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# Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services: 2019

The review process for the items making up the inflation basket used to calculate the UK consumer price inflation indices and how and why the various items in the basket are chosen.

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# 1 . Introduction

The “shopping baskets” of items used in compiling the various measures of UK consumer price inflation are reviewed each year. Some items are taken out of the baskets and some are brought in to make sure the measures are up-to-date and representative of consumer spending patterns. In 2019, 16 items have been added to the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers’ housing costs (CPIH) and Consumer Prices Index (CPI) baskets, 10 items have been removed and 16 have been modified.

This article describes the review process and explains how and why the various items in the consumer price inflation baskets are chosen. The contents of the baskets for 2019 are summarised in [Annexes A and B](#), and the main changes from the 2018 price collection are discussed in this article. [Similar articles](#) have been published in previous years.

The following are the measures of consumer price inflation covered in the article.

## CPIH

The most comprehensive measure of consumer price inflation, which extends the CPI to include owner occupiers’ housing costs (OOH) and Council Tax. Aside from these two components, CPIH is identical to CPI.

## CPI

A measure produced to international standards and in line with European regulations. First published in 1997 as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), the CPI is the inflation measure used for the Bank of England’s inflation target.

## Retail Prices Index (RPI)

A legacy measure that we continue to publish in accordance with the [Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007](#) and because of its use in long-term contracts and index-linked gilts. The Retail Prices Index and its derivatives were assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics in 2013 and found not to meet the required standard for designation as a [National Statistic](#). [Shortcomings of the Retail Prices Index as a measure of inflation](#) describes the issues with the RPI.

This article also summarises one other methodological change this is to the “weight updating” procedure for CPIH and CPI, and follows on from the introduction of an extra level of detail in March 2017. This is described in Section 6, Other change, with links to more detailed articles on the subject.

# 2 . The shopping basket

Consumer price inflation is the rate at which the prices of goods and services bought by households rise or fall. A convenient way of thinking about this is to imagine a very large “shopping basket” containing those goods and services bought by households. As the prices of the various items in the basket change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in consumer price inflation indices represent the changing cost of the shopping basket.

In principle, the basket should contain all consumer goods and services purchased by households and the prices measured in every shop or outlet that supplies them. In practice, the consumer price indices are calculated by collecting a sample of prices for a selection of representative goods and services in a range of UK retail locations including the internet.

Currently, around 180,000 separate price quotations are collected every month in compiling the indices, covering around 700 representative consumer goods and services. These prices are collected in around 140 locations across the UK, from the internet and over the phone. In addition, around 300,000 quotes are used in measuring owner occupiers' housing costs each month. This measure is based principally on data from administrative sources.

Within each year, the consumer price indices represent the changing cost of a basket of goods and services of fixed composition, quantity and quality. In practice, this is achieved by:

- keeping the sample of representative goods and services constant
- applying a fixed set of weights to price changes for each of the items such that their influence on the overall index reflects their importance in the typical household budget
- taking care to ensure that replacements for brands that are no longer stocked in an individual shop are of comparable quality

In this way, changes in the consumer price indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices and not ongoing variations in the quality and quantity of items purchased by consumers.

Although kept constant within year, the contents of the consumer price inflation basket of goods and services and their associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases that might otherwise develop over time – for example, due to the development of entirely new goods and services, or the tendency for consumers to move away from buying goods and services whose prices have risen relatively rapidly to goods and services whose prices have fallen. As an example, if the price of tea rose dramatically during one year, consumers might switch their spending towards coffee, making it necessary to adjust the expenditure weights accordingly in the following year.

These procedures also help to ensure that the indices reflect longer-term trends in consumer spending patterns. For example, the proportion of household expenditure devoted to services has broadly risen overall over the last 25 years, with the main increase in the years to 2003. This is reflected both in an increasing weight for this component in the consumer price indices and the addition of new items in the basket to improve measurement of price changes in this area: examples include playgroup and nanny fees.

Changes to the items and their associated item weights are introduced in the February index each year, but prices are collected for both old and new items in January. This means that the figures for each year can be "chain-linked" together to form a long-run price index spanning many years. In other words, price changes between December and January are based on the old basket, while price changes between January and February, and beyond, are based on the new basket. This procedure ensures that the annual changes to the basket do not introduce a discontinuity in prices as measured by the indices.

[Consumer price indices, a brief guide: 2017](#) provides a helpful introduction to the concepts and procedures underpinning the compilation of the consumer price indices. These are described in much greater detail in [Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual](#) and [CPIH Compendium](#).

In reality, the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) and Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation baskets differ because CPIH includes a measure of owner occupiers' housing costs and Council Tax that are excluded from CPI. Both the CPIH and CPI baskets contain some items excluded from the Retail Prices Index (RPI) basket such as university accommodation fees and unit trust commissions. Similarly, the RPI basket contains some items (for example, estate agent fees) that are excluded from the CPIH and CPI baskets. The precise weights attached to the individual items also differ. The differences between the inflation measures are discussed in [Users and uses of consumer price inflation statistics](#).

## 3 . Representative items

There are some individual goods and services where typical household spending is so large that they merit inclusion in the baskets in their own right: examples include petrol and electricity supply. However, it would be impractical to measure price changes of every item bought by every household in compiling the consumer price indices.

More commonly, a sample of specific goods and services has to be selected that gives a reliable measure of price movements for a broader range of similar items. For example, price changes for garden spades might be considered representative of price changes for other garden tools. The selection of these representative items is judgmental due to the significant difficulties involved in defining an adequate sampling frame, that is, a list of all the individual goods and services bought by households. This restricts the use of traditional random sampling methods when choosing the representative items.

For each product grouping, a number of items are selected whose price movements, when taken together, provide a good estimate of the overall change in prices for the group. For example, there are around 20 representative items in the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) "furniture and furnishings" class, from beds to kitchen units, whose prices are used to calculate an overall estimate of price change for all furniture products.

The prices collected for each product group are then combined to produce the overall consumer price indices, with weights proportional to total expenditure on the entire product group. So the weight given to "furniture and furnishings" in the CPIH shopping basket reflects average household spending on all furniture products as opposed to spending on the basket items only. Similarly, the weight of garden spades would be derived from spending on all garden tools.

These expenditure weights were historically updated annually so that the indices reflected current spending patterns. The weights for CPIH and the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) classes and higher-level aggregates were updated with effect from the January index while Retail Prices Index (RPI) section weights were revised with effect from the February index. The distribution of weights for the more detailed individual item indices within each class or section were also revised each February.

