Medevial prices from the medevial sourcebook

## **Medieval Sourcebook: Medieval Prices**

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The list of medieval prices which follows is by no means complete or thoroughly researched; I merely extracted references from some of the books I have, and I thought others might like to inspect it. The sources I used are listed at the end. If an item is listed several times, it is because I had several references I wished to record.

Money goes as follows:

1 pound (L) = 20 shillings (s)

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1 crown = 5 shillings
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1 shilling = 12 pence (d)

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1 penny = 4 farthings
1 mark = 13s 4d
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The French livre, sou, and denier are equivalent to the pound, shilling and penny (Latin liber, solidus, and denarius, which is where the English abbreviations "L.s.d" come from).

For ease, I've divided this list into the following sections:

- <u>Tools</u>
- <u>Horses</u>
- Food and livestock
- Books and education
- <u>Buildings</u>
- Cloth and clothing
- <u>Armor</u>
- <u>Weapons</u>
- <u>Marriage</u>
- <u>Funerals</u>
- <u>Travel</u>
- <u>Miscellaneous goods</u>
- <u>Wages</u>.

Of course, a price list is a misleading guide to a medieval economy, because so many goods were either produced within a household, or supplied by a lord. Retainers could get money, but they would also get food, lodging, weapons (sometimes), and cloth. Knights Templar were provided with clothes, horses, and armor.

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	TOOLS			
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
2 yokes	4s	c1350	[3]	170
Foot iron of plough	5d		The second second	
3 mason's tools (not named)	9d		"	
1 spade and shovel	3d	1457	"	"
1 axe	5d			н
1 augur	3d			
1 vise	13s 4d	1514	[5]	27-28
Large biciron	60s	T	"	п
Small biciron	16s			
Anvil	20s		San al Fis	man
Bellows	30s		"	n
Hammers	8d-2s 8d	Some States		
2 chisels	8d		The second se	"
Compete set of armorer's tools	L13 16s 11d			"
Spinning Wheel	10 d	1457	[3]	170
	HORSES			and the second second
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
War Horse	up to 50s	12 cen (?)	[7]	30
War Horse	up to L80	13 cen	[3]	72
Knight's 2 horses	L10	1374	and the states	76
High-grade riding horse	L10	13th cen	"	72
Draught horse	10s-20s	13th cen	P	U. U.
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Note: Horse prices varied dramatically; for instance, they doubled between 1210 and 1310. ([3], p. 37).

