



Cost of Living

All these prices are approximate, and gained from outside sources.

Victorian currency conversion

S = shilling d= pence f = farthing

- £1 (Victorian pound) = 240 d or 12 s
- 1 guinea = 21 s
- 1 crown was 5 s
- Half crown was 2.5 s
- 1 shilling = 12d
- 1 farthing = was $\frac{1}{4}$ s or 3d

British currency conversion

- £1.00 = 20 shillings (s)
- 50p = 10 shillings (s)
- 20p = 1 shilling (s) 12d
- 10p = 2 farthings or 6d
- 5p = 1 farthing or 3d
- 2p = 1 d
- 1p = 0.5 d

e.g if one apple cost 1 farthing in Victorian money, it would cost 5p today.



Wages

| Item | Victorian Cost | Modern day cost |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Street Stall wage | £1/week | £8000-24,000/yr ¹ |
| Shop Keeper Wages | £300-£1000 per year | £8000-£24000/yr |
| Shop assistant | £120/yr | £6.31/hr (12,140/yr) |
| Apprentice | £25/yr | £2.83/hr (5444/yr) |

Goods

| Goods | Victorian Cost | Approximate Modern day cost |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Bread | 3s 9d | £1.50/loaf |
| Children's Boots | 2 11d | £30.00 |
| Beef | 2s 7½d | £5.00/kg |
| Vegetables | 3s | £1.00/vegetable type |
| Butter | Butter: 1s | £1.50 |
| Soap | 1 s | £.50p |

Life Costs

| Item | Victorian prices | Modern prices |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|
| rent | £105/yr | £700/month |
| utilities | £40/yr | £175/month |
| clothing | £35/yr | £55/month |
| food | £150/yr | £50/wk |
| Alcohol | £15/yr | £5/wk |
| Leisure | £35.00/yr | £42/month |
| Transport | £43/yr | £250/month |