0

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Bread						
White, sliced (large)	800g	29	1.358	0.745	1.887	153.3
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	27	1.689	0.946	2.251	137.9
Flour						
White, self-raising	2kg	28	1.961	1.305	2.243	71.9
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	26	2.215	2.046	2.418	18.2
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	29	1.034	0.813	1.323	62.7
Tea Bags	80	28	2.744	1.641	3.618	120.5
Spaghetti	500g	29	1.165	0.457	1.906	317.1
Preserves						
Jam	1 lb	28	1.858	1.150	2.324	102.1
Marmalade	1 lb	29	2.067	1.286	2.625	104.1
Orange Juice	1 litre	27	1.975	1.032	3.576	246.5
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
Drink Taken Home						
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	23	6.521	6.390	7.014	9.8
Lager, single can	500ml	28	1.743	1.285	2.080	61.9
Lager, tray	12 x 330ml	21	15.136	13.790	17.268	25.2
Cider, can	500ml	29	2.190	1.559	2.414	54.8
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	29	26.035	23.889	27.539	15.3
Brandy, bottle	70cl	29	29.473	22.551	31.828	41.1
Alcopops, bottle	275ml	26	2.625	2.377	2.905	22.2
Vodka, bottle	70cl	29	21.568	20.246	23.437	15.8
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	27	17.823	15.405	20.065	30.2
Sherry, bottle	75cl	27	11.573	9.149	13.450	47.0
Wine, table	75cl	29	9.316	6.499	12.742	96.1

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Drinks Out						
Draught stout	1 pint	27	4.216	3.860	4.607	19.4
Draught lager	1/2 pint	28	2.794	2.430	3.419	40.7
Draught lager	1 pint	28	4.743	4.490	5.097	13.5
Draught ale	1 pint	28	4.317	4.019	4.718	17.4
Bottled lager	330ml	28	4.688	4.258	5.089	19.5
Draught cider	1 pint	24	4.929	4.599	5.586	21.5
Bottled cider	330ml	28	4.823	4.408	5.310	20.5
Bottled alcopops	275ml	28	5.578	5.088	6.109	20.1
Wine, small bottle	187ml	28	5.058	4.717	5.469	15.9
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	28	3.890	3.478	4.270	22.8
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	28	4.433	4.029	4.849	20.4
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	28	4.007	3.657	4.367	19.4
Tobacco						
Filtered, standard size cigarettes	20	29	7.394	7.068	7.570	7.1
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL						
Cinema	fee	28	9.219	8.586	9.560	11.3
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	21	44.180	32.162	54.901	70.7
Gents' dry cut	fee	16	16.036	11.960	23.221	94.2
Gents' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	21	26.929	16.448	38.533	134.3
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	21	1.264	1.233	1.291	4.7
Autodiesel	1 litre	21	1.339	1.289	1.381	7.1
OVERALL AVERAGE²						67.8

¹ This figure represents how much higher the average of the five highest quotes is than the average of the five lowest quotes. A figure of 100% would indicate that the five highest quotes were on average 100% higher than (or double) the five lowest quotes.

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FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES						
Beef						
Round steak	1kg	98	10.561	8.162	14.310	75.3
Sirloin steak	1kg	100	15.827	10.605	23.100	117.8
Striploin steak	1kg	96	22.987	15.767	29.887	89.6
Roast beef - topside/rib	1kg	94	10.749	6.361	15.925	150.4
Sliced/diced beef pieces	1kg	97	9.015	5.307	13.133	147.5
Lamb						
Whole leg	1kg	92	12.428	8.292	20.072	142.1
Loin chops	1kg	98	19.470	12.634	26.358	108.6
Gigot chops	1kg	94	11.823	6.664	17.935	169.1
Liver	1kg	94	5.620	4.347	9.215	112.0
Pork						
∞	Roast loin	1kg	9.039	5.068	12.093	138.6
	Loin chops	1kg	9.494	6.282	12.368	96.9
	Steak	1kg	12.372	5.670	15.371	171.1
Bacon						
Best back rashers	1kg	97	10.732	5.804	20.606	255.0
Ham fillet	1kg	90	7.736	4.789	17.234	259.9
Collar	1kg	79	5.825	4.097	8.593	109.7
Medium Uncooked Chicken						
	1600g	55	6.982	4.381	13.922	217.8
Other Meat						
Cooked ham	1kg	91	17.355	8.831	26.672	202.0
Pork sausages	1kg	98	5.866	3.374	8.025	137.8

