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2017 Household Expenditure Survey

Weights for the Retail Price Index

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Expenditure weights for the Retail Price Index, 2017 and 2009 (expenditures are average per week per household)

2017 category	Weight	2009 category	Weight
1. Food			
Bread, White	1.48%	White Bread 1.5lb	1.27%
Bread, Brown	0.72%	Brown Bread 1lb	1.01%
Bread, Rolls	0.25%	White Burger Rolls	0.16%
Bread, Pizza (frozen)	0.13%	..	
Bread, Sweet	0.15%	..	
Wheat flour	0.30%	Plain Flour Tesco	0.31%
Corn flour	0.07%	Corn Flour	0.06%
Plain breakfast cereal	0.50%	Cornflakes	0.45%
Fancy breakfast cereal	0.24%	Weet-a-bix	0.30%
Porridge oats	0.12%	Oats So Easy	0.17%
Rice	0.45%	Brown Rice Chopstick	0.82%
Dried pasta and noodles	0.32%	Pasta Twists Tesco	0.23%
Canned pasta	0.11%	Heinz Spaghetti	0.11%
Cream crackers and similar	0.17%	Cream Crackers Tesco Reduced Fat	0.25%
Plain biscuits	0.31%	Rich Tea Biscuits	0.23%
Fancy biscuits	0.46%	Bourbon Creams/Custard Creams	0.30%
Cake	0.46%	Plain Victorian Sandwich Cakes	0.30%
Beef: steak and stewing steak	1.42%	Beef	1.18%
Minced beef	0.24%	Beef Minced	0.17%
Corned beef	0.42%	Corned Beef	0.25%
Beef burgers	0.14%	..	
Local pork	1.34%	Pork Local	1.75%
Bacon	0.90%	Bacon Piece	0.66%
Ham	0.89%	Sandwich Ham	0.68%
Pork sausage, fresh or frozen	0.47%	Pork Sausages	0.33%
Pork sausages, canned	0.20%	Sausages Vienna	0.26%
Other pork	0.40%	..	
Whole chicken	0.11%	Chicken Whole	0.83%
Chicken pieces	1.95%	Chicken Drumsticks	1.08%
Lamb	0.35%	..	
Local tuna	0.63%	Tuna	0.84%
Other local fish	0.12%	Wahoo	0.19%
Other canned fish	0.10%	Pilchards in Tomato Sauce	0.08%
Canned tuna	0.22%	Tuna Tin	0.18%
Packaged frozen fish	0.23%	..	
Milk, low fat	0.91%	Milk 2% Low Fat	0.78%
Milk, full cream	0.55%	Milk Full Cream	0.27%
Milk, condensed	0.32%	Milk Carnation	0.44%

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Milk powder	0.26%	Milk Powder	0.22%
Milk based desserts and drinks (including cream)	0.21%	Ice Cream 2Lt	0.21%
Custard	0.10%	Custard	0.10%
Hard cheese	0.65%	Cheddar Cheese Mild	0.58%
Sliced and other cheese	0.20%	..	
Fresh eggs	0.26%	Eggs Fresh	0.40%
Butter	0.13%	Butter Ballyeshane	0.21%
Low fat spread and margarine	0.82%	Flora Margarine	0.84%
Cooking oil	0.62%	Cooking Oil Vegetable	0.71%
Apples and pears	0.16%	Apples Yellow/Red	0.23%
Oranges	0.21%	Oranges	0.36%
Bananas	0.21%	Bananas Local	0.12%
Tomatoes	0.26%	..	
Canned fruit	0.19%	Peaches Canned	0.13%
Dried fruit	0.14%	Cake Fruit Mixed	0.11%
Nuts and seeds	0.08%	Peanuts	0.06%
Other fresh vegetables	0.69%	Imported Peppers (R/Y/G)	0.06%
Potatoes and sweet potatoes	0.94%	Imported Potatoes	2.19%
Onion	0.23%	Onion Imported	0.52%
Cabbage	0.16%	Cabbage	0.28%
Carrots	0.22%	Carrots Local	0.20%
Lettuce	0.09%	Lettuce	0.04%
Pumpkin	0.10%	Pumpkin Greenskin	0.12%
Dried vegetables	0.05%	Red Lentils	0.07%
Other canned and bottled vegetables	0.21%	Mixed Vegetable Tin	0.16%
Baked beans	0.22%	Tesco Baked Beans	0.26%
Canned sweetcorn	0.14%	Sweetcorn Tesco	0.18%
Canned tomatoes	0.14%	Tin Tomatoes Chopped Tesco	0.25%
Frozen vegetables	0.77%	Frozen Mixed Vegetables Pkt	0.19%
Crisps and snacks	0.51%	Crisps Simba/Walkers	0.38%
Sugar and syrup	0.59%	White Sugar Four Seasons	0.46%
Jam and marmalade	0.14%	Jam Mixed Fruit	0.08%
Chocolate	0.51%	Mars	0.15%
Sweets	0.20%	Fruit Sparkles Sweets	0.22%
Jelly and other confectionery	0.25%	Jelly Moirs	0.04%
Tomato sauce	0.16%	Tomato Sauce All Gold	0.15%
Salad dressing, mustard, other sauce	0.38%	Salad Cream Tesco	0.08%
Peanut butter	0.17%	Peanut Butter Smooth Black Cat	0.10%
Other spreads	0.09%	Marmite	0.18%
Stock	0.10%	Oxo	0.13%
Salt	0.08%	Salt	0.07%

