



Consumer Prices

Bi-annual Average Price Analysis

Dublin and Outside Dublin¹

May 2006

This release presents an update of the bi-annual price level comparison for Dublin and outside Dublin as last published in November 2005. The current data are published from prices collected for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in May 2006.

As was the case previously, it is possible to construct comparable average prices for the two regions (Dublin and outside Dublin) for 73 goods and services from CPI data. This accounts for approximately 24.5% 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. Table 4 presents historical data for May 2005 and November 2005.

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.

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

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Prices in Dublin higher for 55% of items	<p>Of the 73 items included, average prices were higher in Dublin for 40 and lower for 33. (See Table 3 and Summary Table on next page).</p> <p>Between Dublin and outside Dublin, 24 items had average prices that fell within a 3% range of each other. Average prices for another 30 items were more than 3% higher in Dublin, while the remaining 19 were more than 3% lower.</p>
Meat, Fish and Fruit & Vegetables prices generally higher in Dublin	<p>As of May 2006, 11 of the 18 meat items were showing higher prices in Dublin. The differences ranged from 17.6% higher for best back rashers to 10.4% lower for a fillet/half leg of pork. (See Table 3). In November 2005, eight of the meat items had shown higher prices in Dublin.</p> <p>Higher average prices were shown in Dublin for four of the five fish products included in the analysis. The differences ranged from 12.1% higher for salmon steak to 2.0% lower for fillets of whiting. (See Table 3).</p> <p>It was more expensive in Dublin for five of the nine fruit and vegetable items included in the analysis. The differences ranged from 7.2% more expensive for mushrooms to 9.2% cheaper for bananas (See Table 3).</p>
Other Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices generally lower in Dublin	<p>For the remaining <i>Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages</i> products (including milk, cheese, butter, eggs, bread, flour, sugar, tea, spaghetti, preserves and orange juice), 14 of the items showed lower average prices in Dublin, ranging from 1.6% lower for brown whole-meal flour to 17.5% lower for spaghetti. The three exceptions to this were standard eggs (5.7% higher), large eggs (5.6% higher) and orange juice (5.1% higher). (See Table 3).</p>
Drinks out prices higher in Dublin, off-licence prices generally comparable	<p>For <i>Alcoholic Beverages</i>, as before, the comparison varied greatly between take home drink and drinks consumed on a licensed premises. For take home drink, average prices were generally comparable with 3% or less difference between Dublin and outside Dublin, for all but three items. These items were bottle of brandy (4.0% lower in Dublin), cider (3.2% lower in Dublin) and bottle of whiskey (3.3% higher in Dublin). (See Table 3).</p> <p>For alcohol consumed on a licensed premises, average prices were consistently higher in Dublin with all but one of the items showing average prices more than 5% higher than outside Dublin. The greatest difference was for a half-pint of lager where average prices in Dublin were 13.9% higher. (See Table 3).</p>
Tobacco prices slightly higher in Dublin	<p>For Tobacco, there was a minor difference with average prices in Dublin 0.6% higher. (See Table 3).</p>
Petrol prices slightly lower in Dublin	<p>Average unleaded petrol prices were 0.9% lower in Dublin while average diesel prices were 0.5% lower in Dublin. (See Table 3).</p> <p>Average prices can only be compared for two services namely cinema entrance (19.0% higher in Dublin) and ladies wash, cut & blow dry (17.5% higher in Dublin). (See Table 3).</p>
Prices diverging slightly, prices now 3.5% higher in Dublin	<p>On average, prices were 3.5% higher in Dublin for the items included in this analysis. This compares to 3.1% in November 2005 and 3.2% in May 2005. When drinks out are excluded from the comparison, the difference falls to an average of 0.3% higher in Dublin (as compared to 0.2% in November 2005 and 0.3% in May 2005). (See Tables 3 & 4).</p>
Lower variation in prices in Dublin	<p>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 79.7% higher than the corresponding lowest 5 quotes, whereas outside Dublin the difference was, on average, 115.3%. (See Tables 1 & 2).</p>