FOOD AND LIVESTOCK						
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page		
Wine:	11100	2400	Jourse	1 ago		
Best Gascon in London	4d/gallon	1331	[2]	194		
Best Rhenish in London	8d/London	"	"	"		
Wine:	ou, nonaon	1. P				
Cheapest	3d-4d/gal	Late 13 cen	[3]	62		
Best	8d-10d/gal	"	"	"		
Ale (beer comes later):	ou iou/gai	A state and the	E LASS			
Good	1.5d/gal	14 cen	[2]	201		
Medium	ld/gal	"	12]			
Poor	.75d/gal	SE TATAL	1.			
Ale:	./Ju/yai		the main	and the second		
First-rate	1-1.25d/gal	1320-1420	[3]	58		
Second-rate	.75-1d/gal	1520-1420				
Ale (best):	./J-10/yai		al mark	The State		
Somerset	754	1220	101	210		
London	.75d 1.25d	1338	[3]	210		
		late 16 con				
Beer, good	1d/quart	late 16 cen	[8]	XX		
Dried Fruit (eg raisins, dates,			101	62 62		
figs, prunes), almonds, rice		14 cen(?)	[3]	62-63		
Spices (cinnamon, cloves, mace,		1				
pepper, sugar, etc).	1-3s/1b	1999 A 1999 A 1999 A 1999	51 4 1 5 C			
Pepper	4s/lb	mid 13 cen	[9]	218		
Pepper	6d/.51b	1279-1280	[3]	11		
Saffron	12s-15s/lb	14 cen(?)	[3]	62-63		
Cow (good)	10s	12 cen(?)	[7]	30		
Cow	9s 5d	mid 14th	[1]	99		
Cow	6s	1285-1290	[3]	206		
Ox	13s 1.25d	mid 14 cen	[1]	99		
Sheep	1s 5d		Series A.	T		
Wether:	0.1.10.1	1000		010		
Somerset	9d-10d	1338	[3]	210		
London	1s 5d	and a state of the	Same and	The second		
Pig:		1000				
Somerset	2s	1338	[3]	210		
London	3s	a manufacture of	"			
Fowl	1d			"		
2 Chickens	1d	14 cen	[4]	78		
2 Dozen Eggs	1d	1991	"			
Goose (in London)	6d (legal)		101100	1. 1. 1. 1. 1.		
Carlos Carlos Antonio Carlos Traine	7d-8d asked	a set of the set of th	[2]	198		
80 lb cheese	3s 4d	late 13 cen		114		
Salted herring (wholesale)	5-10/1d	1382	[2]	198-199		
Salt conger	6d each	1422-1423	[3]	69		
Oats:	AT A PROPERTY OF			the second		
Somerset	1s/quarter	1338		210		
London	2s 2d per	" - S - S - S - S		"		
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Cost of feeding a knight's or	L30-L60,	15 cen	[3]	199		
merchants household per year	up to L100			S.C.S.C.		
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Related note: around 1380, these are the average costs per day of feeding people on an estate ([3], p. 65): lord, 7d; esquire, 4d; yeoman, 3d; and groom, 1d.

BOOKS AND EDUCATION						
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page		
Monastary School	L2 (approx)	1392-1393	[3]	75		
1	per year	44 156 2 2 2 2	5115.00			
Schoolmaster at Croyden:	Contra Property St.	語いたキリなど				
Board	2s/week*	1394	[2]	186		
Instruction	13s 4d/year		"			
Oxford:		a Carl Land				
Board	104s/year	1374	THE ST	"		
Clothing	40s/year	П	114 200	"		
Instruction	26s 8d/year			I		
University:						
Minimum	L2-L3/year	Late 14 cen	[3]	75		
Student of good birth	L4-L10/year	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	п	п		
Fencing Instruction	10s/month	Late 16 cen	[8]	XX		
7 Books	L5 (approx)	1479	[3]	76		
126 Books	L113	1397	[3]	77		
To Rent a book	.5d-1d per	mid 13 cen	[9]	172		
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\* Source says 2s/day. This is not only insanely high, but the text also claims that the board was the same as at Oxford--i.e., 2s/week or 104s/year.

\*\* A *pecia* is 16 columns of 62 lines of 32 letters, i.e., 31 744 letters, or about 7 500 - 8 000 words. Rental period is not specified, but I would guess a year; books were rented to be copied, and copying the Bible took 15 months. See [9], p. 172.

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Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
Rent per annum for 138 shops on		A STATE		
London Bridge	L160 4s	1365	[2]	114
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taverns with the exclusive	En le Dia	A STATE STATE	C. H. L.S.	
right to sell sweet wines	A Transferration		and the second	
(hippocras, clarry, piments)	L200	1365-1375	[2]	195-196
Rent cottage	5s/year	14 cen(?)	[3]	208
Rent craftsman's house	20s/year	"	atter the	"
Rent merchant's house	L2-L3/year			"
Cottage (1 bay, 2 storeys)	L2	early 14 ce	n "	205
Row house in York (well built)	up to L5			The state
Craftsman's house (i.e., with		444 A.S. 7 M		
shop, work area, and room	at the star			34144
for workers) with 2-3 bays	的情况是是		2-11	A States
and tile roof	L10-L15	early 14 ce	n [3]	205
Modest hall and chamber, not		Sile I Same	STAN.	S. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
including materials	L12	1289	[3]	79-80
Merchant's house	L33-L66	early 14 ce	n [3]	205
House with courtyard	L90+	"		
Goldsmiths' Hall (in London,			1	
with hall, kitchen, buttery,	and the second		Cart and	
2 chambers)	L136	1365	[2]	114
Large tiled barn	L83	1309-1310	[3]	79
Wooden gatehouse (30' long),				
barn, and drawbridge:	all and the first			1 63 .0.
Contract	L5 6s 8d +	1341	[3]	81
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Estimated total	L16	1. <b>1</b> . 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	"	п
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estimated with stone	L30	"	"	34" <u>}</u>
Tower in castle's curtain wall	L333, L395	late 14 cen		
Castle & college at Tattershall		1434-1446		81
	for 13 year		Section 1	
Transept of Gloucester Abbey	L781	1368-1373	[3]	79-80
Stonework of church (125', no	L113	13 cen(?)	"	
tower)	(contract)		a the	stand to the