However, from 2017, CPIH and CPI subclass and higher-level aggregate weights have been updated additionally with the February index. This improvement was the result of an independent report; it brings the procedure into line with best practice and helps to better meet EU regulations. [Assessing the impact of methodological improvements on the Consumer Prices Index](#), published on 18 October 2016, describes this change in more detail and analyses the impact. Broadly speaking, over the longer-term, weights for services have increased while those for goods have decreased. A more detailed article on [changes to the published consumer price indices weights for 2019](#) will be published on 18 March 2019.

## 4 . Selecting the representative items

A number of factors need to be taken into account when choosing representative items. Of course, the items must be easy to find by the team of people collecting the price quotes, so ensuring that estimates of price change are based on an adequate number of quotes collected throughout the UK.

Since the consumer price inflation statistics are based on the cost of fixed in-year baskets of goods and services, ideally they should also be available for purchase throughout the year. However, availability of some clothing and garden items is clearly seasonal and so these goods require a slightly different treatment in the indices. For example, prices of patio furniture are only collected during the summer months when the item is mostly found in shops. In winter months, their index is constructed based on the prices of other items in the furniture section of the basket.

The number of items chosen to represent each product group within the indices depends both on the weight (that is, expenditure) of the group and also the variability of price changes between the various items that could be selected to represent the group (reflecting, for example, the diversity of products available). Intuitively, it makes sense to choose more items in product groups where spending is high. This helps to minimise sampling variability in the estimate of price change for high-weighted groups and therefore in the overall price index. However, if price movements of all possible items in the group are very similar, it is sufficient to collect prices for only a few<sup>1</sup>. In contrast, if price movements of all the possible items are very different, prices will be needed for many representative items to get a reliable overall estimate of price change for the group.

Based on this, the allocation of items to broad commodity groups can be analysed, as shown for the 12 divisions of the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) in [Table 1](#), and the balance used as a reference point for the annual review of the baskets. The significant allocation of items to the food division relative to its index weight, for example, is partly explained by the relatively high variation in observed price changes between the individual goods in this area. Conversely, a smaller proportion of items relative to index weight is allocated to the restaurants and hotels division, reflecting greater similarity in observed price changes.

In some cases, such as transport and housing, apparent low allocations of items are explained by the presence of some dominant individual items (for example, car purchase and motor fuels, and owner occupiers' housing costs and housing rents respectively). Here, the case for adding further items to improve coverage of these divisions' remaining index weights is much weaker. Instead, it is far more important to ensure that the sampling of prices for these heavily-weighted items is as comprehensive as possible.

Table 1: Allocation of items to Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) divisions in 2019

	<b>CPIH weight, Jan 2019 (per cent)</b>	<b>Observed variation in price changes<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Representative items<sup>2</sup> (per cent of total)</b>
1 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	8.0	Medium	24
2 Alcohol and tobacco	3.2	Medium	4
3 Clothing and footwear	5.7	Medium	11
4 Housing and household services	29.8	Low	5
5 Furniture and household goods	5.2	Medium	10
6 Health	2.2	Low	3
7 Transport	12.4	Medium	6
8 Communication	2.0	Medium	1
9 Recreation and culture	12.5	Medium	17
10 Education	1.8	Low	1
11 Restaurants and hotels	9.8	Low	7
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	7.4	Medium	11

Source: Office for National Statistics

#### Notes

1. Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 2013 to 2017. [Back to table](#)
2. These figures should be treated as providing only a broad indication of the allocation of items to the 12 CPIH divisions. For example, the sample of prices underpinning an existing item might easily be stratified in some way to form two or more distinct items; conversely, items could be merged to form a single item representing a wider, more heterogeneous, spending category. A specific example of this is the item 'UK university tuition fees'. This is classified as one item but the index takes into account prices for undergraduate, postgraduate and part-time courses. [Back to table](#)

The analysis also helps to highlight those areas of CPIH that might benefit most from improved coverage, for example, where the current allocation of items is broadly comparable with index weight but variation in price changes appears relatively high, possibly reflecting the diversity of goods and services covered. As discussed later in this article, this type of analysis has motivated some of the additions to the baskets in 2019.

Conversely, it also helps to highlight areas where there is scope to remove items from the baskets without any significant loss of precision in the indices. It is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times are contained.

Such analysis cannot tell us which items should be priced and so choosing a particular set of items to represent each area remains a matter of judgement. Consumer price inflation commodity groupings are regularly reviewed with the aim that all significant items or distinct markets where consumers' expenditure exceeds around £400 million annually are explicitly represented in the baskets, except where those items are judged to be adequately represented by other items in the baskets<sup>2</sup>.

Conversely, where spending on items falls below the £100 million mark, there should be good reason for their continuing inclusion in the baskets. For example, while spending on acoustic guitars and power drills is relatively low, both are included in the baskets to represent wider markets (musical instruments and electrical tools respectively) that would otherwise not be covered explicitly. Trends in expenditure, as well as the latest available figures, help to inform the decisions in all cases.

This focus on expenditures in determining the contents of the baskets partly reflects the data that are available describing household spending patterns. One major source of information comes from the diaries and questionnaires filled in by people taking part in the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Living Costs and Food Survey, a continuous survey of around 5,000 households each year. This is supplemented by detailed analyses of trends presented by market research companies, trade journals and in press reports. Changes in the retail environment are also reported to ONS by the price collectors. Together, these various sources of information help to ensure that the goods and services bought by the average household are appropriately represented in the inflation baskets.

It is very important to note that the contents of the baskets and, in particular, changes from one year to the next should not be given significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating consumer price changes. Changes to the baskets will reflect evolving consumer tastes but only over a long run of years. In any particular year, changes to the baskets will reflect a range of considerations such as practical experience in collecting prices, the desire to improve coverage in high-spending areas, or analysis that suggests that estimated price changes could be improved by varying the number or type of representative items collected.

Indeed, within each product grouping there is usually a point at which the exact number and choice of items and the precise weights attached to them become a matter of relatively fine judgement. At this detailed level, it is unlikely that such choices would have any significant impact on the consumer price indices. For example, a selection of specific household appliances has been chosen to represent spending on small electrical goods, including irons and kettles. However, other representations would clearly be possible and equally valid.

It should also be noted that the vast majority of the around 700 representative items remain unchanged in 2019. In total, 16 items have been added to the CPIH basket, 10 items have been removed and 16 items have been modified in a total of 720 items. The modifications usually relate to the type of shop where items are priced.