Summary Table: Price Level Comparison – Dublin v Outside Dublin

Items with Higher Average Prices in Dublin			Items with Lower Average Prices in Dublin		
Item Description	Unit	% Difference	Item Description	Unit	% Difference
Cinema	fee	+19.0	Spaghetti	500g	-17.5
Best back rashers	1kg	+17.6	Flour - white, self-raising	2kg	-14.8
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	+17.5	Flour - white, plain	2kg	-13.2
Whole leg of lamb	1kg	+14.3	Fillet/half leg of pork	1kg	-10.4
Draught lager	1/2 pint	+13.9	Bananas	1kg	-9.2
Salmon steak	1kg	+12.1	Bread - white, sliced (large)	800g	-7.7
Draught lager	1 pint	+11.9	Bread - brown, sliced (large)	800g	-7.7
Bottled cider	330ml	+11.0	Milk - fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	-7.5
Bottled lager	330ml	+10.5	Jam	1 lb	-7.4
Collar of bacon	1kg	+9.9	Butter	1 lb	-7.0
Draught ale	1 pint	+9.1	Milk - fresh, pasteurised low fat	1 litre	-6.9
Draught stout	1 pint	+8.8	Sirloin steak	1kg	-6.5
Fillets of plaice	1kg	+7.8	Round steak	1kg	-4.6
Cooked ham	1kg	+7.7	Carrots	1kg	-4.0
Lamb loin chops	1kg	+7.5	Brandy, bottle (take home)	70cl	-4.0
Mushrooms	1kg	+7.2	Tea bags	80	-3.6
Tomatoes	1kg	+6.8	Pork sausages	1kg	-3.5
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	+6.4	White granulated sugar	1kg	-3.4
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	+6.4	Cider, can (take home)	500ml	-3.2
Roast loin of pork	1kg	+5.9	Lambs liver	1kg	-2.8
Eggs standard (grade 3)	Dozen	+5.7	Ham fillet	1kg	-2.7
Eggs large (grade 2)	Dozen	+5.6	Grapes	1kg	-2.5
Potatoes	2.5kg	+5.3	Sherry, bottle (take home)	75cl	-2.0
Orange juice	1 litre	+5.1	Marmalade	1 lb	-2.0
Broccoli	1kg	+4.4	Fillets of whiting	1kg	-2.0
Pork steak	1kg	+4.1	Striploin steak	1kg	-1.9
Sliced/diced beef pieces	1kg	+4.0	Irish cheddar cheese	1kg	-1.8
Cod fillets	1kg	+3.9	Flour - brown, wholemeal	2kg	-1.6
Onions	1kg	+3.4	Vodka, bottle (take home)	70cl	-1.4
Whiskey, bottle (take home)	70cl	+3.3	Potatoes	10kg	-1.3
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	+2.8	Unleaded petrol	1 litre	-0.9
Roast beef - topside/rib	1kg	+2.4	Lager, single can (take home)	500ml	-0.7
Pork loin chops	1kg	+2.3	Autodiesel	1 litre	-0.5
Wine, table (take home)	75cl	+1.9			
Wine, fine quality (take home)	75cl	+1.5			
Stout (6-pack) (take home)	6 x 250ml	+1.1			
Lamb gigot chops	1kg	+0.9			
Cigarettes filtered, standard size	20	+0.6			
Cream liqueur, bottle (take home)	70cl	+0.5			
Smoked salmon	1kg	+0.3			

Table 1 Area Average Prices Listing - Dublin - May 2006

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	32	8.586	6.728	10.556	56.9
Sirloin Steak	1kg	34	12.141	10.276	15.985	55.6
Striploin Steak	1kg	31	18.601	15.137	24.769	63.6
Roast Beef - Topside/Rib	1kg	31	8.980	6.535	13.117	100.7
Sliced/Diced Beef Pieces	1kg	32	8.153	5.496	10.467	90.4
Lamb						
Whole leg	1kg	29	11.769	9.143	15.964	74.6
Loin chops	1kg	33	18.527	13.634	23.480	72.2
Gigot chops	1kg	28	11.289	7.875	14.500	84.1
Liver	1kg	30	5.230	4.032	8.405	108.5
Pork						
Fillet/Half Leg	1kg	23	6.614	5.718	7.416	29.7
Roast Loin	1kg	27	9.333	6.917	10.611	53.4
Loin chops	1kg	32	9.079	7.731	11.055	43.0
Steak	1kg	26	12.061	8.218	14.197	72.8
Bacon						
Best back rashers	1kg	32	12.560	7.284	18.605	155.4
Ham fillet	1kg	32	7.752	4.897	11.809	141.1
Collar	1kg	28	6.568	4.865	8.495	74.6
Other Meat						
Cooked ham	1kg	29	17.201	8.701	23.360	168.5
Pork sausages	1kg	35	5.455	3.384	6.783	100.4

