

CityData

The city-by-city guide to product prices and business costs worldwide

CityData contains pricing information on more than 160 products and services in 140 cities worldwide. You can check everything from the cost of a loaf of bread in Adelaide to the average electricity bill of a local family in Zurich. Or from the cost of office rents in New Delhi to disposable income levels in New York.

Price information is collected twice a year and annual historical data is available from 1990.

How can CityData help you?

- Support your market entry strategy.
- Assess price stability in economies around the world.
- Analyse price patterns for goods and services back to 1990.
- Plan your regional office budgets.
- Compare the costs of doing business worldwide.
- Create a price index for the goods and services of your choice.

What functionality does CityData provide?

- Download the data straight to your desktop in a variety of formats.
- Access all our data on a particular city to gain a complete picture of its price levels and business costs.
- Compare series across as many countries and cities as you like by converting prices into a base currency.
- Sort and rank the data by value.
- Dynamically plot the data as bar charts, line graphs or pie charts.

What prices are provided?

CityData provides more than 330 price levels gathered from both supermarkets and mid-priced stores. The prices are broken down as follows:

National economic indicators

Average inflation rate, consumer price index and average exchange rate.

Food

Staples: white bread, butter, margarine, white rice, spaghetti, flour, sugar, cheese, cornflakes, yoghurt, milk, olive oil, and peanut or corn oil.

Fresh fruits and vegetables: potatoes, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, carrots, oranges, apples, lemons, bananas, lettuce and eggs.

Canned food: peas, tomatoes, peaches and sliced pineapples.

Meat and fish: beef, veal, lamb, pork, ham, bacon, chicken, frozen fish and fresh fish.

Beverages: instant coffee, ground coffee, tea bags, cocoa, drinking chocolate, Coca-Cola, tonic water, mineral water and orange juice.

Alcohol

Wine, beer, scotch whisky, gin, vermouth, cognac and liqueur.

Household supplies

Soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, insect-killer spray, light bulbs, batteries, frying pan, electric toaster, laundry and dry cleaning.

Personal care

Aspirins, razor blades, toothpaste, facial tissues, hand lotion, shampoo & conditioner, lipstick and haircuts.

Tobacco

Marlboro cigarettes, local cigarettes and pipe tobacco.

Clothing

Men's: business suit, shirt and shoes, raincoat and wool mixture socks.

Women's: daytime dress, town shoes, cardigan, raincoat, and tights or panty hose.

Children's: jeans, dress shoes, sportswear shoes, girl's dress, boy's dress jacket and boy's dress trousers.

Utilities

Telephone rental and call charges, average gas bill, average electricity bill, average water bill and average heating oil costs.

Domestic help

Domestic cleaning rates, maid's monthly wages and babysitter's hourly rate.

Recreation

Compact disc album, colour TV, personal computer, colour film, colour picture development, foreign and local newspapers, international weekly news magazine, paperbacks, three-course dinner, and cinema and theatre seats.

Transport

Car prices: low-priced car, compact car, family car and deluxe car.

Car maintenance: yearly road tax or registration, tune-up, car insurance and regular unleaded petrol.

Taxi prices: initial meter charge, additional kilometre and airport to city centre rates.

Office and residential rents

Office rent in US dollars and euros, typical lease term, industrial rents, rents for furnished residential apartments, unfurnished residential apartments, furnished residential houses and unfurnished residential houses.

Schools, health and sports

International schools: tuition fees, extra costs and kindergarten at French, German and American/English schools.

Health and sports: routine check-up, dentist visit, greens fees on public golf course, hourly rate for tennis court, six tennis balls and entrance fee to public swimming pool.

Business trip costs

Typical daily cost of a business trip, hotel charge, hire car costs, meal prices, fast-food snack, regular unleaded petrol, taxi rates, international and local newspapers, international weekly news magazine and seat at cinema.

Disposable income

Disposable income levels breakdown per city.

Where does CityData get its data?

The prices in CityData are collected twice a year by Economist Intelligence Unit researchers. Prices are gathered from both supermarkets and mid-priced stores, so different types of distribution channels can be compared. The prices are not recommended retail prices or manufacturers' costs—they reflect what the paying customer is charged. All of the data are checked by an editorial team in London to ensure accuracy and consistency.

Which cities does CityData cover?

Abidjan, Abu Dhabi, Adelaide, Al Khobar, Algiers, Almaty, Amman, Amsterdam, Asunción, Athens, Atlanta, Auckland, Bahrain, Baku, Bandar Seri Begawan, Bangkok, Barcelona, Beijing, Belgrade, Berlin, Bogotá, Boston, Bratislava, Brisbane, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Calgary, Caracas, Casablanca, Chicago, Cleveland, Colombo, Copenhagen, Dakar, Dalian, Damascus, Detroit, Dhaka, Doha, Douala, Dubai, Dublin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Geneva, Guangzhou, Guatemala City, Hamburg, Hanoi, Harare, Helsinki, Ho Chi Minh, Hong Kong, Honolulu, Houston, Istanbul, Jakarta, Jeddah, Johannesburg, Karachi, Kathmandu, Kiev, Kuala Lumpur, Kuwait, Lagos, Lexington, Lima, Lisbon, London, Los Angeles, Lusaka, Luxembourg, Lyon, Madrid, Manchester, Manila, Melbourne, Mexico City, Miami, Milan, Minneapolis, Montevideo, Montreal, Moscow, Mumbai, Munich, Muscat, Nairobi, New Delhi, New York, Nouméa, Osaka, Oslo, Panama City, Paris, Perth, Phnom Penh, Pittsburgh, Port Moresby, Prague, Pretoria, Qingdao, Quito, Reykjavík, Rio de Janeiro, Riyadh, Rome, San Francisco, San Jose, San Juan, Santiago, São Paulo, Seattle, Seoul, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Singapore, Sofia, St Petersburg, Stockholm, Suzhou, Sydney, Taipei, Tashkent, Tehran, Tel Aviv, Tianjin, Tokyo, Toronto, Tripoli, Tunis, Vancouver, Vienna, Warsaw, Washington DC, Wellington, Zurich

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