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Fresh Fish						
Fillets of whiting	1kg	90	9.230	5.591	13.996	150.3
Cod fillets	1kg	92	19.506	12.191	23.229	90.5
Salmon steak	1kg	90	15.729	9.553	21.766	127.8
Fillets of plaice	1kg	79	19.113	13.385	23.422	75.0
Smoked Fish						
Smoked salmon	1kg	86	26.804	11.105	47.416	327.0
Fresh Vegetables						
Potatoes	2.5kg	97	3.653	2.237	4.547	103.3
Potatoes	10kg	97	6.672	3.718	8.490	128.3
Tomatoes	1kg	100	2.732	1.505	5.086	237.9
Onions	1kg	99	1.447	0.660	1.928	192.1
Broccoli	1kg	98	4.368	1.770	7.008	295.9
Carrots	1kg	100	1.370	1.190	2.173	82.6
Mushrooms	1kg	100	4.682	2.050	8.824	330.4
Tinned Tomatoes	400g	102	0.768	0.350	1.055	201.4
Fresh Fruit						
Grapes	1kg	96	6.403	2.758	9.980	261.9
Bananas	1kg	99	1.449	0.708	2.356	232.8
Milk						
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	102	1.138	0.917	1.377	50.2
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	2 litre	101	2.070	1.650	2.625	59.1
Irish Cheddar Cheese	1kg	100	11.643	6.375	16.792	163.4
Butter	1 lb	102	2.343	1.870	3.305	76.7
Eggs						
Large (grade 2)	Half Dozen	100	1.781	1.180	2.534	114.7
Standard (grade 3)	Half Dozen	95	1.456	0.790	2.361	198.9

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Bread						
White, sliced (large)	800g	100	1.429	0.650	2.110	224.6
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	100	1.728	0.846	2.364	179.4
Flour						
White, self-raising	2kg	99	2.141	1.190	2.909	144.5
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	93	2.221	1.982	2.658	34.1
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	100	1.035	0.813	1.424	75.2
Tea Bags	80	99	2.769	0.973	4.140	325.5
Spaghetti	500g	100	1.228	0.348	2.164	521.8
Preserves						
Jam	1 lb	102	1.850	0.928	2.679	188.7
Marmalade	1 lb	98	2.031	0.990	2.938	196.8
Orange Juice	1 litre	97	1.665	0.805	3.543	340.1
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
Drink Taken Home						
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	88	6.522	6.390	8.146	27.5
Lager, single can	500ml	99	1.765	1.126	2.197	95.1
Lager, tray	12 x 330ml	79	15.149	12.979	19.824	52.7
Cider, can	500ml	98	2.292	1.461	3.441	135.5
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	100	25.356	19.101	27.389	43.4
Brandy, bottle	70cl	97	30.289	16.525	35.985	117.8
Alcopops, bottle	275ml	97	2.656	2.161	3.505	62.2
Vodka, bottle	70cl	100	21.068	16.451	23.845	44.9
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	99	17.217	8.444	20.726	145.5
Sherry, bottle	75cl	98	12.145	7.660	15.787	106.1
Wine, table	75cl	97	8.808	5.850	12.530	114.2

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Drinks Out						
Draught stout	1 pint	95	3.855	3.498	4.269	22.0
Draught lager	1/2 pint	97	2.455	2.035	2.870	41.0
Draught lager	1 pint	97	4.183	3.259	4.699	44.2
Draught ale	1 pint	86	3.897	3.560	4.289	20.5
Bottled lager	330ml	96	4.225	3.245	4.867	50.0
Draught cider	1 pint	97	4.370	3.578	4.958	38.6
Bottled cider	330ml	96	4.411	3.900	5.368	37.6
Bottled alcopops	275ml	96	5.205	4.560	5.770	26.5
Wine, small bottle	187ml	97	4.712	3.933	5.399	37.3
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	97	3.640	3.219	4.284	33.1
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	97	4.209	3.599	4.749	32.0
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	97	3.691	3.260	4.343	33.2
Tobacco						
Filtered, standard size cigarettes	20	99	7.376	7.120	7.610	6.9
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL						
Cinema	fee	43	8.408	7.173	9.297	29.6
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	65	36.608	22.070	53.432	142.1
Gents' dry cut	fee	58	11.906	7.584	18.821	148.2
Gents' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	64	18.608	11.570	33.180	186.8
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	63	1.245	1.191	1.291	8.4
Autodiesel	1 litre	63	1.319	1.261	1.379	9.4
OVERALL AVERAGE²						130.7

