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Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services: 2021

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 . Main changes

- The basket of goods and services used to calculate the UK consumer price inflation indices has been updated.
- In 2021, 17 items have been added to the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) basket and 10 items have been removed.
- Additions to the baskets for 2021 include electric and hybrid cars, hand hygiene gel, men's loungewear bottoms and smartwatches.
- Removals from the baskets include staff restaurant sandwiches and gold chains.

2 . Overview of basket update

Introduction

The “shopping baskets” of items used in compiling the various measures of 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 2021, 17 items have been added to the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) basket and 10 items have been removed.

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 2021 are summarised in [Annexes A and B](#), and the main changes from the 2020 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.

Consumer Prices Index (CPI)

A measure produced to international standards. First published in 1997 as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP), the CPI is the inflation measure used in the government's target for inflation.

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 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.

The UK Statistics Authority recommended in 2019 that the publication of the RPI should be stopped at a point in the future and that in the interim, the shortcomings of the RPI should be addressed by introducing CPIH data sources and methods into its production. The Authority and HM Treasury subsequently launched a [consultation \(PDF, 531KB\)](#) on the Authority's proposal to address the shortcomings of the RPI.

The [response to the consultation](#) was published on 25 November 2020. In summary, the Authority concluded that to make the change, it would follow the methodology outlined in the consultation document. In addition, it would discontinue the supplementary and lower level indices of the RPI when the proposals are implemented, providing users with guidance to assist moving away from RPI-related indices. The Chancellor decided that, to minimise the impact of the Authority's proposal on the holders of index-linked gilts, he could not give his consent to implementing the changes before 2030 when the last of the relevant index-linked gilts matures.

This article also summarises one other change relating to the updating of weights for 2021 as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This is described in Section 4, with links to more detailed articles on the subject.

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 order to compile the indices, covering over 720 representative consumer goods and services. These prices are collected in around 140 locations across the UK, from the internet and over the phone. During the coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdowns, all prices have been collected by phone and internet. 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. This could be because of 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. For 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. 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](#).

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 because of 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 representative items. Instead, selection is based on research into the various possible items that could be used, both using market research data and through investigation in outlets across the country.

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 whose prices are used to calculate an overall estimate of price change for all furniture products. These range from beds to kitchen units.

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 are updated each year so that the indices reflect current spending patterns. The weights for the CPIH and Consumer Prices Index (CPI) classes and higher-level aggregates are updated with effect from the January index and, since 2017, again with the February index. This improvement to the procedure in 2017 was the result of an independent report; it brought the procedure into line with best practice and helped 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. The Retail Prices Index (RPI) section weights and the distribution of weights for the more detailed individual item indices within each class or section are also revised each February. A more detailed article on [changes to the published consumer price indices weights for 2021](#) was published on 15 March 2021.

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. 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. 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 2021

	CPIH weight, Feb 2021 (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes¹	Representative items² (per cent of total)
1 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	8.9	Medium	24
2 Alcohol & tobacco	3.5	Low	4
3 Clothing & footwear	5.9	Medium	12
4 Housing & household services	32.8	Low	5
5 Furniture & household goods	4.9	Medium	10
6 Health	2.0	Low	3
7 Transport	10.7	Medium	6
8 Communication	1.9	Medium	2
9 Recreation & culture	11.2	Medium	17
10 Education	3.0	Low	1
11 Restaurants & hotels	6.9	Low	7
12 Miscellaneous goods & services	8.3	Medium	10

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 2016 to 2020.
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.

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 2021.

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.

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 the 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 representative items remain unchanged in 2021. In total, 17 items have been added to the CPIH basket and 10 items have been removed. Also, a small number of items have been modified in a total of 729 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

3 . Changes to the baskets in 2021

Timing of changes

Changes to the baskets of goods and services this year are being introduced with the February 2021 consumer price inflation statistics published on 24 March 2021. The baskets will be updated again at the same time next year.

Additions

New additions to the baskets in 2021 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 2021 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. All of the changes made this year affect all of the consumer price indices.

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, hybrid and electric cars have been added reflecting increased purchases of this type of vehicle and anticipating the longer-term phasing out of petrol and diesel cars. In November 2020, the government announced that sales of new petrol and diesel cars would end in the UK by 2030. They also announced that the longer-term future of the different types of hybrid would be the subject of consultation. The outcome of that consultation could result in further changes to the basket in future years.