In summary, selection of representative items is based on several factors, including:

- ease of finding and pricing the product
- availability throughout the year
- amount spent on a particular item or the group of items
- variability of prices within a class
- analysis of balance across the basket

### **Notes for: Selecting the representative items**

1. At the extreme, if price changes for all the possible items that could be selected in a particular group were identical each month, it would be necessary to select only one of the items for inclusion in the basket. Price changes for this one item would be perfectly representative of price changes for the group as a whole.
2. Under European regulations, items should be included in the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) where estimated consumers' expenditure is one part per thousand or more of all expenditure covered by the CPI. Based on household final consumption data underpinning the calculation of the 2019 CPI weights, this is around £1,000 million.

## 5 . Changes to the baskets in 2019

Changes to the baskets of goods and services this year are being introduced with the February 2019 consumer price inflation statistics published on 20 March 2019. The baskets will be updated again at the same time next year.

### Additions

New additions to the baskets in 2019 and those items removed are set out in [Tables 2 and 3](#), together with a summary of the motivation for these changes. As the tables make clear, these motivations are diverse. As in previous years, changes to the baskets in 2019 certainly should not be viewed as a simple indicator of those products or services whose popularity has either grown or fallen significantly over the past year. Most of the changes made this year affect all of the consumer price indices. The exception is a unit trust managers' initial charge item, which has been removed from the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) and the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) but was never included in the Retail Prices Index (RPI).

As in most years, developments in technology influence the basket update and for 2019, a smart speaker, such as the Amazon Echo or Google Home, has been added. This type of equipment has not been covered previously and it ensures the baskets remain representative of the latest technology items that consumers are purchasing.

Aside from new technology, a number of new items have been introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant or growing and existing items in the baskets may not adequately represent price changes for such goods. For example, bakeware has been added reflecting increased expenditure in recent years possibly influenced by the success of various television cookery programmes. Similarly, flavoured teas have been introduced due to their increased popularity shown by the shelf-space devoted to them in stores.

In addition to introducing items to represent distinct sectors or markets, some items have been added to diversify the range of products collected for already established groupings, usually where spending is significant. For example, peanut butter has been introduced to improve coverage of oils and fats. Previously, margarine was the only item in the relevant subclass and its prices tend to be reasonably volatile so the inclusion of peanut butter should help interpretation of the figures. Similarly, an electric toothbrush has been added to improve representation of electrical appliances in the personal care class.

Analysis of the broad balance of the existing sample of representative items across CPIH highlighted a need to improve coverage of price changes in the books class so children's fiction suitable for 6 to 12 years of age has been added. This closes a gap in the coverage of books between illustrated books for infants and teenage literature. This item has been introduced principally as part of the rebalancing of the baskets to improve their representation of overall price change, with other factors such as increased spending or product history only a secondary consideration used in selecting the specific product.

In other cases, new items are direct replacements for similar products with the change made for a variety of reasons. One of these is a change in consumers' buying habits. For example, lounge furniture is increasingly bought as a combination of single items, such as corner units or settees and not in the traditional three-piece suite format. This might partly reflect the various styles of modern housing. As a result, non-leather settees have replaced three-piece non-leather suites in the baskets. Similarly, dinner plates have replaced crockery sets with more people buying crockery items individually than as part of traditional sets.

Other replacements reflect changes in spending patterns. For example, dog treats have been added in place of dry dog food as the balance of spending has shifted between the two. Likewise, washing liquid or gel has been brought in to replace washing powder.

A final type of replacement is where price collection difficulties suggest a change would improve the coverage and quality of price series in specific areas of the baskets. This year, wheel alignment has replaced brake fitting in fast fit centres. Research has found that the new item would be easier for collectors to price and would result in more consistent pricing and better coverage than the old.

In addition to reviewing the specific items in the baskets, the annual update considers the types of shops or places where prices are collected. Popcorn bought at the cinema is already included in the catering services part of the baskets but a new popcorn item has been added, which is priced in shops. Popcorn has attracted increased spending over recent years and its inclusion as a shop-bought item widens the range of products in the bread and cereals class, in particular improving the coverage of snack items. More generally, some items have been added to the price collections in some supermarkets while others have been removed from the collections in other supermarkets, reflecting changes in the product range of these retailers. For example, some items of children's clothing have been added to collections.

Finally, the seasonality of items within the baskets is also reviewed. Previously, prices for packets of seeds were collected only in the first half of the year but from 2019, prices will be collected through to the autumn.

## Removals

As noted earlier, it is important that growth in the overall size of the baskets is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained. A number of items therefore have been removed from the baskets in 2019 to make space for the new additions.

In some cases, this reflects low or decreasing expenditure, such as with the initial charges made by unit trusts to cover start-up costs as many managers no longer apply an initial charge. Although not necessarily decreasing in spend, washing powder and complete dry dog food have been replaced by items that attract larger expenditure, namely washing liquid or gel and dog treats respectively.

Some items have been removed to make way for new additions to the baskets within the same product grouping. This year, the three-piece non-leather suite of furniture and crockery set have been replaced by a non-leather settee and dinner plates respectively. As already described, this reflects changes in consumer buying patterns.

In some cases, a product will remain represented in the baskets even if there is no longer an explicit item. For example, the initial charges made by unit trusts to cover start-up costs mentioned previously have been removed but unit trust fees continue to be represented by the ongoing charges made by managers.

Elsewhere, analysis suggested that there was scope to remove items from certain product groupings without any significant loss of precision in estimates of price changes overall. Within these groupings, those items with relatively low index weights or items that are variants of others have typically been chosen. This year, envelopes have been removed from the miscellaneous printed matter and stationery part of the baskets, in part reflecting the increasing use of new technology for communication. Additionally, a soft drink has been taken out from the canteens section. Many of the prices collected for this item represent vending machine sales, which are covered in a separate item.

Collection issues can influence changes and, as already mentioned, brake fitting at fast fit auto centres has been removed. It has been replaced by wheel alignment, which is easier to price consistently over time and which identifies the service element more clearly, being less dependent on price changes in the parts used.

## 6 . Other change

One other change has already been introduced with the publication of the January index on 13 February 2019. This relates to the calculation of the higher-level weights in the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) and the Consumer Prices Index (CPI).