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Fresh Fish						
Fillets of whiting	1kg	25	8.225	6.463	9.920	53.5
Cod fillets	1kg	31	15.947	13.062	18.335	40.4
Salmon Steak	1kg	26	14.368	11.700	17.421	48.9
Fillets of plaice	1kg	17	17.208	14.222	19.859	39.6
Smoked Fish						
Smoked Salmon	1kg	29	28.285	15.443	45.402	194.0
Fresh Vegetables						
Potatoes	2.5kg	35	3.574	2.616	3.990	52.5
Potatoes	10kg	32	7.052	5.292	8.088	52.8
Tomatoes	1kg	36	2.767	2.490	4.237	70.2
Onions	1kg	35	1.162	0.868	1.623	87.0
Broccoli	1kg	33	3.782	2.508	4.635	84.8
Carrots	1kg	33	1.267	1.072	1.600	49.3
Mushrooms	1kg	36	4.330	4.079	5.268	29.1
Fresh Fruit						
Grapes	1kg	31	5.307	2.982	8.842	196.5
Bananas	1kg	36	1.262	0.784	2.076	164.8
Milk						
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	33	0.815	0.670	1.060	58.2
Fresh, pasteurised low fat	1 litre	35	0.848	0.670	1.033	54.2
Irish cheddar cheese	1kg	33	9.732	6.254	12.366	97.7
Butter	1 lb	36	1.747	1.420	2.095	47.5
Eggs						
Large (grade 2)	Dozen	33	2.988	2.498	3.783	51.4
Standard (grade 3)	Dozen	30	2.485	1.531	3.555	132.2

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Bread						
White, sliced (large)	800g	36	1.076	0.448	1.455	224.8
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	35	1.231	0.602	1.706	183.4
Flour						
White, plain	2kg	34	1.235	0.650	1.480	127.7
White, self-raising	2kg	34	1.233	0.650	1.564	140.6
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	32	1.451	1.185	1.679	41.7
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	36	1.058	0.860	1.194	38.8
Tea Bags	80	35	2.513	1.672	3.092	84.9
Spaghetti	500g	35	0.851	0.270	1.416	424.4
Preserves						
Jam	1 lb	36	1.575	0.905	2.095	131.5
Marmalade	1 lb	34	1.687	1.051	2.008	91.1
Orange Juice	1 litre	34	1.625	0.663	3.360	406.8
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
Drink Taken Home						
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	29	6.590	6.390	7.644	19.6
Lager, single can	500ml	35	1.702	1.298	2.204	69.8
Cider, can	500ml	36	2.094	1.607	2.412	50.1
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	36	24.078	21.950	26.054	18.7
Brandy, bottle	70cl	36	29.137	22.516	31.190	38.5
Vodka, bottle	70cl	36	20.615	17.797	22.271	25.1
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	33	17.668	13.841	22.252	60.8
Sherry, bottle	75cl	33	11.782	10.230	13.548	32.4
Wine, fine quality	75cl	34	15.996	11.920	22.020	84.7
Wine, table	75cl	33	9.093	7.073	11.812	67.0

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Drinks Out						
Draught stout	1 pint	35	3.849	3.549	4.189	18.0
Draught lager	1/2 pint	35	2.561	2.167	3.217	48.5
Draught lager	1 pint	36	4.298	3.874	4.699	21.3
Draught ale	1 pint	36	3.907	3.629	4.219	16.3
Bottled lager	330ml	36	4.298	3.928	4.718	20.1
Bottled cider	330ml	34	4.484	4.060	5.009	23.4
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	36	3.530	3.149	4.049	28.6
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	36	4.039	3.589	4.579	27.6
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	35	3.582	3.220	4.069	26.4
Tobacco						
Filtered, standard size	20	33	6.337	6.100	6.460	5.9
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL						
Cinema	fee	28	8.593	8.123	8.859	9.1
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	22	37.714	28.831	44.400	54.0
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	21	1.165	1.146	1.187	3.6
Autodiesel	1 litre	21	1.124	1.105	1.147	3.8
OVERALL AVERAGE²						79.7

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Table 2 Area Average Prices Listing - Outside Dublin - May 2006