Hand hygiene gel and men's loungewear bottoms have also been added. Hand hygiene gel expands coverage of the personal healthcare area while the loungewear item reflects the continuing move towards more casual clothing. The introduction of both items has been influenced by the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, with the increased use of portable hand cleansers by people on the move and more people dressing casually when working at home. The part of the basket covering womenswear already includes a slightly wider selection of clothing ranging from nightwear through to casual outdoor clothing, so loungewear has only been added as a men's item at this stage.

The addition of hand weights, such as dumbbells, for home exercise has also been influenced by the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Other items that have become part of everyday life during the pandemic were considered, most notably face masks. A decision was taken not to include these on the basis that consumer spending and usage could decrease rapidly once the population have been vaccinated so there could be problems in collecting prices towards the end of 2021.

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, frozen pre-prepared vegetables have been added to expand the range of frozen vegetables beyond frozen peas and increase the amount of pre-prepared food in the basket. Couscous has been added to help aid interpretation of data in the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) subclass for pasta products and couscous. Its introduction reduces the weight of other items, notably a dried potted snack, whose prices tend to move sharply in the short-term because of promotional activity by retailers. Other items added to diversify the range of existing products within specific categories include a women's sweatshirt and a jumper or sweatshirt for older boys.

As in most years, developments in technology influence the basket update and for 2021, a smartwatch and smart lightbulb have been added to represent the advancements in and growing popularity of smart technology both in and out of the home. The smartwatch has been added to represent wearable tech while the light bulb is the most frequently available piece of smart technology for the home after a smart speaker, which is already in the basket. The addition of these items, along with the smart speaker, helps to ensure that the baskets remain representative of the latest technology that consumers are purchasing.

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 telephone and communications part of the basket. The inclusion of the smartwatch has helped to achieve that. The aim of rebalancing the baskets can also apply within specific categories and, this year, the mix of chocolate and confectionery has been changed slightly to improve brand representation.

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 the market. For example, the healthy eating trend has seen an increase in products where vegetable juices are either combined with fruit juices in smoothies or form the base for smoothies in their own right. As a result, the pure fruit smoothie previously in the basket is being replaced by a smoothie based on either fruit, vegetable or a combination of the two.

A further example is the replacement of some items of children's clothing to anticipate an update to the international classification system (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose or COICOP) used to subdivide the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) and CPIH baskets into product and service groupings for analysis. A jumper or sweatshirt and a pair of trousers for a child aged between 18 months and 4 years are being replaced by the same items for an under 2-years-old-aged infant. The new items better match the terminology and age boundaries of the new classification.

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, lamb shoulder, with or without bone, has replaced lamb shoulder with bone. Here, the number of price quotes collected each month has been falling, with reduced availability in shops particularly in the early part of the week. The aim of widening the definition of the new item is to achieve more consistent pricing over time and better coverage than previously. The change in the chocolate confectionery items has also been driven largely by collection issues.

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 2021 to make space for the new additions.

In some cases this reflects low or decreasing expenditure, and resulting falls in stock levels for pricing, such as with Axminster or Wilton carpets. This item has been dropped from the baskets as research and anecdotal evidence from retailers has indicated that this type of carpet is used mainly in commercial premises now. The loss of one of the industry's main manufacturers has also affected availability and coverage (that is, the number of price quotes collected each month) has fallen.

In other cases, removal does not necessarily imply that the markets for these goods and services are very small or are declining significantly. Some items have been removed to make way for new additions to the baskets within the same product grouping. For example, this year, fruit smoothies have been replaced by fruit and vegetable smoothies where research in the field has shown an increase in mixed fruit and vegetable juice products on the shelves leading us to introduce this more widely defined item.

In some cases, a product will remain represented in the baskets. For example, women's casual trousers were previously represented by two items but one has been removed to allow space for other fashion clothing to be added. Price movements for women's casual trousers are adequately represented by the remaining women's casual trousers item.

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, items are generally chosen that have relatively low index weights, that are variants of others or have a relatively low number of price quotes. This year, a gold chain has been removed from the jewellery, clocks and watches part of the basket. Research shows that price movements for the gold chain tend to mirror those for the retained solid gold ring item. Additionally, a staff restaurant sandwich has been taken out from the canteens sector with the market seemingly moving more towards externally purchased food.

Collection issues can influence changes and, as already mentioned, a home-killed lamb shoulder with bone has been dropped because of lack of availability particularly in the early part of the week when price collection takes place.

