

# A Victorian Price Guide

Costs are measured in pounds (£), shillings (s), and pence (d). Here is a chart giving the conversion rates between the various currency units. Pound coins were also known as sovereigns, and pence as pennies.

*SPECIAL CURRENCY:* Crown (5s), farthing (¼d), florin (2s), guinea (21s), half-crown (2s 6d), half-penny (½d), half-sovereign (10s), sixpence (6d).

	Pound	Shilling	Pence
<b>Pound</b>	--	20	240
<b>Shilling</b>	1/20	--	12
<b>Pence</b>	1/240	1/12	--

## Transportation/Communication

Item	Cost
Bicycle	£7
Cab fare	
1 person, up to 2 miles	1s
Per additional mile	6d
Per additional person	6d
Per piece of luggage	2d
Channel ferry	8d-1s
Horses	
Bridle	4s 2d
Harness, draft horse	£2 16s
Horse, draft	£4+
Horse, riding	£10
Saddle	£2 8s
Wagon	£12
London guidebook	2s
London omnibus fare	1-6d
London tram fare	¼-4d
London underground fare	2d
Messenger	
Per hour	6d
Per mile	3d
Newspaper	1d
Passport	3s 6d
Phone call, 3 minutes	2d
Postage	
To 1 ounce	1d
To 2 oz.	+½d
Each additional 2 oz.	+½d
River steamer fare	1-6d
Daily rental	£6-35
Rowboat	£10
Sea voyage, transatlantic	
One way	£12-35
Round trip	£22-63
Telegram	
12 words	6d
International, per word	4s
Per additional word	½d
Tip to porter	6d
Train fare	6-30s

## Lodging/Dining

Item	Cost
Average hotel, per night	8s
Common lodging, per night	
Double bed	8d
Single bed	4d
Rope lean-to	2d
Good hotel, per night	10-25s
Flat, rent per week	15s
House, rent per year	£30
Breakfast	1s
Lunch	2-5s
Dinner	3-18s

## Entertainment

Item	Cost
Alcohol	
Cocktail	8d
Stout/ale/beer	2d
Whiskey, bottle	4d
Whiskey, glass	3d
Wine, bottle	6s
Music hall tickets	4d-10s
Opera glasses, rental	1s
Theater tickets	
Seated	6-15s
Seated, box	4 guineas
Standing	2s 6d

## Clothing

Item	Cost
Belt, leather	1s 2d
Blouse	5s
Bonnet	9s
Boots, riding	12s
Boots, soft	6s
Boots, rubber	5s
Cap, deerstalker	2s
Cape, opera	4s
Dress, common	16s
Dress, fancy	£1 10s
Gloves, kid	4s
Hat, bowler	4s
Hat, top hat	16s
Overalls	10s
Overcoat	£2 4s
Pants	7s
Petticoat	4s
Raincoat	16s
Shirt	4s
Shoes	4s
Skirt, dress	14s
Skirt, walking	10s
Suit, business	£1
Suit, dress	£1 16s
Suit, hiking/riding	£1 12s

## Miscellaneous Items

Item	Cost
Binoculars	£2
Book	
hardcover	6s
paperback	2s
Bunsen burner	3s
Camera	
accordion-style	£1 12s
stereoscope	16s
tripod	12s
Compass, magnetic	4s
Goggles	3s
Handcuffs	14s
Handkerchief	2d
Ink, oz.	2s
Lantern	8s
Magic lantern	16s
Magnifying glass	7s
Matches, 25	2d
Microscope	£3 12s
Monocle	5s
Music box	18s
Notebook	5d
Pen	4s

## Medical Gear

Item	Cost
Bandages, 12	1d
Chemicals	
Alcohol, ½ gallon	7d
Camphor, 4 oz.	1s
Carbolic acid, gallon	7d
Chloroform, qt.	2s
Laudanum, per dose	1s 5d
Paregoric, 4 oz.	1s
Sulphur, lb.	3d
Forceps	10s
Lister knife	4s
Scalpel set	6s
Surgical saw set	8s

## Craftsman's Tools

Item	Cost
Blacksmith's tools	£2 10s
Carpenter's tools	£3
Cobbler's tools	12s
Gunsmith's tools	£1
Photography gear	£5
Physician's bag	£2 10s
Sewing kit	10s
Watchmaker's tools	£6

## Weapons, Melee

Item	Cost
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### *Tiny Weapons*

Dagger	6s
Stiletto, switchblade	12d

### *Small Weapons*

Butcher knife	1s
Meat cleaver	1s
Hatchet, tomahawk, sickle	1s 6d
Pocketknife	10d

### *Medium Weapons*

Cavalry sabre	£3
Nightstick	10s
Rapier	£1 2s

### *Large Weapons*

Axe	3s 2d
Cricket bat, poker	6s

## Weapons, Firearms

Item	Cost
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### *Handguns*

Colt army revolver	£4 6s
Colt M1877 "Lightning"	£3
Colt M1877 "Thunderer"	£4
Derringer	£1 6s
Mauser M1896 "Broomhandle"	£6
Webley Mk I revolver	£4 6s

### *Rifles*

Lee-Enfield Mk I	£6
Mannlicher-Carcano M1891	£4
Mosin-Nagant M1891	£6
Winchester M1894	£5

Shotguns	£8 (ind. of gauge)
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