The change follows on from the introduction in 2017 of an additional “subclass” level of detail in the analysis of these indices, described in [Assessing the impact of methodological improvements on the Consumer Prices Index](#). Essentially, updating the CPIH and CPI higher-level weights involves updating the expenditure used and price-adjusting this expenditure so that it reflects the most recent prices available when the weights are produced. For example, the weights used in compiling the January 2019 indices were based on 2017 expenditure information updated to represent December 2018 prices. More detail on this process is given in [Consumer price inflation, updating weights: 2018](#). From the January 2019 index, the price series used to price-update expenditure has changed to the subclass level of detail first introduced in 2017. Analysis of the change suggests its impact would not be significant at any level of CPIH or CPI.

**Table 2: Additions to the basket in 2019**

<b>CPIH/CPI Class</b>	<b>RPI Section</b>	<b>New Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.1.1 Bread and Cereals	2102 Cereals	Popcorn	New item. This item has been added due to increased spending. Its inclusion widens the range of items in this part of the basket and, in particular, improves coverage of snack items.
1.1.5 Oils and Fats	2114 Oils and Fats	Peanut Butter	New item. This item has been added to reduce the weight of margarine which was the only item in the relevant CPIH/CPI subclass and whose prices tend to be volatile.
1.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	2119 Tea	Flavoured Tea, e.g. Herbal/Fruit	New item. Added to reflect the increased expenditure and shelf-space devoted to flavoured teas more generally.
1.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices	2120 Soft Drinks	Regular Cola Drink, Bottle	The cola flavoured drink has been replaced by a regular cola and a diet/sugar free cola so that differences in price trends, for example following the introduction of the Soft Drinks Industry Levy or "Sugar Tax", can be distinguished.
1.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices	2120 Soft Drinks	Diet/Sugar Free Cola Drink, Bottle	The cola flavoured drink has been replaced by a regular cola and a diet/sugar free cola so that differences in price trends, for example following the introduction of the "Sugar Tax", can be distinguished.
3.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories	5104 Other Clothing	Adult Hat/Cap	New item. Introduced to diversify the range of items within the clothing accessories class and reflects current fashion trends.
5.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings	4301 Furniture	Non-Leather Settee	Replaces a three-piece non-leather suite, reflecting a change in the way in which consumers are buying furniture, namely moving away from purchasing 'suites' in favour of corner units or settees.
5.4.0 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	4304 Other Household Equipment	Bakeware - Baking Tray or Roasting Tin	New item. Added to expand the range of kitchen equipment. It reflects a large increase in expenditure over recent years and the growing popularity in baking at home.
5.4.0 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	4304 Other Household Equipment	Dinner Plate	Replaces a crockery set reflecting a change in consumers' buying habits with more people buying crockery items individually than as part of traditional sets.

5.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods	4305 Household Consumables	Washing Liquid/Gel	Replaces washing powder. Washing Liquid/Gel now attracts higher expenditure than powder, reflected in the different varieties available to consumers and the increased shelf-space in stores.
7.2.3 Maintenance and Repairs	6102 Maintenance of Motor Vehicles	Wheel Alignment	Added to replace brake fitting in fast fit centres. Research conducted found that this item would be easier for collectors to price and would result in more consistent pricing and better coverage.
9.1.1 Equipment for the Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	Portable Speaker eg Bluetooth Speaker	Replaces Hi-Fi to reflect developing technology and improve coverage compared with the hi-fi item which was becoming increasingly difficult to price.
9.1.3 Data Processing Equipment	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	Smart Speaker	New item. Smart speakers, such as Amazon Echo and Google Home, have been added due to increasing popularity and to ensure the basket is representative of the latest technology items that consumers are purchasing.
9.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services	4306 Pet Care	Dog Treats	Added due to the growing popularity of pet treats with dog treats attracting higher expenditure than complete dry dog food which it replaces in the basket.
9.5.1 Books	6304 Books and Newspapers	Child's Fiction Book, 6-12 years old	New item. Books are an under-represented part of the basket and children's fiction suitable for 6-12 years of age has been added to help improve the overall estimate of price movement. This particular product also closes a gap in the coverage of books between illustrated books for infants and teenage literature.
12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care	4303 Electrical Appliances	Electric Toothbrush	New item. Introduced to improve representation of the electrical appliance element of the personal care class.

**Table 3: Items removed from the basket in 2019**

(1. "low weighted" denotes an item with a CPIH weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2018.)

<b>CPIH/CPI Class</b>	<b>RPI Section</b>	<b>Dropped Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices	2120 Soft Drinks	Cola Flavoured Drink	This item is being replaced by two colas - regular and diet/sugar free - to distinguish different price trends following the introduction of the Soft Drinks Industry Levy or "Sugar Tax".
5.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings	4301 Furniture	Three-Piece Non-Leather Suite	Replaced by a non-leather settee to reflect current consumer buying patterns which are moving away from traditional three-piece suites to individual settees and corner units.
5.4.0 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	4304 Other Household Equipment	Crockery Set	This item is being replaced by a dinner plate since crockery items are increasingly sold as singles rather than sets which are now more representative only of the value end of the market.
5.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods	4305 Household Consumables	Washing Powder	Replaced by washing liquid/gel which attracts greater consumer spending than powder.
7.2.3 Maintenance and Repairs	6102 Maintenance of Motor Vehicles	Brake Fitting in Fast Fit Auto Centre	Replaced by wheel alignment due to collection issues for price collectors. The new item identifies the service element more clearly and is not dependent on price changes in the parts used.
9.1.1 Equipment for the Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures	6301 Audio-Visual Equipment	Hi-Fi	Removed due to low coverage and declining consumer spend. This will be replaced by a portable speaker reflecting current trends.
9.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services	4306 Pet Care	Complete Dry Dog Food	Replaced by dog treats which attract higher consumer spending and are part of the growing popularity of pet treats more generally.
9.5.3/4 Miscellaneous Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials	4305 Household Consumables	Envelopes	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket. Envelopes are a low weighted item as a result of the increasing use of new technology for communication.

11.1.2 Canteens	2202 Canteen Meals	Staff Restaurant Soft Drink	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket. The drink was chosen for removal since many of the price quotes reflect vending machine purchases which are covered elsewhere in the basket.
12.6.2 Other Financial Services Not Elsewhere Covered	4402 Fees and Subscriptions	Unit Trust Initial Charge	Removed due to many unit trusts no longer applying an initial charge. Unit trust fees will still be represented in the basket in the form of ongoing charges.