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FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES						
Beef						
Round Steak	1kg	99	9.003	6.141	12.204	98.7
Sirloin Steak	1kg	100	12.980	10.230	19.205	87.7
Striploin Steak	1kg	100	18.959	13.593	26.230	93.0
Roast Beef - Topside/Rib	1kg	99	8.773	5.377	13.143	144.4
Sliced/Diced Beef Pieces	1kg	99	7.838	5.599	10.250	83.1
Lamb						
Whole leg	1kg	92	10.298	7.599	19.128	151.7
Loin chops	1kg	98	17.240	10.645	23.575	121.5
Gigot chops	1kg	97	11.185	6.993	16.392	134.4
Liver	1kg	99	5.378	3.731	8.251	121.1
Pork						
∞ Fillet/Half Leg	1kg	79	7.379	4.380	13.194	201.2
Roast Loin	1kg	93	8.810	5.003	11.033	120.5
Loin chops	1kg	97	8.877	5.171	11.636	125.0
Steak	1kg	96	11.583	6.037	14.805	145.2
Bacon						
Best back rashers	1kg	98	10.676	6.371	19.748	210.0
Ham fillet	1kg	92	7.963	4.712	15.022	218.8
Collar	1kg	82	5.974	3.631	9.357	157.7
Other Meat						
Cooked ham	1kg	101	15.978	7.875	25.940	229.4
Pork sausages	1kg	97	5.652	4.297	7.177	67.0

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Fresh Fish						
Fillets of whiting	1kg	96	8.389	5.386	11.768	118.5
Cod fillets	1kg	93	15.344	8.302	18.641	124.5
Salmon Steak	1kg	82	12.812	6.971	18.479	165.1
Fillets of plaice	1kg	75	15.969	10.911	21.484	96.9
Smoked Fish						
Smoked Salmon	1kg	78	28.188	12.927	51.034	294.8
Fresh Vegetables						
Potatoes	2.5kg	96	3.394	1.926	4.014	108.4
Potatoes	10kg	94	7.148	5.080	9.273	82.5
Tomatoes	1kg	97	2.592	1.695	4.947	191.9
Onions	1kg	97	1.124	0.792	1.773	123.9
Broccoli	1kg	97	3.623	1.478	4.713	218.9
Carrots	1kg	100	1.320	1.049	2.054	95.8
Mushrooms	1kg	98	4.041	2.287	6.366	178.4
Fresh Fruit						
Grapes	1kg	86	5.441	3.142	8.216	161.5
Bananas	1kg	100	1.390	1.080	2.295	112.5
Milk						
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	102	0.881	0.698	1.019	46.0
Fresh, pasteurised low fat	1 litre	100	0.911	0.725	1.045	44.1
Irish cheddar cheese	1kg	100	9.915	7.190	11.995	66.8
Butter	1 lb	101	1.879	1.412	2.696	90.9
Eggs						
Large (grade 2)	Dozen	94	2.830	1.850	3.957	113.9
Standard (grade 3)	Dozen	89	2.351	1.535	3.526	129.7

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Bread						
White, sliced (large)	800g	101	1.166	0.507	1.706	236.5
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	98	1.333	0.652	1.858	185.0
Flour						
White, plain	2kg	101	1.423	0.822	1.889	129.8
White, self-raising	2kg	98	1.447	1.230	1.873	52.3
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	94	1.474	1.240	1.837	48.1
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	101	1.095	0.860	1.411	64.1
Tea Bags	80	96	2.608	1.439	3.283	128.1
Spaghetti	500g	101	1.032	0.365	1.996	446.8
Preserves						
Jam	1 lb	102	1.701	0.860	2.326	170.5
Marmalade	1 lb	99	1.721	0.850	2.197	158.5
Orange Juice	1 litre	91	1.546	0.675	3.264	383.6
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
Drink Taken Home						
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	94	6.518	4.808	8.788	82.8
Lager, single can	500ml	100	1.714	1.226	2.229	81.8
Cider, can	500ml	101	2.164	1.560	2.926	87.6
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	101	23.320	20.006	25.775	28.8
Brandy, bottle	70cl	98	30.353	26.225	35.476	35.3
Vodka, bottle	70cl	100	20.901	18.041	25.362	40.6
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	97	17.572	9.760	22.289	128.4
Sherry, bottle	75cl	98	12.027	9.984	16.671	67.0
Wine, fine quality	75cl	94	15.757	11.122	31.105	179.7
Wine, table	75cl	96	8.927	6.124	14.216	132.1