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Pepper	0.09%	Black Pepper	0.11%
Spices	0.19%	Curry Powder Medium Rajah	0.10%
Other seasoning	0.18%	Garlic Herbs	0.16%
Baby food	0.04%	Farleys Rusk	0.03%
Other prepared food items	0.21%	..	
Baking powder	0.05%	Moirs Baking Powder	0.08%
Coffee	0.26%	Ricoffy Coffee	0.19%
Red tea	0.14%	Red Teabags	0.16%
Black tea	0.33%	Black Teabags	0.24%
Other hot drink preparations	0.15%	Milo	0.18%
Bottled water	0.66%	Brecon Carreg Bottled Water	0.37%
Fruit juice	0.59%	Liqui Fruit Apple/Cranberry	0.35%
Fruit juice concentrate	0.22%	Juice (Eleven in One)	0.23%
Soft drink	0.55%	Coke/Sprite	0.28%
Cooked food: meal	0.76%	Pork Chop, Chips & Salad	0.57%
Cooked food: pizza	0.13%	Pizza Slices	0.35%
Cooked food,,: rolls or sandwiches	0.08%	Burger & Roll	0.15%
..		Tongue	0.46%
..		Chicken Curry Gold Dish	0.12%
..		Sardines	0.07%
..		Bottled Juice	0.33%
..		Chicken Paste/Spread	0.12%
..		Sweet Potatoes	0.09%
..		String Beans	0.16%
..		Cauliflower Local	0.08%
..		Peas Tin Tesco	0.14%
..		Beetroot Sliced Bottled	0.07%
..		Pears	0.07%
..		Cadburys Chocolates	0.12%
..		Kit Kat	0.12%
..		Sausage rolls	0.18%
..		Coconut Fingers	0.06%
..		Pickle Mild Mustard	0.12%
..		Marmalade	0.07%
..		Sandwich Spread	0.08%
..		HP Sauce	0.11%
..		Chicken & Chips	0.35%
..		Soup Homemade	0.14%
2. Alcohol and tobacco			
Brandy	0.48%	Alcohol Brandy Limosin	0.28%
Other spirits	0.20%	Alcohol Vodka	0.22%