## Annex A: Consumer price indices, CPIH and CPI: representative items in 2019

### 01.1 Food

#### 01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Large wholemeal loaf
Bread rolls	Garlic bread
Flour	Chilled pizza
Rice	Quiche
Pasta	Dehydrated noodles/pasta
Breakfast cereals	Hot oat cereal
Sponge cakes	Doughnuts
Pack of individual cakes	Fruit pies
Cereal bars	Crackers
Various selected biscuits	Popcorn

#### 01.1.2 Meat

##### Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen burgers

##### Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
Leg	

##### Pork

Loin chops	Back bacon
Gammon	Oven-ready joint

##### Chicken

Fresh/chilled whole chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken

##### Other Meats

Pork sausages	Meat pies
Cooked meats - eg ham	Fresh turkey steaks
Canned meats	Frozen chicken nuggets
Chicken kiev	Liver
Continental deli type meat	Meat based snacks

#### 01.1.3 Fish

Fresh white fish fillets	Fresh salmon fillets
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen prawns	Frozen breaded/battered white fish

#### 01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
Flavoured milk	Non-dairy milk drink

Fresh cream  
Chilled pot dessert  
Various sized eggs  
Other regional cheeses  
Parmesan  
Powdered baby formula

Yoghurt  
Fromage frais  
Cheddar - home-produced  
Soft continental cheese  
Cheese spread

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Margarine/low fat spread  
Block butter  
Peanut Butter

Olive oil  
Spreadable butter

01.1.6 Fruit

Cooking apples  
Pears  
Strawberries  
Oranges  
Avocado pears  
Kiwi fruit  
Melon  
Pineapple  
Lemon  
Dried fruit  
Salted/roasted peanuts

Dessert apples  
Bananas  
Grapes  
Small oranges  
Plums  
Grapefruit  
Blueberries  
Raspberries  
Fresh fruit snacking pot  
Canned fruit

01.1.7 Vegetables

Loose and pre-packed potatoes - old, new and baking varieties	
Prepared mashed potato	Frozen chips
Crisps - single and multi-packs	Corn based snacks
Peppers	Fresh tomatoes
Cabbage	Cauliflower
Carrots	Mushrooms
Onions	Lettuce
Cucumbers	Broccoli
Courgettes	Sweet potatoes
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry
Canned baked beans	Canned tomatoes
Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas
Vegetarian burger/grills	Vegetable pickle

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar  
Honey

Jam  
Ice cream

Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere covered)

Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces - eg tomato ketchup, mayonnaise	
Protein powder	

**01.2 Non-Alcoholic Beverages**

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags	Flavoured tea
Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Coffee pods	Hot chocolate drink

01.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Flavoured water
Lemonade	Cola
Various fizzy drinks	Mixer drinks
Energy drinks	

**02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)**

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Rum
Gin	Cream liqueur

02.1.2 Wine

White wine	Red wine
Rose wine	Fortified wine
Sparkling wine	Champagne
Bottled flavoured cider	Canned apple cider

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled lager	Canned stout
Bottled speciality beer/ale	

**02.2 Tobacco**

Selected brand cigarettes	Hand rolling tobacco
Cigars	Electronic cigarette refills/liquid

**03.1 Clothing**

03.1.2 Garments

Men's Clothing

Suit	Coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Jumper	Jeans
Various shirts	T shirts
Tracksuit bottoms	Branded sports sweatshirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt
Underwear	Socks
Man's base layer top	

Women's Clothing

Blouse	Skirt - formal, casual
Dress	Trousers - formal, casual
Jeans	Leggings
Tops	T shirt
Cardigan	Jumper
Coat	Jacket - formal, casual
Rainwear	Shorts
Swimwear	Exercise leggings
Underwear	Tights
Nightwear	

Children's Clothing

Schoolwear - trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt	T shirt
Jeans	Trousers
Girl's leggings	Jacket
Underwear	Socks
Pyjamas	Babygro/sleepsuit

03.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories

Man's tie	Knitting wool
Lady's scarf	Cycle helmet
Hat/Cap	

03.1.4 Cleaning, Repair and Hire of Clothing

Dry-cleaning	Men's clothing hire
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**03.2 Footwear including Repairs**

Shoes - formal, school, casual and fashion	
Boots - formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot	
Training shoes	Sandals

**04.1 Actual Rentals for Housing**

Private furnished and unfurnished rent	Local authority rent
Registered social landlord (RSL) rent	UK holiday accommodation (self-catered)

**04.2 Owner Occupiers' Housing Costs (only in CPIH)**

Imputed rent in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

**04.3 Regular Maintenance and Repair of the Dwelling**

04.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair

Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Varnish	Paint - gloss/emulsion
Ceramic tiles	Shower head
Medium density fibreboard (MDF)	Softwood
Paint brush	

04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

**04.4 Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services for the Dwelling**

04.4.1 Water Supply

Average water charges

04.4.3 Sewerage Collection

Average sewerage and environmental charges

**04.5 Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels**

04.5.1 Electricity

Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

04.5.2 Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs	Butane gas
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04.5.3 Liquid Fuels

Kerosene

04.5.4 Solid Fuels

Coal	Smokeless fuel
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**04.9 Council Tax and Rates (only in CPIH)**

Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain

Average rates bills for households in Northern Ireland

## 05.1 Furniture, Furnishings and Carpets

### 05.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings

Dining furniture - eg table, chairs  
 Bedroom furniture - eg wardrobe, beds, chest of drawers  
 Living room furniture - eg armchair, sofa bed, settees, bookcase, table lamp  
 Kitchen furniture - various kitchen units  
 Office furniture - home office desk  
 Outdoor furniture - patio set  
 Baby/children's furniture - high chair

### 05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings

Selected carpets  
 Rug  
 Laminate floor covering

## 05.2 Household Textiles

Curtains  
 Duvet  
 Bed sheet  
 Fabric roller blind  
 Duvet cover  
 Towels

## 05.3 Household Appliances, Fitting and Repairs

### 05.3.1/2 Major Appliances and Small Electric Appliances

Electric cooker  
 Fridge/freezer  
 Vacuum cleaner  
 Gas Fire  
 Selected small appliances - eg iron, kettle, heater, electric fan  
 Gas cooker  
 Dishwasher  
 Washing machine

### 05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances

Electrical service charges  
 Washing machine repair

## 05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

Kitchen equipment - pans, scissors, plastic food container, bakeware  
 Tableware – dinner plate, cutlery set  
 Glassware - tumbler  
 Flower vase

## 05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden

Battery  
 Lawnmower  
 Power drill  
 Door handle  
 Light bulb  
 Garden spade  
 Screwdriver  
 Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner

