



An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh
Central Statistics Office

information notice

Consumer Price Index

Special Inquiries

In addition to the 50,000 prices collected directly in shops and businesses on a monthly basis, there are 128 special inquiries conducted as part of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). On average, over 3,000 price quotations are collected each month from these inquiries. They account for the price trends of approximately 49.4% of the basket of goods and services in the CPI.

Inquiries are surveyed on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. 25 inquiries are conducted every month, 75 on a quarterly basis and 28 once a year. Annual inquiries generally reflect prices that typically change only once a year. The timing of these annual inquiries normally coincides with the period when price changes are expected. However, if the CSO becomes aware of a price change that is due to occur before the scheduled survey date, this change is included in the index as soon as possible. By and large the same criteria are used for selecting the reference months for quarterly inquiries.

A full listing of the inquiries where prices are collected by post, e-mail, telephone and from the internet is given in the following pages. They have been ordered into monthly, quarterly and annual frequency. The actual months in which the inquiries are undertaken are also indicated.

The current basket of goods and services consists of 634 representative items which were predominantly selected as part of the December 2011 rebase. The exception was two new items, water supply and sewage collection, which were introduced in January 2015.

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Monthly Inquiries

Filename	Jan-Dec (incl.)
Air fares	-
Boat fares	-
Car rental	-
Computers	-
Computer accessories	-
Financial services	-
Guest houses & B&Bs	-
Health insurance	-
Home heating oil	-
Hotels	-
House insurance - contents (service)	-
House insurance - contents (non-service)	-
House insurance - dwelling	-
Mortgage interest	-
Motor car insurance (service)	-
Motor car insurance (non-service)	-
Motor cars (new)	-
Motor cars (second-hand)	-
Motor cycles	-
Motor cycle insurance	-
Newspapers	-
Package holidays	-
Private rents	-
Telephone equipment	-
Telephone services - mobile	-

Quarterly Inquiries

Filename	Months			
Building Energy Rating (BER) assessment fees	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Bundled telephone & internet services	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Cable & satellite TV services	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Canteens	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Childcare	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Chimney sweep	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Coal	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Dress hire - morning & evening suits	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Furniture removal	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Hospital charges	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Internet services	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Miscellaneous goods & services	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Musical instruments	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Music downloads	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Nursing homes	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct

Quarterly Inquiries - continued

Opticians fees	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Other licences	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Other vehicle costs	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Physiotherapists fees	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Playschools	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Puncture repair	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Rail catering	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Spectacles & contact lenses	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Third level accommodation	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Toll charges	Jan	Apr	Jul	Oct
Alternative & complementary medicine	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Bus fares	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Car maintenance	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Commuter tickets	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Computer repairs	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Dentists fees	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Dentures	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Driving lessons	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Electrical repairs	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Funeral services	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Garden furniture	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
General practitioners fees	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Hostels	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Motor car tyres	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Other motor car parts	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Prescribed drugs (oral)	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Prescribed drugs (non-oral)	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Rail fares	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Specialist fees	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Sports admittance	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Sports participation	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Telephone services - landline	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Theatres & concerts	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Tool hire	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Union subscriptions	Feb	May	Aug	Nov
Building materials	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Carpenters services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Carpet cleaning services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Electricians services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Equipment for camping & open-air recreation	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Gardeners services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Health & beauty treatments	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Hearing aids	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Home help & day care services for the elderly	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Kitchen units	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Laundry	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Local authority rents	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Newspaper advertisements	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec

Quarterly Inquiries - continued

Other domestic & household services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Other house maintenance services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Other therapeutic appliances & equipment	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Painters services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Parking fees	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Plumbers services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Professional & legal services	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Services for maintenance of heating systems	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Sport & recreation goods	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Veterinary services & animal care	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Water sports equipment	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
Weddings	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec

Annual Inquiries

Filename	Months
Electricity	Jan
Passport fees	Jan
Postage	Jan
Sewage collection	Jan
TV licence	Jan
Water supply	Jan
Clubs & society subscriptions	Feb
Examination fees	Feb
Refuse collection	Feb
Birth/death/marriage certificate fees	Mar
Driving licences	Mar
Driving test fees	Mar
Motor tax - car	Apr
Motor tax - motor cycle	Apr
Museums, libraries & zoological gardens	May
Natural gas	May
Maintenance charges in apartment blocks	Jun
Travel insurance	Jun
National car test (NCT)	Jul
School uniforms	Jul
Library charges	Aug
School transport	Sep
Text books	Sep
Private primary fees	Oct
Private second level day fees	Oct
Taxi fares	Oct
Third level tuition	Oct
Other education & training	Nov