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Table 3 Average Price Level Comparison - Dublin v Outside Dublin¹ - May 2008

National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	National Average Price (€)	Dublin	Area Average Prices (€) Outside Dublin ¹	Dublin v Outside Dublin ² (%)
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef					
Round steak	1kg	10.350	9.941	10.561	-5.9
Sirloin steak	1kg	15.725	15.530	15.827	-1.9
Striploin steak	1kg	22.893	22.712	22.987	-1.2
Roast beef - topside/rib	1kg	10.769	10.807	10.749	+0.5
Sliced/diced beef pieces	1kg	9.164	9.450	9.015	+4.8
Lamb					
Whole leg	1kg	12.207	11.782	12.428	-5.2
Loin chops	1kg	19.472	19.476	19.470	+0.0
Gigot chops	1kg	12.055	12.504	11.823	+5.8
Liver	1kg	5.573	5.480	5.620	-2.5
Pork					
Roast loin	1kg	9.015	8.970	9.039	-0.8
Loin chops	1kg	9.409	9.244	9.494	-2.6
Steak	1kg	12.894	13.899	12.372	+12.3
Bacon					
Best back rashers	1kg	11.550	13.126	10.732	+22.3
Ham fillet	1kg	7.622	7.404	7.736	-4.3
Collar	1kg	5.887	6.007	5.825	+3.1
Medium Uncooked Chicken	1600g	7.459	8.379	6.982	+20.0
Other Meat					
Cooked ham	1kg	18.016	19.292	17.355	+11.2
Pork sausages	1kg	5.863	5.857	5.866	-0.2

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National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	National Average Price (€)	Area Average Prices (€)		Dublin v Outside Dublin ²
			Dublin	Outside Dublin ¹	(%)
Fresh Fish					
Fillets of whiting	1kg	9.134	8.949	9.230	-3.0
Cod fillets	1kg	19.866	20.560	19.506	+5.4
Salmon steak	1kg	16.048	16.662	15.729	+5.9
Fillets of plaice	1kg	18.493	17.298	19.113	-9.5
Smoked Fish					
Smoked salmon	1kg	26.973	27.298	26.804	+1.8
Fresh Vegetables					
Potatoes	2.5kg	3.763	3.975	3.653	+8.8
Potatoes	10kg	6.800	7.047	6.672	+5.6
Tomatoes	1kg	2.808	2.953	2.732	+8.1
Onions	1kg	1.464	1.497	1.447	+3.5
Broccoli	1kg	4.503	4.764	4.368	+9.1
Carrots	1kg	1.355	1.326	1.370	-3.2
Mushrooms	1kg	4.780	4.970	4.682	+6.2
Tinned Tomatoes	400g	0.788	0.826	0.768	+7.6
Fresh Fruit					
Grapes	1kg	6.637	7.089	6.403	+10.7
Bananas	1kg	1.462	1.487	1.449	+2.6
Milk					
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	1.123	1.093	1.138	-4.0
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	2 litre	2.034	1.967	2.070	-5.0
Irish Cheddar Cheese	1kg	11.742	11.935	11.643	+2.5
Butter	1 lb	2.337	2.324	2.343	-0.8
Eggs					
Large (grade 2)	Half Dozen	1.822	1.900	1.781	+6.7
Standard (grade 3)	Half Dozen	1.514	1.626	1.456	+11.7

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National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	National Average Price (€)	Area Average Prices (€)		Dublin v Outside Dublin ²
			Dublin	Outside Dublin ¹	(%)
Bread					
White, sliced (large)	800g	1.405	1.358	1.429	-5.0
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	1.715	1.689	1.728	-2.3
Flour					
White, self-raising	2kg	2.080	1.961	2.141	-8.4
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	2.219	2.215	2.221	-0.3
White Granulated Sugar					
	1kg	1.034	1.034	1.035	-0.1
Tea Bags					
	80	2.760	2.744	2.769	-0.9
Spaghetti					
	500g	1.206	1.165	1.228	-5.1
Preserves					
Jam	1 lb	1.853	1.858	1.850	+0.4
Marmalade	1 lb	2.043	2.067	2.031	+1.8
Orange Juice					
	1 litre	1.771	1.975	1.665	+18.6
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
Drink Taken Home					
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	6.522	6.521	6.522	-0.0
Lager, single can	500ml	1.758	1.743	1.765	-1.2
Lager, tray	12 x 330ml	15.144	15.136	15.149	-0.1
Cider, can	500ml	2.257	2.190	2.292	-4.5
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	25.588	26.035	25.356	+2.7
Brandy, bottle	70cl	30.010	29.473	30.289	-2.7
Alcopops, bottle	275ml	2.646	2.625	2.656	-1.2
Vodka, bottle	70cl	21.239	21.568	21.068	+2.4
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	17.424	17.823	17.217	+3.5
Sherry, bottle	75cl	11.949	11.573	12.145	-4.7
Wine, table	75cl	8.981	9.316	8.808	+5.8