**05.6 Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance**

05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods

Washing liquid/gel	Fabric conditioner
Washing-up liquid	Dishwasher tablets
Kitchen roll	Aluminium foil
Household cleaner cream/liquid	Bleach
Bin liners	Clear sticky tape
Woodscrews	

05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic cleaner fees	Window cleaning fees
Nanny fees	

**06.1 Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment**

06.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products

NHS prescription charges	Multi-vitamins tablets
Selected medicines - indigestion tablets, pain killers, cold/flu drink powders, allergy tablets, cough liquid	

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms	Plasters
Spectacle frames with lens	Contact lenses

**06.2 Out-Patient Services**

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Non NHS medical services - physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges	Private dental examination
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**06.3 Hospital Services**

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees  
Nursing home fees

**07.1 Purchase of Vehicles**

07.1.1A New Cars

New cars

07.1.1B Second-Hand Cars

Second-hand cars

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

Motorcycles	Bicycles
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## 07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

### 07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs

### 07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol  
Motor oil

Ultra low sulphur diesel

### 07.2.3 Maintenance and Repairs

Car service  
Exhaust fitting in fast fit auto centre  
Roadside recovery services

Labour charge for vehicle repairs  
Wheel alignment in fast fit auto centre  
Car wash

### 07.2.4 Other Services

MOT test fees  
Driving lesson fees  
Road tolls  
Self-drive car and van hire charges

Vehicle excise duty  
Driving test fees  
Car park charges

## 07.3 Transport Services

### 07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

UK rail fares  
Euro Tunnel fares

London transport fares  
Other underground/metro fares

### 07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares  
Coach fares  
Charge for home removals

Minicab fares  
Taxi fares  
Self-storage fees

### 07.3.3 Passenger Transport by Air

Air fares

### 07.3.4 Passenger Transport by Sea and Inland Waterway

Various ferry and sea fares

## 08.1 Postal Services

Postal charges

## 08.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services

Telephone  
Fixed line telephone charges  
Cost of directory enquiries

Smartphone handset  
Mobile phone charges  
Mobile phone applications

Subscription to the internet  
Bundled communication services

Mobile phone accessory

### 09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

#### 09.1.1 Equipment for the Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

Flat panel televisions	DVD player
Blu-ray disc player	Digital media player
Digital (DAB) radio	Portable speakers
Personal MP4 player	Headphones

#### 09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Action camera	

#### 09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs - desktop and laptop	PC peripherals
Tablet computer	Computer software
Smart speaker	

#### 09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet	
Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet	
Recordable CD	Music downloads
Portable digital storage device	

#### 09.1.5 Repair of Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

Electrical equipment repair charges - eg PC

### 09.2 Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture

#### 09.2.1/2 Major Durables for In/Outdoor Recreation

Caravans	Boats
Acoustic guitar	Livery charges
Water sports equipment - eg windsurfing equipment	

### 09.3 Other Recreational Items, Gardens and Pets

#### 09.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies

Various toys - soft toys, construction toys, model cars, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys	
Child's scooter	Child's sit and ride toy
Board game	Craft kit
Jigsaw	Computer games console
Computer games, including games purchased over the internet	

Computer game downloads

09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open-Air Recreation

Sports equipment - golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots

Sleeping bag

Barbecue

09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers

Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet

Compost

Plant food

Flower delivery

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

Cat and dog food, and dog treats

Wild bird seed

Small pet - eg hamster

Animal cage

Dog kennel boarding fees

Annual booster injection

**09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services**

09.4.1 Recreational and Sporting Services

Fees for leisure evening classes

Private health club/gym membership

Charges for exercise classes

Swimming pool admissions

Ten-pin bowling session

Golf green fees

Football match admissions

Horseracing admissions

Admission to other attractions

Games consoles online subscriptions

Soft play session

09.4.2 Cultural Services

DVD rental/video on demand subscription services

Digital television subscriptions

Rental of various types of television

Television licence

Digital photo processing

Music streaming subscriptions

Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, historic monuments and other cultural events

**09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery**

09.5.1 Books

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books

Reference books

eBooks

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers

Sunday newspapers

Provincial newspapers

Periodicals

09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ballpoint pen

Wrapping paper

Greeting card  
Inkjet cartridge

Printer paper

### 09.6 Package Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays

UK holidays covering a range of accommodation/holiday types but excluding self-catering

### 10.0 Education

Private school fees  
International student fees

Evening classes  
UK university tuition fees

### 11.1 Catering Services

#### 11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

##### Restaurants

Restaurant main course  
Restaurant cup of coffee  
Burger in bun - eat in  
Muffin

Restaurant sweet course  
Pub hot meal  
In store cafeteria meal

##### Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips  
Burger in bun  
Chicken and chips  
Pizza delivery/take-away  
Cinema popcorn  
Tea  
Soft drink

Cooked pastry based savoury snack  
Kebab  
Ethnic take-away  
Sandwich  
Crisps  
Coffee latte  
Vending machine soft drink

##### Beer On Sales

Draught bitter  
Draught stout  
Bottled lager

Draught lager  
Draught/bottled cider

##### Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky  
Wine  
Liqueurs

Vodka  
Spirit based drink  
Mixer

##### Soft Drinks

Fizzy drinks  
Bottled mineral water

Fruit juice

##### Catering

Cost of catering for a function

On board catering

#### 11.1.2 Canteens

Staff restaurant main course

Staff restaurant sandwich

Staff restaurant hot snack

School meals

### 11.2 Accommodation Services

Youth Hostel Association

Halls of residence

Other accommodation services

### 12.1 Personal Care

#### 12.1.1 Hairdressing and Personal Grooming Establishments

Hairdressing fees

Basic manicure

Slimming club fees

#### 12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care

Electrical hair straighteners/tongs

Electric razor

Electric toothbrush

Toothbrush

Toilet roll

Tissues

Disposable nappies

Baby wipes

Tampons

Various cosmetics - face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish, body moisturising lotion

Toiletries - toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap

### 12.3 Personal Effects (not elsewhere covered)

#### 12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches

Watch

Watch battery replacement

Various items of personal jewellery - gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace

#### 12.3.2 Other Personal Effects

Umbrella

Handbag

Luggage - trolley case

Picture/photo frame

Push chair

### 12.4 Social Protection

Residential home fees

In home care assistants' fees

Local authority supported residents in retirement homes

Childminder fees

Nursery fees

Playgroup fees

### 12.5 Insurance

#### 12.5.2 House Contents Insurance

Home contents insurance premiums

Household services maintenance policy

12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance

Subscriptions to private medical plans

Pet insurance

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance

Holiday insurance

**12.6 Financial Services** (not elsewhere covered)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services (not elsewhere covered)