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Drinks Out						
Draught stout	1 pint	101	3.538	3.199	3.910	22.2
Draught lager	1/2 pint	100	2.249	1.958	2.568	31.2
Draught lager	1 pint	99	3.842	3.458	4.200	21.5
Draught ale	1 pint	90	3.580	3.218	3.989	24.0
Bottled lager	330ml	97	3.890	3.232	4.419	36.7
Bottled cider	330ml	96	4.041	3.529	4.888	38.5
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	100	3.319	2.976	3.770	26.7
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	100	3.930	3.426	4.320	26.1
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	100	3.368	3.016	3.897	29.2
Tobacco						
Filtered, standard size	20	102	6.302	6.022	6.450	7.1
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL						
Cinema	fee	41	7.224	6.063	8.392	38.4
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	64	32.090	18.590	48.340	160.0
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	60	1.175	1.129	1.199	6.2
Autodiesel	1 litre	59	1.130	1.091	1.175	7.7
OVERALL AVERAGE²						115.3

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			Dublin	Outside Dublin ¹	(%)
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef					
Round Steak	1kg	8.829	8.586	9.003	-4.6
Sirloin Steak	1kg	12.629	12.141	12.980	-6.5
Striploin Steak	1kg	18.809	18.601	18.959	-1.9
Roast Beef - Topside/Rib	1kg	8.860	8.980	8.773	+2.4
Sliced/Diced Beef Pieces	1kg	7.970	8.153	7.838	+4.0
Lamb					
Whole leg	1kg	10.913	11.769	10.298	+14.3
Loin chops	1kg	17.778	18.527	17.240	+7.5
Gigot chops	1kg	11.229	11.289	11.185	+0.9
Liver	1kg	5.316	5.230	5.378	-2.8
Pork					
Fillet/Half Leg	1kg	7.059	6.614	7.379	-10.4
Roast Loin	1kg	9.029	9.333	8.810	+5.9
Loin chops	1kg	8.961	9.079	8.877	+2.3
Steak	1kg	11.783	12.061	11.583	+4.1
Bacon					
Best back rashers	1kg	11.464	12.560	10.676	+17.6
Ham fillet	1kg	7.875	7.752	7.963	-2.7
Collar	1kg	6.222	6.568	5.974	+9.9
Other Meat					
Cooked ham	1kg	16.489	17.201	15.978	+7.7
Pork sausages	1kg	5.570	5.455	5.652	-3.5

Table 3 Average Price Level Comparison - Dublin v Outside Dublin¹ - May 2006

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	8.321	8.225	8.389	-2.0
Cod fillets	1kg	15.596	15.947	15.344	+3.9
Salmon Steak	1kg	13.463	14.368	12.812	+12.1
Fillets of plaice	1kg	16.487	17.208	15.969	+7.8
Smoked Fish					
Smoked Salmon	1kg	28.229	28.285	28.188	+0.3
Fresh Vegetables					
Potatoes	2.5kg	3.469	3.574	3.394	+5.3
Potatoes	10kg	7.108	7.052	7.148	-1.3
Tomatoes	1kg	2.665	2.767	2.592	+6.8
Onions	1kg	1.140	1.162	1.124	+3.4
Broccoli	1kg	3.690	3.782	3.623	+4.4
Carrots	1kg	1.298	1.267	1.320	-4.0
Mushrooms	1kg	4.161	4.330	4.041	+7.2
Fresh Fruit					
Grapes	1kg	5.385	5.307	5.441	-2.5
Bananas	1kg	1.336	1.262	1.390	-9.2
Milk					
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	0.853	0.815	0.881	-7.5
Fresh, pasteurised low fat	1 litre	0.885	0.848	0.911	-6.9
Irish cheddar cheese	1kg	9.839	9.732	9.915	-1.8
Butter	1 lb	1.824	1.747	1.879	-7.0
Eggs					
Large (grade 2)	Dozen	2.896	2.988	2.830	+5.6
Standard (grade 3)	Dozen	2.407	2.485	2.351	+5.7