4 . Accounting for the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in 2021 weights

Each year, the weights used in compiling the indices are updated alongside the contents of the baskets. For the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) and Consumer Prices Index (CPI), the 2021 weights would normally be based on spending patterns for 2019 from the national accounts. Given the effect of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on spending during 2020 under lockdown conditions, we have changed the procedures for 2021.

In line with [international guidance \(PDF, 503KB\)](#), we have decided to update the weights and basket, and to adjust the weights where there has been a clear change in spending between 2019 and 2020. The procedure for updating the basket contents is unchanged but the coronavirus pandemic has influenced some of the changes made.

For the Retail Prices Index (RPI), the 2021 weights would normally be based on spending patterns for the 12 months ending June 2020 from our Living Costs and Food Survey. Since this includes a period when spending was affected by the coronavirus pandemic, we have decided to use the results from the survey without further adjustment for changed spending patterns.

In January 2021, we published the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Consumer Price Inflation weights and prices: 2021](#) article describing the change to procedures in full detail. [Consumer Price Inflation, Updating Weights 2021](#), describing the numerical changes to the weights, was published on 15 March 2021.

5 . Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services data

[Consumer price inflation basket of goods and services](#)

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Changes to the representative items and the full list of items within the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs, Consumer Prices Index and Retail Prices Index for the basket of goods and services.

6 . Related links

[Consumer price inflation, updating weights: 2021](#)

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An overview of the latest annual update of Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) weights.

Table 2: Additions to the baskets in 2021

CPIH/CPI Class	RPI Section	New Item	Notes
1.1.1 Bread and Cereals	2102 Cereals	Couscous	New item. Couscous is being added to the basket to aid interpretation of data in the CPIH subclass for pasta products and couscous. Its introduction reduces the weight of a dried potted snack item whose prices tend to move sharply in the short-term due to promotional activity by retailers.
1.1.2 Meat	2105 Lamb	Home killed lamb shoulder, with or without bone	This item replaces home killed lamb shoulder with bone, whose coverage has been falling reflecting its availability in shops, particularly in the early part of the week when prices are collected. The aim of widening the item definition is to try to increase the number of price quotes collected each month.
1.1.7 Vegetables	2126 Processed Vegetables	Frozen pre-prepared vegetables	New item. The addition of this item expands the range of frozen vegetables beyond frozen peas and increases the amount of pre-prepared food in the basket.
1.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery	2122 Sweets and Chocolates	Malted chocolate sweets	Replaces a white chocolate item which has suffered from low coverage in terms of the number of price quotes collected each month. It will also improve the brand representation in the confectionery collection.
1.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	2130 Coffee and Other Hot Drinks	Coffee sachets	New item. This addition is designed to reflect a move towards the convenience of having a complete drink in a sachet. The shelf space devoted to these products, eg cappuccino and latte, has grown over recent years.
1.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices	2120 Soft Drinks	Fruit/vegetable juice smoothie	The healthy eating trend has seen an increase in products where vegetable juices are either combined with fruit juices in smoothies or form the base for smoothies in their own right. The new item replaces an existing fruit smoothie and enables us to follow the market trend, with almost £500m expenditure on smoothies.

3.1.2 Garments	5101 Men's Outerwear	Men's loungewear bottoms	New item. Introduced to reflect a move towards more casual clothing. This is especially relevant as the coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdowns appear to have accelerated this trend and retailers are increasingly labelling clothing items as loungewear.
3.1.2 Garments	5102 Women's Outerwear	Women's sweatshirt	New item. This expands the range of women's casual fashion clothing in the basket.
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Boy's jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan, 5-13 years	This item will expand the range of clothing priced for older boys.
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Infant's trousers, 0-2 years	The addition anticipates a future move to an updated classification system used to compile and analyse CPIH and CPI. It replaces child's trousers, for an 18-month to 4-year-old, to align with the age bands and terminology of the updated Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose (COICOP).
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Infant's jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan, 0-2 years	Similar to infant's trousers, this replaces a child's jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan for an 18-month to 4-year-old.
5.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	4302 Furnishings	Luxury vinyl tile (LVT) flooring	New item. The hard flooring consumer market has moved towards LVT and laminate flooring now tends to represent the shrinking, budget end of the market. LVT is widely available and anecdotal evidence supports its popularity.
5.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	4305 Household Consumables	Smart/WiFi light bulb	New item. A representative item added to further reflect developing smart technology for the home. This item is the most frequently available after a smart speaker, which is already in the basket and is the most easily priced of smart technologies across the country.
7.1.1A New Cars	6101 Purchase of Motor Vehicles	New electric/hybrid cars	New item. Reflects the increase in sales of hybrid and electric cars, and, to an extent, it anticipates the longer term move to end the sale of petrol and diesel cars by 2030.
8.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services	5201 Personal Articles	Smartwatch	New item. Added to represent "wearable tech", reflecting its growing popularity over recent years.