note: tithes were often calculated at 1d a week for every 20s of annual rent paid (4, p. 208).

The following are the estimates of raw materials and labor that went into the tower of Langeais, a rectangular, tapering stone tower built in 992-994. The source is [6], pp. 47ff. The dimensions at the base were 17.5 meters by 10 meters; the height was 16m (3 floors); the walls were 1.5m thick, made of two shells filled with loose rock.

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Limestone in building: about 1050 cubic meters, or 2 600 000 kg
Wood in building: 47.5 cubic meters, or 34 600 kg
Nails: 3 400, or 50 kg
Mortar: 350 cubic meters.
To make the mortar:
   sand: 225 cubic meters, or 360 000 kg
limestone: 40 cubic meters, or 160 000 kg
green wood: 540 cubic meters, or 286 000 kg
Labor Costs, in Average Working Days (AWD):
   procurement: 14 250
   transport: 2 880
labor:
    unskilled: 63 500
   mason: 12 700
   smith: 1 600
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			1289-1290		
lesser servants 1s 7d/yard " "			2000 2000		1.
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Note: loose tunics take 2.25-2.5 yards. In the late 14th century, shorter doubled (lined) tunics, known as doublets, became fashionable, requiring 4 yards ([3], pp 175,176).

ARMOR						
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page		
Mail	100s	12 cen(??	[7]	30		
Ready-made Milanese armor	L8 6s 8d	1441	[4]	112		
Squire's armor	L5-L6 16s 8	d "	1	The second se		
Armor for Prince of Wales,	Service State	State State				
"gilt and graven"	L340	1614	[5]	20		
Complete Lance Armor	L3 6s 8d	1590	[5]	185		
Complete corselets	30s	的理论的人们的意义。	11-2-2.	10 H 10 10 10		
Cuirass of proof with pauldrons	40s	"	the to a	"		
Normal cuirass with pauldrons	26s 8d	and the second				
Target of proof	30s	"	T	"		
Morion	3s 4d			1 H Land		
Burgonet	4s	"	"	п		
Cuirass of pistol-proof with	art to marked at the					
pauldrons	L1 6s	1624	[5]	189-190		
Cuirass without pauldrons	L1					
Lance Armor	L4	" " it all the	"	S. ( 19		
Targets of Proof	24s	- <b></b>	"	2011		
Cuirass with cap	L4	"	"			
Armor of proof	L14 2s 8d	1667		68		
Bascinet	13s 4d +	1369	"	88		
	3s 4d to		Contraction of the			
	line it					
Armor in a merchant's house						
(leather?)	5s	1285-1290	[3]	206		
Total Armor owned by a knight	L16 6s 8d	1374	<b>.</b>	76		
Armor in house of Thomas of	Part and and a state					
Woodstock, duke of Gloucester	L103	1397	Y The X	77		
Fee for cleaning rust off						
corselets	5d each	1567	[5]	80		
Fee for varnishing, replacing	S. C. P. P. S. C.	and the second and the		A C. 2000		
straps, and rivetting helmet	NS AND S.	Aller the State		al alle		
and corselet	1s 4d	1613	[5]	90		
Barrel for cleaning mail	9d	1467	[5]	79		
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Note: mail is chain mail; almost all the rest is plate-armor. The armor of the knight in 1374 was probably mail with some plates; same for Gloucester's. Mail was extremely susceptible to rust, and was cleaned by rolling it in sand and vinegar in a barrel. Pauldrons are shoulder plates; morions are open helms, burgonets and bascinets closed helms; and a target refers to any of a number different kind of shields. Armor of proof is tested during the making with blows or shots from the strongest weapons of the time; if a weapon is listed, the armor does not claim to be proof against everything, only that it is proof up to that weapon's strength (eg pistol proof is not musket proof, but may be sword proof). All plate armor was lined with cloth, to pad the wearer, quiet the armor, and reduce wear between the pieces. This, along with the necessary straps, was a significant amount of the expense. An armorer asking for money to set up shop in 1624 estimated production costs and profit for a number of different types of armor: I give two examples below ([5], pp. 189-190).