Table 3 Average Price Level Comparison - Dublin v Outside Dublin¹ - May 2006

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	1.128	1.076	1.166	-7.7
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	1.291	1.231	1.333	-7.7
Flour					
White, plain	2kg	1.344	1.235	1.423	-13.2
White, self-raising	2kg	1.358	1.233	1.447	-14.8
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	1.465	1.451	1.474	-1.6
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	1.079	1.058	1.095	-3.4
Tea Bags	80	2.568	2.513	2.608	-3.6
Spaghetti	500g	0.956	0.851	1.032	-17.5
Preserves					
Jam	1 lb	1.648	1.575	1.701	-7.4
Marmalade	1 lb	1.707	1.687	1.721	-2.0
Orange Juice	1 litre	1.579	1.625	1.546	+5.1
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO					
Drink Taken Home					
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	6.548	6.590	6.518	+1.1
Lager, single can	500ml	1.709	1.702	1.714	-0.7
Cider, can	500ml	2.135	2.094	2.164	-3.2
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	23.637	24.078	23.320	+3.3
Brandy, bottle	70cl	29.845	29.137	30.353	-4.0
Vodka, bottle	70cl	20.781	20.615	20.901	-1.4
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	17.612	17.668	17.572	+0.5
Sherry, bottle	75cl	11.925	11.782	12.027	-2.0
Wine, fine quality	75cl	15.857	15.996	15.757	+1.5
Wine, table	75cl	8.996	9.093	8.927	+1.9

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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	3.668	3.849	3.538	+8.8
Draught lager	1/2 pint	2.379	2.561	2.249	+13.9
Draught lager	1 pint	4.032	4.298	3.842	+11.9
Draught ale	1 pint	3.717	3.907	3.580	+9.1
Bottled lager	330ml	4.060	4.298	3.890	+10.5
Bottled cider	330ml	4.226	4.484	4.041	+11.0
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	3.407	3.530	3.319	+6.4
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	3.976	4.039	3.930	+2.8
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	3.457	3.582	3.368	+6.4
Tobacco					
Filtered, standard size	20	6.316	6.337	6.302	+0.6
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL					
Cinema	fee	7.796	8.593	7.224	+19.0
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	34.441	37.714	32.090	+17.5
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	1.171	1.165	1.175	-0.9
Autodiesel	1 litre	1.128	1.124	1.130	-0.5
OVERALL AVERAGE³					+3.5
AVERAGE EXCLUDING DRINKS OUT					+0.3

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

²Dublin v Outside Dublin = Comparison of Dublin to Outside Dublin average prices. A plus indicates that the average price for Dublin for the given item (as recorded for the May 2006 CPI) is higher than the average price Outside Dublin

³The overall average in this case is a weighted average of the differences for the 73 items. The weightings used are the item weights from the Consumer Price Index.

Table 4 Average Price Comparison - May 2005, November 2005 and May 2006

National Average Price Product Listing	Unit of Measurement	Area Average Prices - Dublin			Area Average Prices - Outside Dublin			Dublin v Outside Dublin ¹		
		(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	(%) May-05	(%) Nov-05	(%) May-06
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES										
Beef										
Round Steak	1kg	8.192	8.586	+4.8	8.560	9.003	+5.2	-4.7	-4.3	-4.6
Sirloin Steak	1kg	11.379	12.141	+6.7	11.953	12.980	+8.6	-3.9	-4.8	-6.5
Striploin Steak	1kg	17.064	18.601	+9.0	17.563	18.959	+7.9	+3.0	-2.8	-1.9
Roast Beef - Topside/Rib	1kg	7.955	8.980	+12.9	8.306	8.773	+5.6	+0.9	-4.2	+2.4
Sliced/Diced Beef Pieces	1kg	7.928	8.153	+2.8	7.291	7.838	+7.5	+8.3	+8.7	+4.0
Lamb										
Whole leg	1kg	9.715	11.769	+21.1	9.847	10.298	+4.6	+2.9	-1.3	+14.3
Loin chops	1kg	14.538	18.527	+27.4	14.712	17.240	+17.2	+4.3	-1.2	+7.5
Gigot chops	1kg	9.671	11.289	+16.7	9.645	11.185	+16.0	+4.8	+0.3	+0.9
Liver	1kg	5.472	5.230	-4.4	5.370	5.378	+0.1	+2.4	+1.9	-2.8
Pork										
Fillet/Half Leg	1kg	5.626	6.614	+17.6	7.087	7.379	+4.1	-7.8	-20.6	-10.4
Roast Loin	1kg	9.666	9.333	-3.4	8.549	8.810	+3.1	+12.3	+13.1	+5.9
Loin chops	1kg	8.857	9.079	+2.5	8.813	8.877	+0.7	+1.9	+0.5	+2.3
Steak	1kg	10.731	12.061	+12.4	11.223	11.583	+3.2	+2.5	-4.4	+4.1
Bacon										
Best back rashers	1kg	12.483	12.560	+0.6	10.926	10.676	-2.3	+10.5	+14.3	+17.6
Ham fillet	1kg	8.231	7.752	-5.8	8.278	7.963	-3.8	+3.9	-0.6	-2.7
Collar	1kg	6.388	6.568	+2.8	5.742	5.974	+4.0	+0.9	+11.3	+9.9
Other Meat										
Cooked ham	1kg	16.912	17.201	+1.7	15.554	15.978	+2.7	+8.7	+8.7	+7.7
Pork sausages	1kg	5.295	5.455	+3.0	5.357	5.652	+5.5	-1.1	-1.2	-3.5