9.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open-Air Recreation	6303 Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods	Hand weights for home exercise, eg dumbbells	New item. An area of consumer spending which links into the trend for healthier living and where there have been reports of increased expenditure due to COVID-19.
12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care	5202 Chemists' Goods	Hand hygiene gel	New item. Expands coverage of the personal healthcare area and reflects the increased expenditure on portable products of this nature as a result of COVID-19.

Table 3: Items removed from the baskets in 2021

(1. "low weighted" denotes an item with a CPIH weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2020.)

CPIH/CPI Class	RPI Section	Dropped Item	Notes
1.1.2 Meat	2105 Lamb	Home killed lamb shoulder, with bone	This item is being replaced by home killed lamb shoulder with or without bone. The item definition is being widened to try to increase the number of price quotes collected each month.
1.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery	2122 Sweets and Chocolates	White chocolate bar	A low weighted item which has poor coverage in terms of the number of price quotes collected each month. It is being replaced by malted chocolate sweets which attract higher spending and improve the balance across different brands and types of confectionery.
1.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	2130 Coffee and Other Hot Drinks	Ground coffee	Replaced by coffee sachets reflecting a trend towards all-in-one beverages.
1.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices	2120 Soft Drinks	Fruit smoothie	Research in the field has shown an increase in mixed fruit & vegetable juice products so the pure fruit smoothie has been replaced by this more widely defined item.
3.1.2 Garments	5102 Women's Outerwear	Women's casual trousers	One of the two women's casual trousers items in the basket is being removed to create space to add other fashion clothing. Price movements for women's casual trousers are adequately represented by the remaining women's casual trousers item.
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Child's trousers, 18 months - 4 years	Replaced by trousers for an under-two-years-old infant. The change anticipates a future move to an updated international classification system used to analyse the data. The new item better matches the terminology and age boundaries of the new classification.
3.1.2 Garments	5103 Children's Outerwear	Child's jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan, 18 months - 4 years	For the same reason as the child's trousers, this item is replaced by a jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan for an infant aged up to 2 years.
5.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	4302 Furnishings	Carpet Axminster/Wilton	Removed from the basket since research and anecdotal evidence from retailers has indicated that this type of carpet is used mainly in commercial premises now. The loss of one of the industry's main manufacturers has also affected availability

			and coverage levels (the number of price quotes collected each month) have fallen.
11.1.2 Canteens	2202 Canteen Meals	Staff restaurant sandwich	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket where we can reduce the number of items priced without adversely affecting the overall quality of the index. Based on the practicalities of price quote collection, the number of staff canteens appears to have fallen with the market moving towards externally purchased food, and it appears that the coronavirus (COVID-19) could influence further such moves.
12.3.1 Jewellery, Clocks and Watches	5201 Personal Articles	9ct Gold chain	Removed from an over-covered area of the basket, price movements for the gold chain tend to mirror those for the retained solid gold ring item.

Annex A: Consumer price indices, CPIH and CPI: representative items in 2021

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
Gluten free breakfast cereals	Cereal bars
Sponge cakes	Doughnuts
Pack of individual cakes	Crumpets
Various selected biscuits	Crackers
Popcorn	Couscous

01.1.2 Meat

Beef

Rump steak	Roasting joint
Mince	Frozen burgers

Lamb

Loin chops	Shoulder
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Pork

Loin chops	Back bacon
Gammon	Oven-ready joint

Chicken

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

Other Meats

Pork sausages	Meat pies
Cooked meats - eg ham	Fresh diced/minced turkey
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
Crisps - single and multi-packs
Corn based snacks
Fresh tomatoes
Cauliflower
Mushrooms
Lettuce
Broccoli
Sweet potatoes
Vegetable stir fry
Canned tomatoes
Frozen pre-prepared vegetables
Vegetarian burger/grills

Frozen chips
Vegetable crisps
Peppers
Cabbage
Carrots
Onions
Cucumbers
Courgettes
Pre-packed salad
Canned baked beans
Canned sweetcorn
Frozen peas
Vegetarian pickle