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Wine	0.68%	Alcohol Wine 4 Cousins	0.26%
Beer	1.55%	Beer Castle	0.25%
Tobacco	3.39%	Cigarettes 555	1.68%
..		Beer Windhoek	0.47%
3. Housing			
Housing rent	1.73%	Rent	1.66%
Paint and brushes	0.25%	White Vinyl Silk Emulsion	0.22%
Other materials for maintenance and repair of the dwelling	1.16%	..	
Services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.44%	..	
Water supply and sewerage	1.25%	Water	1.39%
Insurance connected with the dwelling	0.21%	Other Insurance House	0.26%
House construction	2.67%	Housing	1.73%
Housing loan repayment	3.86%	Housing loan	5.06%
4. Household energy			
Electricity	6.41%	Electricity	6.39%
Gas	0.44%	Gas	0.83%
Firewood	0.62%	Firewood	0.42%
..		Paraffin	0.11%
5. Clothing			
Children's clothes	0.26%	Childrens School Trousers	0.03%
Womens clothes: tops, dresses and jackets	0.17%	Womens smart casual top	0.07%
Womens clothes: jeans, trousers and underwear	0.13%	Womens Jeans	0.03%
Mens clothes: shirts and trousers	0.11%	Mens Dress Shirts	0.05%
Mens clothes: underwear	0.07%	Mens Boxer Shorts	0.05%
Other clothing, accessories, materials, and uniforms	0.03%	..	
Mens shoes	0.16%	Mens Footwear Work Boots	0.17%
Women and childrens shoes	0.18%	Childrens Footwear Trainers	0.13%
..		Childs Disposable Nappies	0.10%
..		Womens Footwear Shoes	0.13%
..		Womes Footwear Flip Flops	0.02%
..		Childrens T Shirts	0.23%
..		Womens Boxers	0.08%
..		Jacket (St Helena)	0.04%
..		Mens Polo Shirt	0.11%
..		Mens Jeans	0.04%
..		Working Uniform (Shop)	0.09%
6. Household goods and services			
Furniture and floor coverings	0.53%	Dining Table & Chairs	0.81%

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Lamps and lighting fixtures	0.14%	..	
Household linen: bedding, curtains, towels, etc	0.16%	Duvet Set	0.08%
Stove	0.36%	Electric Cooker	0.29%
Refrigerator	0.43%	Fridge/Freezer World Pool	0.29%
Washing machine	0.39%	Washing Machine	0.14%
Other household appliances e.g. solar panels, showers	0.10%	Shower	0.11%
Small household appliances	0.23%	Hoover Vacuum Cleaner	0.18%
Glassware, china, and utensils	0.12%	Pyrex Roaster Dish	0.12%
Large tools and equipment	0.14%	Strimmer	0.17%
Small tools	0.13%	Woodsaw Blade 18"	0.09%
Batteries	0.06%	Duracell AA Batteries	0.10%
Light bulbs	0.05%	Energy Saver Light Bulbs	0.04%
Polish and other cleaning products	0.10%	Tesco Spray Polish	0.07%
Washing powder	0.77%	Washing Powder	0.50%
Disinfectant and bleach	0.15%	Toilet Duck Active Rim Liquid	0.19%
Dish washing detergent	0.17%	Washing Up Liquid	0.23%
Household cleaner	0.14%	Mr Muscle Kitchen Cleaner	0.06%
Fabric conditioner	0.21%	Fabric Conditioner	0.11%
Air freshener	0.07%	Glade Air Freshener	0.08%
Articles for cleaning: scourers, sponges, cloths, brooms and mops	0.10%	Tea Towels	0.10%
Kitchen roll	0.23%	Kitchen Roll	0.22%
Firelighters, candles and matches	0.34%	Candles	0.03%
Insecticides	0.09%	Raid Dual Purpose Odourless/Target	0.09%
Foil and clingfilm	0.11%	Tesco Value Foil	0.19%
Plastic bags and bin liners	0.10%	Heritage Bin Liners	0.16%
Domestic help	0.45%	Domestic Help	0.50%
Gardening	0.22%	Gardening Lawn Mowing	0.22%
Television sets and music systems	0.42%	TV Screen	0.44%
..		Curtains	0.13%
..		Bath Towels	0.05%
..		Iron Russell Hobbs Steam	0.07%
..		Patio Doors	0.32%
..		Chest of Drawers	0.20%
..		Ceramic Tiles Floor	0.28%
..		Broom and handle	0.04%
..		Electronic Kettle Cordless	0.05%
7. Transport			
Motor vehicles	2.82%	Vehicle Purchase	8.56%
Major parts for motor vehicles	0.07%	Vehicle Car Exhaust System	0.52%