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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-05	(€) May-06	% Change	(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	May-05	(%) Nov-05	May-06
Fresh Fish										
Fillets of whiting	1kg	6.982	8.225	+17.8	7.347	8.389	+14.2	-11.8	-5.0	-2.0
Cod fillets	1kg	14.788	15.947	+7.8	13.868	15.344	+10.6	-0.3	+6.6	+3.9
Salmon Steak	1kg	13.460	14.368	+6.7	12.265	12.812	+4.5	+8.5	+9.7	+12.1
Fillets of plaice	1kg	18.118	17.208	-5.0	15.236	15.969	+4.8	+7.5	+18.9	+7.8
Smoked Fish										
Smoked Salmon	1kg	26.092	28.285	+8.4	23.948	28.188	+17.7	+4.1	+9.0	+0.3
Fresh Vegetables										
Potatoes	2.5kg	3.639	3.574	-1.8	3.275	3.394	+3.6	+20.2	+11.1	+5.3
Potatoes	10kg	6.351	7.052	+11.0	6.452	7.148	+10.8	+3.1	-1.6	-1.3
Tomatoes	1kg	2.412	2.767	+14.7	2.262	2.592	+14.6	-2.8	+6.6	+6.8
Onions	1kg	1.220	1.162	-4.8	1.168	1.124	-3.8	+5.3	+4.5	+3.4
Broccoli	1kg	3.258	3.782	+16.1	3.047	3.623	+18.9	+8.4	+6.9	+4.4
Carrots	1kg	1.246	1.267	+1.7	1.221	1.320	+8.1	+1.0	+2.0	-4.0
Mushrooms	1kg	3.893	4.330	+11.2	3.629	4.041	+11.4	+4.2	+7.3	+7.2
Fresh Fruit										
Grapes	1kg	5.553	5.307	-4.4	5.396	5.441	+0.8	+20.3	+2.9	-2.5
Bananas	1kg	1.249	1.262	+1.0	1.376	1.390	+1.0	-3.3	-9.2	-9.2
Milk										
Fresh, pasteurised full fat	1 litre	0.789	0.815	+3.3	0.878	0.881	+0.3	-9.5	-10.1	-7.5
Fresh, pasteurised low fat	1 litre	0.810	0.848	+4.7	0.900	0.911	+1.2	-12.9	-10.0	-6.9
Irish cheddar cheese										
	1kg	9.563	9.732	+1.8	9.595	9.915	+3.3	-2.8	-0.3	-1.8
Butter										
	1 lb	1.757	1.747	-0.6	1.857	1.879	+1.2	-6.5	-5.4	-7.0
Eggs										
Large (grade 2)	Dozen	2.908	2.988	+2.8	2.739	2.830	+3.3	+9.0	+6.2	+5.6
Standard (grade 3)	Dozen	2.411	2.485	+3.1	2.215	2.351	+6.1	+6.1	+8.8	+5.7