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Syrups, Chocolate and Confectionery

Sugar

Jam

Honey	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
Coffee sachets	Instant coffee
Coffee pods	Hot chocolate drink

01.2.2 Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Fruit drink	Fruit/vegetable juice 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
Pre-mixed spirit drink	

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
Loungewear bottoms	Shorts
Tracksuit bottoms	Branded sports sweatshirt
Replica football team shirt	Man's base layer top
Socks	Underwear

Women's Clothing

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

Children's Clothing

Schoolwear - trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan	T shirt
Jeans	Trousers
Girl's leggings	Jacket
Underwear	Socks
Pyjamas	Baby's 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
Registered social landlord (RSL) rent

Local authority 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)

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

04.5.3 Liquid Fuels

Kerosene

04.5.4 Solid Fuels

Coal

Smokeless fuel

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, mattress, 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	Luxury vinyl tile flooring

05.2 Household Textiles

Curtains	Fabric roller blind
Duvet	Duvet cover
Bed sheet	Towels

05.3 Household Appliances, Fitting and Repairs

05.3.1/2 Major Appliances and Small Electric Appliances

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

05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances

Electrical service charges	Washing machine repair
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05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

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

05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden

Light bulb	Smart/WiFi light bulb
Battery	Door handle
Power drill	Screwdriver
Lawnmower	Garden spade

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 petrol/diesel cars	New electric/hybrid cars
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07.1.1B Second-Hand Cars

Second-hand cars

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

Motorcycles

Bicycles

07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

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

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur petrol

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

07.2.3 Maintenance and Repairs

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

07.2.4 Other Services

MOT test fees

Vehicle excise duty

Driving lesson fees

Driving test fees

Car park charges

Airport parking charges

Self-drive car and van hire charges

Road tolls

07.3 Transport Services

07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

UK rail fares

London transport fares

Euro Tunnel fares

Other underground/metro fares

07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares

Minicab fares

Coach fares

Taxi fares

Charge for home removals

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

Smartphone handset

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

09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

09.1.1 Equipment for the Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

Televisions	DVD/Blu-ray disc player
Digital media player	Digital (DAB) radio
Portable digital music player	Portable speakers
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, by platform, and 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, hand weights	
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	Printer paper
Inkjet cartridge	

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	Evening classes
International student fees	UK university tuition fees

11.1 Catering Services

11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

Restaurants

Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meal
In store cafeteria meal	Muffin

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

Beer On Sales

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

Wines and Spirits On Sales

Whisky	Vodka
Gin	Wine
Spirit based drink	Liqueurs
Mixer	

Soft Drinks

Fizzy drinks	Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water	

Catering

Cost of catering for a function	On board catering
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11.1.2 Canteens

Staff restaurant main course	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	Self-tanning products
Hand hygiene gel	
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 - 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 Pet insurance

Subscriptions to private medical plans

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 Various bank charges – eg for bankers draft

Money transfer fees Credit card fees

Unit trust fees and commissions Stockbrokers' fees

12.7 Other Services (not elsewhere covered)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers Solicitors' fees - including will drafting fee

Fee for birth and death certificates Marriage licences

Passport fees Cost of basic funeral/cremation

Home delivery charges Dating agency fees

Surveyors' fee for house valuation

Trade union and professional organisation subscriptions

Annex B: Retail Prices Index (RPI): representative items in 2021

Food

Bread

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced
Bread rolls

Large wholemeal loaf
Garlic bread

Cereals

Flour
Pasta
Corn based snacks
Breakfast cereals
Hot oat cereal

Rice
Couscous
Cereal bars
Gluten free breakfast cereals
Popcorn

Biscuits and Cakes

Various selected biscuits
Sponge cakes
Crumpets

Doughnuts
Pack of individual cakes
Crackers

Beef

Rump steak
Mince

Roasting joint
Frozen burgers

Lamb

Loin chops

Shoulder

Pork

Loin chops

Bacon

Gammon

Back

Poultry

Fresh/chilled whole chicken
Fresh diced/minced turkey

Fresh chicken breasts
Rotisserie cooked hot whole chicken

Other Meat

Pork sausages
Meat pies
Frozen chicken nuggets
Oven-ready joint

Cooked meats - eg ham
Canned meats
Chicken kiev
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	
Coffee sachets	Instant coffee
Coffee pods	Hot chocolate drink

Soft Drinks

Various pure fruit juices
Fruit drink
Mineral water
Lemonade
Various fizzy drinks
Energy drinks