Cuirass of proof with pauldrons	:				A Repair
plates:	5	s 6d			
finishing, rivets, and straps	: 7	s 6d	CALL TO LO DE		
selling price	26	S	THE STORE	517530	
Lance armor:		A. Carlo			
plates	14s	5d	States and the second	C. Lange	
finishing, et cetera	40s			and a	
selling price	80s	1.1.4.1.1	or Dan Line h	1 3 3 3	
	WE	APONS	学是十九个中国	- 11- A.	States.
Item	Pri	ce	Date	Source	Page
Cheap sword (peasant's)	6d	201	1340s	[3]	174
Pair of wheel-lock pistols,		12.5			
with tools for them	L2	16s	mid 17th	[4]	208
Holsters for pistols	6d		1 - 1 - <b>"</b> ( ) ( )		п
Wheel-lock carbine	L1	10s	<b>"</b>		
Shoulder belt for carbine	1s	the seal		Soft and	1
Pair of flintlock pistols	L2	5s	A STANK		- "/ ·
Flintlock carbine	L1	2s	Ser Trans	"	"
Musket	16s	6d-18s	6d "		

Note: It was mandatory in England for all freemen to own certain types of weapons and armor. (In 1181, every freeman having goods worth 10 marks (1 mark = 13s 4d) had to have a mail shirt, a helmet, and a spear. All other freemen should have helmet, spear, and gambeson (quilted armor) [4], p. 39.) Later, the government stored arms and armour in churches for use; in the 13th century anyone with an income of L2-L5 (wealthy peasants) had to have bows; archery practice became compulsory on Sundays and holidays. You may know that the extreme range of the longbow was 400 yards, but did you know that a statute of Henry VIII no one over 24 could practice at a range of less than 220 yards? (See [4], p. 95 and elsewhere).

Note: for guessing prices, see the section on tools (an axe for 5d). An armorer might make 24s a month; say a week to make a decent sword, and you might get a price that way. See the section on books and education for fencing instruction.

	MARRIAGE	De Maria		Sec. 1
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
Sample peasant dowries:	13s 4d,	14 cen(?)	[3]	179
A State of the sta	35s 11d,	444 56 2	1611133	
the second second second second	57s, 63s 4d	語の中心中の		
For serfs, mechet (fees) to lor	d,	Set State State	C. H.L.S.	
depending on wealth	1s-13s 4d	14 cen(?)	[3]	179
Wedding feast, wealthy peasant	20s	<b>"</b>	AND SHE	п
Wealthy peasant wedding total	L3-L4	·维加州市和望	11-2-2	
Dowry for esquire's daughter	up to L66	15 cen	the sol	84
	13s 4d	and the seaso		
Dowry for baron's daughter	L1000 +	"		п
London parents (both sets)	the second states of the		auf mine is	
each offered couple	L100	1385	[2]	154
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Note: these costs will be wildly varying depending on circumstance.