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National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	National Average Price (€)	Area Average Prices (€)		Dublin v Outside Dublin ²
			Dublin	Outside Dublin ¹	(%)
Drinks Out					
Draught stout	1 pint	3.978	4.216	3.855	+9.4
Draught lager	1/2 pint	2.570	2.794	2.455	+13.8
Draught lager	1 pint	4.374	4.743	4.183	+13.4
Draught ale	1 pint	4.040	4.317	3.897	+10.8
Bottled lager	330ml	4.383	4.688	4.225	+11.0
Draught cider	1 pint	4.561	4.929	4.370	+12.8
Bottled cider	330ml	4.552	4.823	4.411	+9.3
Bottled alcopops	275ml	5.332	5.578	5.205	+7.2
Wine, small bottle	187ml	4.830	5.058	4.712	+7.3
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	3.726	3.890	3.640	+6.9
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	4.286	4.433	4.209	+5.3
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	3.799	4.007	3.691	+8.6
Tobacco					
Filtered, standard size cigarettes	20	7.382	7.394	7.376	+0.2
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL					
Cinema	fee	8.685	9.219	8.408	+9.6
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	39.194	44.180	36.608	+20.7
Gents' dry cut	fee	13.316	16.036	11.906	+34.7
Gents' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	21.450	26.929	18.608	+44.7
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	1.251	1.264	1.245	+1.5
Autodiesel	1 litre	1.326	1.339	1.319	+1.5
OVERALL AVERAGE²					+4.9
AVERAGE EXCLUDING DRINKS OUT					+2.1

¹ Outside Dublin = Regional cities and towns with population less than 20,000.

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CPI) is higher than the average price Outside Dublin.

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Table 4 Average Price Comparison - May 2007, November 2007 and May 2008

National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	Area Average Prices - Dublin			Area Average Prices - Outside Dublin			Dublin v Outside Dublin ¹			
		(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	May-07	(%) Nov-07	May-08	
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES											
Beef											
Round steak	1kg	9.393	9.941	+5.8	9.586	10.561	+10.2	-1.2	-2.0	-5.9	
Sirloin steak	1kg	13.850	15.530	+12.1	14.295	15.827	+10.7	+3.1	-3.1	-1.9	
Striploin steak	1kg	20.418	22.712	+11.2	21.129	22.987	+8.8	-4.1	-3.4	-1.2	
Roast beef - topside/rib	1kg	9.195	10.807	+17.5	9.114	10.749	+17.9	-0.3	+0.9	+0.5	
Sliced/diced beef pieces	1kg	8.733	9.450	+8.2	8.599	9.015	+4.8	+5.0	+1.6	+4.8	
Lamb											
Whole leg	1kg	10.376	11.782	+13.6	11.082	12.428	+12.1	-2.9	-6.4	-5.2	
Loin chops	1kg	16.368	19.476	+19.0	17.010	19.470	+14.5	-1.5	-3.8	+0.0	
Gigot chops	1kg	10.627	12.504	+17.7	9.764	11.823	+21.1	+6.9	+8.8	+5.8	
Liver	1kg	5.206	5.480	+5.3	5.462	5.620	+2.9	-7.0	-4.7	-2.5	
Pork											
Roast loin	1kg	8.933	8.970	+0.4	9.265	9.039	-2.4	-5.2	-3.6	-0.8	
Loin chops	1kg	8.920	9.244	+3.6	9.181	9.494	+3.4	-2.2	-2.8	-2.6	
Steak	1kg	12.972	13.899	+7.1	11.871	12.372	+4.2	+7.8	+9.3	+12.3	
Bacon											
Best back rashers	1kg	12.757	13.126	+2.9	10.505	10.732	+2.2	+26.9	+21.4	+22.3	
Ham fillet	1kg	7.473	7.404	-0.9	7.979	7.736	-3.0	+13.6	-6.3	-4.3	
Collar	1kg	5.881	6.007	+2.1	5.966	5.825	-2.4	+11.7	-1.4	+3.1	
Medium Uncooked Chicken	1600g	5.224	8.379	+60.4	5.995	6.982	+16.5	-2.8	-12.9	+20.0	
Other Meat											
Cooked ham	1kg	18.210	19.292	+5.9	17.053	17.355	+1.8	+9.1	+6.8	+11.2	
Pork sausages	1kg	5.724	5.857	+2.3	5.700	5.866	+2.9	-3.0	+0.4	-0.2	