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Minor parts for motor vehicles	0.20%	Vehicle Car Battery	0.30%
Tyres	0.06%	Vehicle Tyre Car	0.30%
Petrol	2.69%	Petrol	3.36%
Diesel	2.07%	Diesel Fuel	1.66%
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	0.18%	..	
Driving license	0.15%	Drivers Licence	0.12%
Vehicle licence	0.49%	Motor Vehicle Licence	0.75%
MOT testing fee	0.23%	..	
Passenger transport by road	0.42%	Home to Duty Transport	0.14%
Passenger transport by air or sea: international	1.35%	Holiday Travel Fare Deposit	1.42%
Delivery charges	0.04%	Delivery charge QM	0.09%
Insurance connected with transport	1.64%	Motor Insurance	1.31%
Car loan repayment	0.72%	Other Loan - Car	1.83%
..		Vehicle Car Brake shoes	0.05%
..		Vehicle Oil Two Stoke	0.06%
8. Communication			
Postal services	0.11%	..	
Landline telephone service and equipment	2.63%	Telephone	4.82%
Mobile telephone service, pay-as-you-go	0.48%	..	
Mobile telephone service, monthly contract	0.25%	..	
Internet broadband service	2.85%	Broadband	1.73%
9. Miscellaneous goods and services			
Purchased pharmaceutical and other medical products	0.26%	Tablets - Paracetamol	0.35%
Prescribed pharmaceutical products	0.11%	Medication Prescription	0.14%
Dental services	0.05%	..	
Hospital and medical services	0.12%	Hospital Service	0.20%
Computers, laptops, and tablets	0.13%	..	
Musical instruments and other major durables for indoor recreation	0.09%	..	
Games, toys and hobbies	0.23%	..	
Equipment for sport, camping and open- air recreation	0.09%	..	
Gardens, plants and flowers	0.17%	Fertiliser/Compost	0.26%
Pet food and pet products	1.19%	Cat Food	0.83%
Vetinary services	0.08%	..	
Animal licenses and fees	0.08%	Dog Licence	0.05%
Recreational and sporting clubs and services	0.28%	Membership fees Rock Club	0.23%
Television subscription	2.49%	Television	2.68%
DVD hire, books, games of chance	0.08%	Entertainment DVD Hire	0.12%

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Newspapers and periodicals	0.14%	Independent Newspaper	0.15%
Miscellaneous printed matter, including birthday cards	0.22%	Birthday Card	0.12%
Accommodation services	0.26%	..	
Hairdressing salons and personal grooming establishments	0.18%	Hairdresser	0.20%
Soaps, Regular soap and baby soap	0.26%	Lux/Dove Soap	0.44%
Soaps, Shampoo or conditioner	0.21%	Shampoo/conditioner	0.29%
Soaps, Shower/bath gel	0.09%	..	
Other toiletries, Skin cream	0.13%	Vaseline Intensive Cream	0.14%
Other toiletries, Deodorants	0.15%	Womens Spray/roll on	0.21%
Other toiletries, Other including lip balm	0.49%	..	
Toothpastes	0.17%	Toothpaste Colgate	0.21%
Other personal products, Toilet paper	0.81%	Toilet Rolls Heritage Soft Touch	0.71%
Other personal products, Sanitary towels	0.10%	Sanitary Towels	0.12%
Other personal products, Tissues	0.13%	Tissues	0.21%
Jewellery, clocks and watches	0.13%	Watch ladies	0.16%
Other personal effects, including electric appliances for personal care	0.45%	..	
Crèche and child care	1.29%	Crèche	0.13%
Funeral insurance	0.11%	..	
Other insurance	0.07%	..	
Banking fees and other services	0.04%	..	
Other loan repayment	1.40%	..	
Chicken or poultry food	0.14%	Chicken Feed Poultry Food - Corn	0.20%
Other animal feed, including pig feed, excluding pets	0.39%	..	
Other miscellaneous goods and services	0.37%	..	
..		Pig Feed	0.82%
..		Johnson's Baby Soap	0.04%
..		Bathroom Cleaner Cif/Flash	0.21%
..		Omo Bleach	0.11%
..		Writing pad	0.21%
..		Childs Bicycle	0.16%
..		Picture Frame Special	0.06%
..		St. Helena Mug - large	0.14%
..		Raffle Tickets (Scouts Jackpot)	0.11%
..		Brillo Pads	0.07%
..		Firelighters	0.09%