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Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
Cheap gentlewoman's funeral				
(bell-ringing, clergy, food)	L7	1497	[3]	85
Brass monument, with a figure	State and the second		2000	
incised, on marble base				1. Park
fitting for lesser aristocrat	L8	early 14 cer	1 "	"
Bishop Mitford's funeral				
(with 1450 guests!)	L130+	1407		
Memorial Chapel for Richard	and the second of			
Beauchamp, earl of Warwick	L2481	1439-1463	" A	
Bronze effigy on guilded tomb	L400	TI	"	"

Note: Christopher Dyer gives as a rough rule of thumb 1 year's income for a funeral ([3], p. 85)

	TRAVEL			1
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
Queen's chariot	L400	14 cen	[1]	99
Lady Eleanor's chariot	L1000	14 cen	[1]	99
Chariot	L8	1381	[3]	72
Chariot maintence	1-3s/year	14 cen	U.	
Barge	L10	II.	-	П
Iron-bound cart	4s	c1350		170
Guide for a night	1d	14 cen	[1]	129
Ferry ride per horseman	1d	State ( State )	п	U
Keeping an earl's warhorse	a second second	Setting and the setting	and the	
82 days in summer	36s 9.5d	1287	[3]	71

Note: [1], pp 126-129, gives the following prices at an inn in 1331. For one day, 3 men with 4 servants spent: Bread, 4d; beer, 2d; wine 1.25d; meat, 5.5d; potage, .25d; candles, .25d; fueld, 2d; beds, 2d; fodder for horses, 10d. The four servants staying alone sleep 2 nights for 1d. Generally, all 7 spend 2d a night on beds; in London, it is 1d per head.

	MISCELLANEOUS	a la serie de l		
Item	Price	Date	Source	Page
6 silver spoons	14s	1382	[2]	24
2 gold rings with diamonds	L15		п	e 11
Gold Ring with ruby	26s 8d		"	-
3 strings of pearls	70s	14 <b>"</b> . (	"	
6 gold necklaces	100s			"
Fee to enroll an apprentice:	日本語言語			
with mercers (rich merchant	s) 2s	14 cen	[2]	111
with carpenters	1s	"	"	"
Fee to join guild at end of			Call S. San	4.2.
apprenticeship:	NOAN KER		the second	
with mercers	20s	"	[2]	111
with carpenters	3s 4d	R.	- 1- 1	
Fee to join guild	6s 8d-L3	14 cen(?)	[3]	208
Fee to gain freedom of a town				
(to enjoy its exemption from				
feudal duties, I assume)	3s 4d-20s	14 cen(?0	[3]	208
To empty a cesspit in a city	6s 8d	15 cen(?)	[3]	209
Candles				8130
Somerset	1.5d/1b	1338	[3]	210
London	2d-2.5d/1b	"		
Candles		1.5 (0)		-
tallow	1.5d/1b	15 cen(?)	[3]	74
wax	6.5d/1b	1406-1407		
Vat	4d	1457	[3]	170
Barrel	3d	the state		
Bottle	4d	a a state of the		
2 buckets	1s 4d	E		
1 sheet 1 mattress	4d 2d	III III III III		
4 pillows	20 4d	-	n X	
3 boards for a bed	4d 4d	<b>n</b>	u de la	
2 sheets, 4 blankets	5s 8p	1349-1352		
16 bedspreads, 20 sheets,	55 op	1345 1332	and the second s	ALC: N
8 featherbeds	L3 1s	1285-1290	[3]	206
Duke's bed of cloth of gold,	10 10	1203 1290	[3]	200
with blue satin canopy	L182 3s	1397	[3]	77
Table	6d	1457	[3]	170
Chair	3d		"	"
Chest with necessaries theret		II	u	1.
2 chests	6d each	П	T	5 m - 1
Metal ewer	6d	1349-1352		
Brass pot	2s	п	and the second s	"
Basin and ewer	8d .	1923 M Climber	- Martin	
Basin and ewer	2s 8d	The second se	<b>n</b>	"
Towel	6d	T.	"	"
Coffer	1s .	2		
2 stools	8d		"	Strat
Ceramic cooking pot	.5d	1340s	"	174
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Note: most of these come from inventories of peasants' belongings. The fine goods would be more expensive.