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		(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	May-05	(%) Nov-05	May-06
Bread										
White, sliced (large)	800g	1.029	1.076	+4.6	1.138	1.166	+2.5	-10.3	-9.6	-7.7
Brown, sliced (large)	800g	1.167	1.231	+5.5	1.292	1.333	+3.2	-10.7	-9.7	-7.7
Flour										
White, plain	2kg	1.225	1.235	+0.8	1.406	1.423	+1.2	-8.1	-12.9	-13.2
White, self-raising	2kg	1.202	1.233	+2.6	1.432	1.447	+1.0	-9.0	-16.1	-14.8
Brown, wholemeal	2kg	1.429	1.451	+1.5	1.460	1.474	+1.0	-4.1	-2.1	-1.6
White Granulated Sugar	1kg	1.064	1.058	-0.6	1.075	1.095	+1.9	-2.8	-1.0	-3.4
Tea Bags	80	2.487	2.513	+1.0	2.530	2.608	+3.1	+2.3	-1.7	-3.6
Spaghetti	500g	0.833	0.851	+2.2	1.035	1.032	-0.3	-6.6	-19.5	-17.5
Preserves										
Jam	1 lb	1.562	1.575	+0.8	1.657	1.701	+2.7	-5.1	-5.7	-7.4
Marmalade	1 lb	1.653	1.687	+2.1	1.687	1.721	+2.0	-4.1	-2.0	-2.0
Orange Juice	1 litre	1.674	1.625	-2.9	1.449	1.546	+6.7	+5.3	+15.5	+5.1
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO										
Drink Taken Home										
Stout (6-pack)	6 x 250ml	6.676	6.590	-1.3	6.459	6.518	+0.9	+2.1	+3.4	+1.1
Lager, single can	500ml	1.732	1.702	-1.7	1.735	1.714	-1.2	-2.2	-0.2	-0.7
Cider, can	500ml	2.051	2.094	+2.1	2.166	2.164	-0.1	-4.4	-5.3	-3.2
Whiskey, bottle	70cl	23.882	24.078	+0.8	23.604	23.320	-1.2	-0.2	+1.2	+3.3
Brandy, bottle	70cl	28.929	29.137	+0.7	29.007	30.353	+4.6	+0.3	-0.3	-4.0
Vodka, bottle	70cl	20.338	20.615	+1.4	20.245	20.901	+3.2	+1.2	+0.5	-1.4
Cream liqueur, bottle	70cl	17.251	17.668	+2.4	17.457	17.572	+0.7	-2.0	-1.2	+0.5
Sherry, bottle	75cl	11.200	11.782	+5.2	11.137	12.027	+8.0	-1.3	+0.6	-2.0
Wine, fine quality	75cl	15.934	15.996	+0.4	15.575	15.757	+1.2	-0.7	+2.3	+1.5
Wine, table	75cl	9.088	9.093	+0.1	8.983	8.927	-0.6	+3.9	+1.2	+1.9

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		(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	(€) Nov-05	(€) May-06	% Change	(%) May-05	(%) Nov-05	(%) May-06
Drinks Out										
Draught stout	1 pint	3.790	3.849	+1.6	3.507	3.538	+0.9	+7.9	+8.1	+8.8
Draught lager	1/2 pint	2.493	2.561	+2.7	2.219	2.249	+1.4	+13.4	+12.3	+13.9
Draught lager	1 pint	4.233	4.298	+1.5	3.810	3.842	+0.8	+11.8	+11.1	+11.9
Draught ale	1 pint	3.841	3.907	+1.7	3.543	3.580	+1.0	+8.5	+8.4	+9.1
Bottled lager	330ml	4.240	4.298	+1.4	3.863	3.890	+0.7	+9.0	+9.8	+10.5
Bottled cider	330ml	4.447	4.484	+0.8	4.016	4.041	+0.6	+9.2	+10.7	+11.0
Whiskey, single measure	1/2 glass	3.473	3.530	+1.6	3.315	3.319	+0.1	+5.0	+4.8	+6.4
Brandy, single measure	1/2 glass	3.983	4.039	+1.4	3.926	3.930	+0.1	+1.2	+1.5	+2.8
Vodka, single measure	1/2 glass	3.539	3.582	+1.2	3.358	3.368	+0.3	+6.3	+5.4	+6.4
Tobacco										
Filtered, standard size	20	6.274	6.337	+1.0	6.241	6.302	+1.0	+0.7	+0.5	+0.6
SERVICES AND MOTOR FUEL										
Cinema	fee	8.514	8.593	+0.9	7.043	7.224	+2.6	+18.7	+20.9	+19.0
Ladies' wash, cut and blow dry	fee	35.648	37.714	+5.8	31.433	32.090	+2.1	+15.2	+13.4	+17.5
Unleaded petrol	1 litre	1.085	1.165	+7.4	1.103	1.175	+6.5	-1.1	-1.6	-0.9
Autodiesel	1 litre	1.090	1.124	+3.1	1.102	1.130	+2.5	-0.8	-1.1	-0.5
OVERALL AVERAGE²								+3.2	+3.1	+3.5
AVERAGE EXCLUDING DRINKS OUT								+0.3	+0.2	+0.3

¹ Dublin v Outside Dublin = Comparison of Dublin to Outside Dublin average prices. A plus indicates that the average price for Dublin for the given item (as recorded for the May 2006

CPI) is higher than the average price Outside Dublin

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