Mortgage arrangement fees

Money transfer fees

Unit trust fees and commissions

Various bank charges - eg overdraft fees

Credit card fees

Stockbrokers' fees

**12.7 Other Services** (not elsewhere covered)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers

Fee for birth and death certificates

Passport fees

Home delivery charges

Surveyors' fee for house valuation

Trade union and professional organization subscriptions

Solicitors' fees - including will drafting fee

Marriage licences

Cost of basic funeral/cremation

Dating agency fees

## Annex B: Retail Prices Index (RPI): representative items in 2019

### Food

#### Bread

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Large wholemeal loaf
Bread rolls	Garlic bread

#### Cereals

Flour	Rice
Pasta	Popcorn
Corn based snacks	Cereal bars
Breakfast cereals	Hot oat cereal

#### Biscuits and Cakes

Various selected biscuits	Doughnuts
Sponge cakes	Pack of individual cakes
Fruit pies	Crackers

#### Beef

Rump steak	Topside
Mince	Frozen beefburgers

#### Home-Killed Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
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#### Imported Lamb

Leg
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#### Pork

Loin chops
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#### Bacon

Gammon	Back
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#### Poultry

Fresh/chilled whole chicken	Fresh chicken breasts
Frozen chicken breasts	Fresh turkey steaks
Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken	

#### Other Meat

Pork sausages	Cooked meats - eg ham
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	Meat pies	Canned meats
	Frozen chicken nuggets	Chicken kiev
	Oven-ready joint	Continental deli type meat
	Liver	Meat based snacks
Fresh Fish		
	White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
	Frozen prawns	
Processed Fish		
	Canned tuna	Fish fingers
	Frozen breaded/battered white fish	
Butter		
	Block butter	Spreadable butter
Oils and Fats		
	Margarine/low fat spread	Olive oil
	Peanut Butter	
Cheese		
	Cheddar - home-produced	Other regional cheeses
	Soft continental cheese	Parmesan
	Cheese spread	
Eggs		
	Various sized eggs	
Milk		
	Full-fat and semi-skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
	Flavoured milk	Non-dairy milk drink
Milk Products		
	Fresh cream	Yoghurt
	Chilled pot dessert	Fromage frais
	Powdered baby formula	
Tea		
	Tea bags	Flavoured tea

Coffee and Other Hot Drinks

Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Coffee pods	Hot chocolate drink

Soft Drinks

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit smoothie
Mineral water	Flavoured water
Lemonade	Cola
Various fizzy drinks	Mixer drinks
Energy drinks	

Sugar and Preserves

Sugar	Jam
Honey	

Sweets and Chocolates

Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates, gum and mints

Unprocessed Potatoes

Loose and pre-packed potatoes - old, new and baking varieties

Potato Products

Crisps - single and multi-packs	Prepared mashed potato
Frozen chips	

Fresh Vegetables

Fresh tomatoes	Cabbage
Cauliflower	Carrots
Mushrooms	Onions
Lettuce	Cucumbers
Courgettes	Sweet potatoes
Broccoli	Peppers
Pre-packed salad	Vegetable stir fry

Processed Vegetables

Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans
Canned sweetcorn	Frozen peas

Fresh Fruit

Cooking apples	Dessert apples
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Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Small oranges
Avocado pears	Plums
Kiwi fruit	Grapefruit
Melon	Blueberries
Pineapple	Raspberries
Lemon	Fresh fruit snacking pot

Processed Fruit

Canned fruit	Salted/roasted peanuts
Dried fruit	

Other Foods

Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces - eg tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, pickle	
Other convenience foods - eg chilled pizzas, dehydrated noodles/pasta	
Quiche	Vegetarian burger/grills
Protein powder	Ice cream

**Catering**

Restaurant Meals

Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meal
In store cafeteria meal	Burger in bun – eat in
Fruit juice	Fizzy drinks
Bottled mineral water	On board catering
Muffin	

Canteen Meals

Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant hot snack	School meals

Take-Aways and Snacks

Fish and chips	Cooked pastry based savoury snack
Burger in bun	Kebab
Chicken and chips	Ethnic take-away
Pizza delivery/take-away	Sandwich
Cinema popcorn	Crisps
Tea	Coffee latte
Soft drink	Vending machine soft drink

**Alcoholic Drink**

Beer On Sales

Draught bitter	Draught lager
Draught stout	Draught/bottled cider
Bottled lager	

Beer Off Sales

Canned lager	Canned bitter
Bottled lager	Canned stout
Bottled flavoured cider	Canned apple cider
Bottled speciality beer/ale	

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Spirit based drink
Liqueurs	Mixer

Wines and Spirits Off Sales

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Rum
Gin	Cream liqueur
White wine	Red wine
Rose wine	Fortified wine
Sparkling wine	Champagne

**Tobacco**

Cigarettes

Selected brands	Electronic cigarette refills/liquids
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Other Tobacco

Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco
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**Housing**

Rent

Private furnished and unfurnished rent	Local authority rent
Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent	

Mortgage Interest Payments

Average interest payments (estimated/modelled)



## Household Goods

### Furniture

Dining furniture - eg table, chairs  
 Bedroom furniture - eg wardrobe, beds, chest of drawers  
 Living room furniture - eg armchair, sofa bed, settees, bookcase, table lamp  
 Kitchen furniture - various kitchen units  
 Office furniture - home office desk  
 Outdoor furniture - patio set  
 Baby/children's furniture - high chair

### Furnishings

Selected carpets	Rug
Laminate floor covering	Fabric roller blind
Curtains	Duvet
Duvet cover	Bed sheet
Towels	

### Electrical Appliances

Electric cooker	Washing machine
Fridge/freezer	Dishwasher
Vacuum cleaner	Telephone
Smartphone handset	
Selected small appliances - eg iron, kettle, heater, electric fan	
Personal appliances - eg electric razor, electric hair straighteners/tongs, electric toothbrush	

### Other Household Equipment

Gas cooker	Gas fire
Kitchen equipment - pans, scissors, plastic food container, bakeware	
Tableware - dinner plate, cutlery set	
Glassware - tumbler	

### Household Consumables

Washing Liquid/Gel	Fabric conditioner
Washing-up liquid	Dishwasher tablets
Kitchen roll	Aluminium foil
Toilet roll	Bin liners
Household cleaner cream/liquid	Bleach
Light bulb	Battery
Ballpoint pen	Wrapping paper
Greeting card	Printer paper
Inkjet cartridge	Clear sticky tape