Note about lighting: great houses could use 100 lb of wax and tallow in a single winter night ([3], p. 74). Others, not as rich, would go to sleep earlier.

	WAGES	And Alerthy		
Profession	Wage	Date	Source	Page
Mercenaries:		and the second		1999
knight banneret	4s/day	1316	[4]	78
knight	2s/day		"	-11
man-at-arms or squire	ls/day	A THE REAL PROPERTY OF	"	"
Regular Army	Stand Local	San Januar Martin	a harris	
Esquires, constables, and	和自己的问题的。我们			
centenars	ls/day	1346	[4]	79
Mounted archers, armored			C. Maria	
infantry, hobilars,	1. A 2 1 1 1 1			4 20 21
vintenars	6d/day	(m / ) / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	17	"
Welsh vintenars	4d/day	"		Non-
Archers	3d/day	"		1
Welsh infantry	2d/day	- <b>P</b> -2-2-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-	"	"
Captain	8s/day	late 16 cen	[4]	181
Lieutenant	4s/day	T T	"	
Ensign	2s/day	"		"
Drummer or trumpeter	20d/day		an start	" " \
cavalryman	18d/day	a	n	Sey Barry
infantry	8d/day		п	
Laborer	L2/year max	c1300	[3]	29
Crown revenues (at peace)	L30 000	c1300	1. 1. 1.	
Barons per year	L200-500+	c1300		"
Earls per year	L400-L11000	c1300		(A) (A)
Sergeant at Law (top lawyer)	L300/year	1455	"	47
Chief armorer	26s 8d/mont	h 1544	[5]	182
Other armorers in same shop	24s/month	1544	u	
except "Old Martyn" who made	38s 10d/mon	th 1544		
Apprentices in same shop	6d/day	1544	T	1.1.2
Master mason	4d/day	1351	[2]	24
Master carpenter	3d/day	7		1
Carpenters' Guild stipend to				14
a sick member	14d/week	1333	[2]	156
Weavers	5d/day, no	1407	[2]	146
	food	aller and the	and the state	14.1-4
Chantry priest per year	L4 13s 4d	1379	[2]	24
Squires per annum	13s 4d-L1	14 cen	[1]	116-117
Carters, porters, falconers	5s-8s 8d	14 cen	[1]	116-117
grooms, messengers	per year			State 1
Kitchen servants	2s-4s/year	14 cen	[1]	116-117
Boys and pages	1s-6s/year	14 cen	[1]	116-117
Wardens of London Bridges	L10/year	1382	[2]	128
	Second and the last		Star I R	Carl State State

Note: sheriffs of London paid 300L per year, hoping to make a profit from the fines they collected.

Note: 30 adult sheep could produce about 20s of wool per year in 1299 ([3], p. 114).

Note: To get a VERY ROUGH sense of money, I reproduce the following chart from Dyer ([3], p. 206). These are averages of daily wages in pence.

Decade	Thatcher	Thatcher's mate
1261-70	2	
1271-80	2.5	1
1281-90	2.25	1
1291-1300	2.5	1
1301-10	2.5	1
1311-20	3	1.25
1321-30	3	1
1331-40	3	1.25
1341-50	3	1.25
1351-60	3.5	2
1361-70	3.5	2
1371-80	4.25	2.5
1381-90	4	2.25
1391-1400	4.25	2.75
1401-10	4.5	3
1411-20	4.75	3
1421-30	4.5	3
1431-40	4.5	3.25
1441-50	5.25	4
1451-60	5.5	3.25
1461-70	4.75	3.75
1471-80	5.25	3.75
1481-90	6	3.75
1491-1500	5.5	3.5
1501-10	5.75	4
1511-20	5.25	4
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