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National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	Area Average Prices - Dublin			Area Average Prices - Outside Dublin			Dublin v Outside Dublin ¹		
		(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	May-07	(%) Nov-07	May-08
Fresh Fish										
Fillets of whiting	1kg	9.819	8.949	-8.9	9.688	9.230	-4.7	+3.2	+1.4	-3.0
Cod fillets	1kg	19.972	20.560	+2.9	19.568	19.506	-0.3	-5.3	+2.1	+5.4
Salmon steak	1kg	18.040	16.662	-7.6	14.634	15.729	+7.5	-4.4	+23.3	+5.9
Fillets of plaice	1kg	17.451	17.298	-0.9	18.653	19.113	+2.5	+10.4	-6.4	-9.5
Smoked Fish										
Smoked salmon	1kg	28.760	27.298	-5.1	28.105	26.804	-4.6	-12.3	+2.3	+1.8
Fresh Vegetables										
Potatoes	2.5kg	4.207	3.975	-5.5	3.731	3.653	-2.1	+5.2	+12.8	+8.8
Potatoes	10kg	7.474	7.047	-5.7	7.440	6.672	-10.3	+2.0	+0.5	+5.6
Tomatoes	1kg	2.939	2.953	+0.5	2.731	2.732	+0.0	+5.9	+7.6	+8.1
Onions	1kg	1.568	1.497	-4.5	1.487	1.447	-2.7	+8.4	+5.4	+3.5
Broccoli	1kg	4.566	4.764	+4.3	4.259	4.368	+2.6	+6.1	+7.2	+9.1
Carrots	1kg	1.318	1.326	+0.6	1.309	1.370	+4.7	-1.7	+0.7	-3.2
Mushrooms	1kg	4.606	4.970	+7.9	4.503	4.682	+4.0	+7.1	+2.3	+6.2
Tinned Tomatoes	400g	0.766	0.826	+7.8	0.738	0.768	+4.1	+2.1	+3.8	+7.6
Fresh Fruit										
Grapes	1kg	7.098	7.089	-0.1	6.043	6.403	+6.0	+5.4	+17.5	+10.7
Bananas	1kg	1.474	1.487	+0.9	1.438	1.449	+0.8	+5.4	+2.5	+2.6
Milk										
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	0.971	1.093	+12.6	1.008	1.138	+12.9	-4.0	-3.7	-4.0
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	2 litre	1.742	1.967	+12.9	1.831	2.070	+13.1	-6.7	-4.9	-5.0
Irish Cheddar Cheese	1kg	10.377	11.935	+15.0	10.344	11.643	+12.6	-1.9	+0.3	+2.5
Butter	1 lb	2.183	2.324	+6.5	2.210	2.343	+6.0	-2.3	-1.2	-0.8
Eggs										
Large (grade 2)	Half Dozen	1.846	1.900	+2.9	1.712	1.781	+4.0	+9.0	+7.8	+6.7
Standard (grade 3)	Half Dozen	1.629	1.626	-0.2	1.577	1.456	-7.7	+4.6	+3.3	+11.7