Pet Care

Cat and dog food, and dog treats	Wild bird seed
Small pet - eg hamster	Animal cage
Dog kennel boarding fees	Annual booster injection

**Household Services**

Postage

Postal charges

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges	Mobile phone charges
Cost of directory enquiries	Mobile phone applications
Subscription to the internet	Bundled communication services

Domestic Services

Domestic cleaner fees	In home care assistants' fees
Childminder fees	Nanny fees
Playgroup fees	Window cleaning fees
Dry-cleaning charges	Driving lesson fees
Home delivery charges	Charge for home removals
Self-storage fees	Electrical service charges
Various electrical equipment repair charges - eg washing machine, PC	
Cost of catering for a function	Watch battery replacement
Men's clothing hire	

Fees and Subscriptions

Trade union and professional organisation subscriptions	
Estate agents' fees	Charge for home buyers' survey
House conveyancing fees	Surveyors' fee for house valuation
Home contents insurance premiums	Pet insurance
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fees	Various bank charges - eg overdraft fees
Money transfer fees	Credit card fees
Private school fees	UK university tuition fees
Evening classes	Solicitors' fees - including will drafting
Dating agency fees	Cost of basic funeral/cremation
Driving test fees	Nursery fees
Mortgage arrangement fees	Household services maintenance policy
Charges for advertisements in newspapers	

**Clothing and Footwear**

Men's Outerwear

Suit	Coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Jumper	Jeans
Various shirts	T shirts
Tracksuit bottoms	Branded sports sweatshirt
Shorts	Replica football team shirt

Women's Outerwear

Blouse	Skirt - formal, casual
Dress	Trousers - formal, casual
Jeans	Leggings
Tops	T shirt
Cardigan	Jumper
Coat	Jacket - formal, casual
Rainwear	Shorts
Swimwear	Exercise leggings

Children's Outerwear

Schoolwear - trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt	T shirt
Jeans	Trousers
Girl's leggings	Jacket
Babygro/sleepsuit	

Other Clothing

Underwear - eg pants and bra	Man's base layer top
Tights	Socks
Nightwear - eg nightdress/pyjamas	Knitting wool
Man's tie	Lady's scarf
Hat/cap	

Footwear

Shoes - formal, school, casual and fashion	
Boots - formal, fashion and walking/hiking boot	
Training shoes	Sandals

**Personal Goods and Services**

Personal Articles

Umbrella	Handbag
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Watch	Spectacle frames with lens
Contact lenses	Luggage - trolley case
Flower vase	Picture/photo frame
Wall hanging mirror	Mobile phone accessory
Various items of personal jewellery - gold chain, solid gold ring, diamond solitaire ring, sterling silver earrings, fashion earrings, fashion necklace	

Chemists' Goods

NHS prescription charges	Multi-vitamins tablets
Condoms	Tampons
Disposable nappies	Tissues
Baby wipes	Toothbrush
Selected medicines and surgical goods - indigestion tablets, pain killers, cold/flu drink powders, plasters, allergy tablets, cough liquid	
Toiletries - toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, hair conditioner, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream/lotion, liquid soap	
Various cosmetics - face cream, perfume, mascara, liquid foundation, lip gloss, nail varnish, body moisturising lotion	

Personal Services

Hairdressing charges	Basic manicure
Subscriptions to private medical plans	Private surgery fees
Private dental examination	NHS dental charges
Dental insurance	Residential and nursing home fees
Non NHS medical services - physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine	
Slimming club fees	Flower delivery

**Motoring Expenditure**

Purchase of Motor Vehicles

New cars	Second-hand cars
Motorcycles	Caravans

Maintenance of Motor Vehicles

Car service	Labour charge for vehicle repairs
Exhaust fitting in fast fit auto centre	Wheel alignment in fast fit auto centre
Roadside recovery services	Car wash
MOT test fees	
Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres, bulbs	

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur petrol	Ultra low sulphur diesel
Motor oil	

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty

Vehicle insurance

**Fares and Other Travel Costs**

Rail Fares

UK rail fares

London transport fares

Euro Tunnel fares

Other underground/metro fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Bus fares

Coach fares

Other Travel Costs

Taxi fares

Minicab fares

Self-drive car and van hire charges

Road tolls

Other means of transport - eg bicycles, boats

Car park charges

Cycle helmet

Push chair

Air fares

Various ferry and sea fares

**Leisure Goods**

Audio-Visual Equipment

Flat panel televisions

DVD player

Blu-ray disc player

Digital media player

Digital (DAB) radio

Portable speakers

Personal MP4 player

Headphones

PCs - desktop and laptop

PC peripherals

Tablet computer

Smart speaker

CDs and Tapes

CDs, including CDs purchased over the internet

Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the internet

Pre-recorded Blu-ray discs, including discs purchased over the internet

Recordable CD

Computer software

Music downloads

Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods

Various toys - soft toys, construction toys, model cars, activity toys, dolls, electronic educational toys

Board game

Jigsaw

Child's sit and ride toy

Child's scooter

Computer games, including games purchased over the internet

Computer game downloads	Computer games console
Digital compact camera	Interchangeable lens digital camera
Action camera	Digital photo processing
Portable digital storage device	Acoustic guitar
Barbecue	Sleeping bag
Craft kit	
Sports equipment - golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots	
Water sports equipment - eg windsurfing equipment	

#### Books and Newspapers

Adult, teenage and children's fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books	
Reference books	eBooks
National daily newspapers	Sunday newspapers
Provincial newspapers	Periodicals

#### Gardening Products

Compost	Plant food
Lawnmower	Garden spade
Selected varieties of plants, cut flowers, seeds and including flowers purchased over the internet	

### Leisure Services

#### Television Licences and Rentals

Digital television subscriptions	Rental of various types of television
Television licence	
DVD rental/video on demand subscription services	

#### Entertainment and Other Recreation

Fees for leisure evening classes	Charges for exercise classes
Private health club/gym membership	Livery charges
Ten-pin bowling session	Golf green fees
Games consoles online subscription services	Music streaming subscriptions
Soft play session	
Admission to cinemas, theatres, live music, football matches, horse racing, historic monuments, swimming pools and other attractions	

#### Foreign Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays
Holiday insurance

UK Holidays

Youth Hostel Association

UK holidays covering a range of accommodation and holiday types