Squashes
Fruit/vegetable juice smoothie
Flavoured water
Cola
Mixer drinks

Sugar and Preserves

Sugar
Honey

Jam

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
Frozen chips

Prepared mashed potato

Fresh Vegetables

Fresh tomatoes
Cauliflower
Mushrooms
Lettuce
Courgettes
Broccoli
Pre-packed salad

Cabbage
Carrots
Onions
Cucumbers
Sweet potatoes
Peppers
Vegetable stir fry

Processed Vegetables

Canned tomatoes
Canned sweetcorn
Frozen pre-prepared vegetables

Canned baked beans
Frozen peas

Fresh Fruit

Cooking apples
Pears
Strawberries
Oranges

Dessert apples
Bananas
Grapes
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
Vegetable crisps	

Catering

Restaurant Meals

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

Canteen Meals

Staff restaurant main course	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
	Gin	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
	Pre-mixed spirit drink	
Tobacco		
Cigarettes		
	Selected brands	Electronic cigarette refills/liquids
Other Tobacco		
	Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco
Housing		
Rent		
	Private furnished and unfurnished rent	Local authority rent
	Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent	
Mortgage Interest Payments		
	Average interest payments (estimated/modelled)	
Depreciation		

Depreciation costs proxy (smoothed house price index)

Council Tax and Rates

Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain
Average rates bills in Northern Ireland

Water and Other Charges

Average water charges
Average sewerage and environmental charges

Repairs and Maintenance Charges

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators

Do-It-Yourself Materials

Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Varnish	Paint - gloss/emulsion
Paint brush	Woodscrews
Power drill	Screwdriver
Ceramic tiles	Shower head
Medium density fibreboard (MDF)	Door handle
Hire of domestic carpet shampoo/cleaner	

Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent

Dwelling insurance premiums
Ground rent proxy (smoothed house price index)

Fuel and Light

Coal and Solid Fuels

Coal	Smokeless fuel
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Electricity

Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs

Oil and Other Fuels

Butane gas	Kerosene
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Household Goods

Furniture

Dining furniture - eg table, chairs
 Bedroom furniture - eg wardrobe, beds, mattress, 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	Luxury vinyl tile flooring
Curtains	Fabric roller blind
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	Smart/WiFi light bulb
Battery	Ballpoint pen
Greeting card	Wrapping paper
Inkjet cartridge	Printer paper

Clear sticky tape

Pet Care

Cat and dog food, and dog treats
Small pet - eg hamster
Dog kennel boarding fees

Wild bird seed
Animal cage
Annual booster injection

Household Services

Postage

Postal charges

Telephone Charges

Fixed line telephone charges
Cost of directory enquiries
Subscription to the internet

Mobile phone charges
Mobile phone applications
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 for bankers draft
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
Loungewear bottoms	Shorts
Tracksuit bottoms	Branded sports sweatshirt
Replica football team shirt	

Women's Outerwear

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

Children's Outerwear

Schoolwear - trousers, skirt	Fashion top
Jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan	T shirt
Jeans	Trousers
Girl's leggings	Jacket
Baby's 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 boots	
Training shoes	Sandals

Personal Goods and Services

Personal Articles

Umbrella	Handbag
Watch	Smartwatch
Contact lenses	Spectacle frames with lens
Flower vase	Picture/photo frame
Wall hanging mirror	Mobile phone accessory
Re-usable bottle/mug	Luggage - trolley case
Various items of personal jewellery - 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
Self-tanning products	Hand hygiene gel
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 petrol/diesel cars	Second-hand cars
New electric/hybrid 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, tyres, bulbs

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur petrol
Motor oil

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty

Vehicle insurance

Fares and Other Travel Costs

Rail Fares

UK rail fares
Euro Tunnel fares

London transport fares
Other underground/metro fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Bus fares

Coach fares

Other Travel Costs

Taxi fares
Self-drive car and van hire charges
Car park charges
Cycle helmet
Air fares
Other means of transport - eg bicycles, boats

Minicab fares
Road tolls
Airport parking charges
Push chair
Various ferry and sea fares

Leisure Goods

Audio-Visual Equipment

Televisions
Digital media player
Portable digital music player
Headphones
PCs - desktop and laptop
Tablet computer

DVD/Blu-ray disc player
Digital (DAB) radio
Portable speakers
Smart speaker
PC peripherals

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
Music downloads

Computer software

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, by platform, and 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, hand weights

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