

# Night out in Dublin 70% more expensive

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A BASIC night out in Dublin can cost as much as 70% more than in other towns in Ireland, according to a new survey.

The survey, carried out by Junior Chamber International, compared the cost of cinema tickets, beers, wine, nightclub entrance fees, takeaways and taxis across five cities in Ireland.

The best value city is Ennis, Co Clare, which scored lowest on nearly all entertainment prices.

The JCI survey showed that even prices for standardised entertainment, such as cinema tickets can vary widely, with the cost of a ticket almost a third more in Dublin and Galway than in Ennis.

Not surprisingly, Dublin was the most expensive, with entrance to clubs costing €20, while the next most expensive city to go clubbing in is Cork.

Aside from Cork, Dublin and Ennis, Dun Laoghaire and Tullamore were also surveyed.

The research, however, threw up some surprises, with Dublin taxis amongst the cheapest of the five venues, but beer and wine were most expensive in the capital.

A quarter-bottle of white wine cost €5.50 in Dublin while it would set you back €4.30 in Cork.

Ennis is also the place to go for curry chips, at €2.50



Friends socialise over pints of beer. A survey by Junior Chamber International found the cost of going out socialising, including cinema tickets, nightclub entrance fees and takeaways vary widely across five cities in Ireland.

a pop compared to a whopping €3.80 in Tullamore.

National president of JCI Ireland, Suzanne Corcoran, says she hopes the survey illustrates the benefits of shopping around to get the best price.

"There seems to be a huge differential in the cost of night club entry around the country," she said.

"It is yet another example of how young people living in larger cities are being 'exploited'."

Branch:	Dublin	Laoghaire	Galway	Cork	Limerick
Cinema ticket Saturday night 1 adult 8pm show (or similar)	€9.20	€7.50	€9.00	€8.50	€8.00
Long neck bottle of Heineken in a pub	€5.50	€4.50	€4.40	€4.30*	€4.60
1/4 bottle of white wine in a pub	€5.50	€4.95	€4.80	€4.30	€4.80
Sparkling water (Ballygown or Tipperary) in a bar	€2.50	€3.25	€2.50	€2.40	€2.50
Entry into a nightclub on Sat night	€20.00	€12	€13.00	€14.00**	€12.00
1 item cloakroom charge on Sat night	€2.00	€2	€1.50	€1.50	€2.00
Large curry chips	€3.50	€3	€3.45	€2.55	€3.00
Taxi journey for 2 people after midnight (3 miles)	€8.00	€13	€9.50***	€10***	€7.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>€56.20</b>	<b>€50.20</b>	<b>€48.15</b>	<b>€47.55</b>	<b>€46.40</b>
Bus journey (3 miles approx)	€1.55	€1.35	€1.30	€1.30	€1.20

All price data was compiled during the week July 1st - 8th — \*late night price — \*\*discounts available — \*\*\*call out charge