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		(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	May-07	(%) Nov-07	May-08
Bread										
White, sliced (large)	800g	1.267	1.358	+7.2	1.361	1.429	+5.0	-1.1	-6.9	-5.0
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	1.575	1.689	+7.2	1.594	1.728	+8.4	-0.5	-1.2	-2.3
Flour										
White, self-raising	2kg	1.901	1.961	+3.2	2.041	2.141	+4.9	-10.5	-6.9	-8.4
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	2.196	2.215	+0.9	2.098	2.221	+5.9	-1.2	+4.7	-0.3
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	1.071	1.034	-3.5	1.041	1.035	-0.6	-1.6	+2.9	-0.1
Tea Bags	80	2.404	2.744	+14.1	2.549	2.769	+8.6	-3.7	-5.7	-0.9
Spaghetti	500g	1.029	1.165	+13.2	1.037	1.228	+18.4	-1.3	-0.8	-5.1
Preserves										
Jam	1 lb	1.594	1.858	+16.6	1.564	1.850	+18.3	+7.9	+1.9	+0.4
Marmalade	1 lb	1.802	2.067	+14.7	1.822	2.031	+11.5	+1.7	-1.1	+1.8
Orange Juice	1 litre	1.771	1.975	+11.5	1.588	1.665	+4.8	+7.0	+11.5	+18.6
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO										
Drink Taken Home										
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	6.515	6.521	+0.1	6.487	6.522	+0.5	-0.8	+0.4	-0.0
Lager, single can	500ml	1.689	1.743	+3.2	1.698	1.765	+3.9	-3.3	-0.5	-1.2
Lager, tray	12 x 330ml	14.288	15.136	+5.9	13.960	15.149	+8.5	-1.4	+2.3	-0.1
Cider, can	500ml	2.186	2.190	+0.2	2.203	2.292	+4.0	+1.4	-0.8	-4.5
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	24.245	26.035	+7.4	24.119	25.356	+5.1	+3.5	+0.5	+2.7
Brandy, bottle	70cl	28.226	29.473	+4.4	29.111	30.289	+4.0	-0.5	-3.0	-2.7
Alcopops, bottle	275ml	2.626	2.625	+0.0	2.614	2.656	+1.6	+10.6	+0.5	-1.2
Vodka, bottle	70cl	20.397	21.568	+5.7	20.615	21.068	+2.2	-0.9	-1.1	+2.4
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	16.873	17.823	+5.6	17.040	17.217	+1.0	-1.3	-1.0	+3.5
Sherry, bottle	75cl	11.006	11.573	+5.2	10.694	12.145	+13.6	-1.9	+2.9	-4.7
Wine, table	75cl	8.804	9.316	+5.8	8.804	8.808	+0.0	+3.7	+0.0	+5.8

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		(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	(€) Nov-07	(€) May-08	% Change	May-07	(%) Nov-07	May-08
Drinks Out										
Draught stout	1 pint	4.080	4.216	+3.3	3.730	3.855	+3.4	+8.8	+9.4	+9.4
Draught lager	1/2 pint	2.715	2.794	+2.9	2.384	2.455	+3.0	+14.0	+13.9	+13.8
Draught lager	1 pint	4.586	4.743	+3.4	4.082	4.183	+2.5	+12.4	+12.3	+13.4
Draught ale	1 pint	4.156	4.317	+3.9	3.779	3.897	+3.1	+9.9	+10.0	+10.8
Bottled lager	330ml	4.601	4.688	+1.9	4.121	4.225	+2.5	+11.1	+11.6	+11.0
Draught cider	1 pint	4.767	4.929	+3.4	4.270	4.370	+2.3	+11.8	+11.6	+12.8
Bottled cider	330ml	4.697	4.823	+2.7	4.263	4.411	+3.5	+10.3	+10.2	+9.3
Bottled alcopops	275ml	5.463	5.578	+2.1	5.091	5.205	+2.2	+7.5	+7.3	+7.2
Wine, small bottle	187ml	4.909	5.058	+3.0	4.586	4.712	+2.7	+5.8	+7.0	+7.3
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	3.755	3.890	+3.6	3.511	3.640	+3.7	+6.1	+6.9	+6.9
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	4.286	4.433	+3.4	4.094	4.209	+2.8	+4.0	+4.7	+5.3
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	3.832	4.007	+4.6	3.562	3.691	+3.6	+7.5	+7.6	+8.6
Tobacco										
Filtered, standard size cigarettes	20	7.053	7.394	+4.8	6.999	7.376	+5.4	+0.6	+0.8	+0.2
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL										
Cinema	fee	9.145	9.219	+0.8	8.232	8.408	+2.1	+14.5	+11.1	+9.6
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	42.293	44.180	+4.5	35.830	36.608	+2.2	+21.8	+18.0	+20.7
Gents' dry cut	fee	14.346	16.036	+11.8	11.836	11.906	+0.6	+21.0	+21.2	+34.7
Gents' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	25.542	26.929	+5.4	18.030	18.608	+3.2	+46.7	+41.7	+44.7
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	1.196	1.264	+5.7	1.191	1.245	+4.5	+0.1	+0.4	+1.5
Autodiesel	1 litre	1.184	1.339	+13.1	1.181	1.319	+11.7	-0.1	+0.3	+1.5
OVERALL AVERAGE²								+4.4	+4.3	+4.9
AVERAGE EXCLUDING DRINKS OUT								+1.7	+1.4	+2.1

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