

# Ticket Prices

Festivals	2005	Est. inflation	Percentage	2025	The year it should be to cost what it does in 2025	Sources	Notes
Glastonbury	£119	£206	218%	£378.50	2042	Glastonbury website (via wayback machine)	
Reading	£125	£216.68	160%	£325	2035		
Leeds	£125	£216.68	160%	£325	2035	<a href="https://www.leedsmusicscene.net/article/3688/#:-:text=With%20a%20c">https://www.leedsmusicscene.net/article/3688/#:-:text=With%20a%20c</a>	
Wireless	£80	£138.68	282%	£306	2048	(3 day tickets), efestivals, used to have a four day option	Has Drake on all 3 days
Creamfields	£52	£90.40	496%	£310	2063	<a href="https://ra.co/events/7347">https://ra.co/events/7347</a>	
Download	£105	£182.01	209%	£325	2040	3 nighters - ebay ticket	
Isle of Wight Festival	£75	£130.01	287%	£289.95	2049	<a href="https://higher-frequency.com/e_event/festival05/isle_of_wight/index.htm">https://higher-frequency.com/e_event/festival05/isle_of_wight/index.htm</a>	
Truck Festival	£37.50	£64.14	567%	£250	2068	<a href="https://www.efestivals.co.uk/festivals/truck/2005/lineup.shtml#:-:text=Tr">https://www.efestivals.co.uk/festivals/truck/2005/lineup.shtml#:-:text=Tr</a>	
Bloodstock	£40	£69.34	415%	£206	2059	<a href="https://www.efestivals.co.uk/festivals/bloodstock/2005/openair#:-:text=T">https://www.efestivals.co.uk/festivals/bloodstock/2005/openair#:-:text=T</a>	
Shambala	£59	£102.27	404%	£297.45	2058	<a href="https://www.urban75.net/forums/threads/shambala-festival.9721/page-4">https://www.urban75.net/forums/threads/shambala-festival.9721/page-4</a>	
<b>Average</b>	<b>£82</b>	<b>£142</b>	<b>267%</b>	<b>£301.24</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>The average cost of a festival in 2025 is TWICE what it should be</b>	
Artists	2005	Est. inflation	Percentage	2025		Sources	
Oasis	£32.50	£57.20	357%	£148.50	2054	<a href="https://www.tracks.co.uk/product/b34091-oasis-2005-city-of-manchester">https://www.tracks.co.uk/product/b34091-oasis-2005-city-of-manchester</a>	<a href="https://www.ick">https://www.ick</a>
Duran Duran	£45.30	£78.53	85%	£84	2025	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/116113291588?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/116113291588?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+</a>	
Motley Crue	£33.65	£58.94	65%	£55.58	2022	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/235845766884?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/235845766884?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+</a>	
Mcfly	£20	£34.67	177%	£55.45	2038	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/295975188579?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/295975188579?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+</a>	
James	£16	£27.74	285%	£61.60	2048	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/156733012221?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/156733012221?_skw=2005+concert+ticket+</a>	
Busted	£23.50	£41.60	133%	£54.70	2031	<a href="https://x.com/barrington2022/status/1846469950640206230">https://x.com/barrington2022/status/1846469950640206230</a>	
Coldplay	£35.75	£62.40	215%	£112.75	2042	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/335620980108?_trkparms=amclsrc%3DIT">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/335620980108?_trkparms=amclsrc%3DIT</a>	
Greenday	£28.50	£50.27	230%	£94.00	2044	<a href="https://tikitz.uk/products/greenday-2095-the-forum-london-framed-ticket">https://tikitz.uk/products/greenday-2095-the-forum-london-framed-ticket</a>	
Robbie Williams	£45	£78.01	83%	£82.50	2024	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/296834124025?_skw=robbie+williams+ticke">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/296834124025?_skw=robbie+williams+ticke</a>	<a href="https://www.he">https://www.he</a>
Arctic Monkeys	£7	£12.13	936%	£72.50	2082	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Arctic_Monkeys_concert_tours#:-:">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Arctic_Monkeys_concert_tours#:-: </a>	<a href="https://inews.co">https://inews.co</a>
Kaiser Chiefs	£16.50	£29.47	237%	£55.62	2044	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/274048186531">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/274048186531</a>	<a href="https://dice.fm/">https://dice.fm/</a>
Avril Lavigne	£21.50	£38.14	40%	£30	2017	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/261336958619#:-:text=%C2%A38.98.Like%">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/261336958619#:-:text=%C2%A38.98.Like%</a>	<a href="https://www.tick">https://www.tick</a>
Sum 41	£15	£26	273%	£56	2048	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/154730574165?_skw=sum+41+2004+ticket">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/154730574165?_skw=sum+41+2004+ticket</a>	
Destiny's Child   Beyonce	£27.50	£48.50	160%	£71.60	2036	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/154730574165?_skw=sum+41+2004+ticket">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/154730574165?_skw=sum+41+2004+ticket</a>	<a href="https://www.gla">https://www.gla</a>
Sugababes	£25	£41.39	127%	£53.95	2031	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/134976183309?_skw=sugababes+ticket&amp;it">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/134976183309?_skw=sugababes+ticket&amp;it</a>	<a href="https://www.tick">https://www.tick</a>
Elton John	£75	£130.00	33.30%	£100	2015	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/335272582853">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/335272582853</a>	<a href="https://www.live">https://www.live</a>
Billy Joel	£51	£86.39	318%	£213	2052	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/395211421239?_skw=billy+joel+2005+ticke">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/395211421239?_skw=billy+joel+2005+ticke</a>	
Black Sabbath	£20	£34.67	888%	£197.50	2081	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/186982917117?_skw=black+sabbath+2005">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/186982917117?_skw=black+sabbath+2005</a>	<a href="https://www.joe">https://www.joe</a>
Bryan Adams	£30	£50	61%	£48.35	2022	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/335458156736?_skw=bryan+adams+2005+">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/335458156736?_skw=bryan+adams+2005+</a>	<a href="https://premier">https://premier</a>
Bruce Springsteen	£62.15	£105.03	40.80%	£87.50	2017	<a href="https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/176827344252?_skw=bruce+springsteen+2">https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/176827344252?_skw=bruce+springsteen+2</a>	<a href="https://www.rac">https://www.rac</a>
<b>Average</b>	<b>£30.18</b>	<b>£54.25</b>	<b>237%</b>	<b>£84.35</b>	<b>2038</b>		

[1] General admission, standing, Wembley  
 [2] standing  
 [3] Last tour - 2023  
 [4] 2007, best we could find  
 [5] \$36.50 x 0.55  
 2005 each rate  
 Ozzfest 2005  
 [6] 2006

# Ticket Analysis 1

	Festival	Percentage increase	Price difference 2005-2025	Price difference between inflated est and 2025	aka
Biggest price jump	Truck festival	567%	£212.50	£185.86	In 2025 a Truck Fest ticket is over five and a half times the 2005 price.
Smallest price jump	Reading/Leeds	160%	£200	£108.32	Tickets for Reading and Leeds fest are one and a half times the cost that they were in 2005.
Average	Average of all	267%	£159	£159.24	The average festival ticket has increased by two and a half times its value in the last 20 years.
<b>Inflation benchmark</b>		<b>73%</b>			

Festivals ranked by ticket price increase	% inc	2005	2025
Truck Festival	567%	£37.50	£250
Creamfields	496%	£52	£310
Bloodstock	415%	£40	£206
Shambala	404%	£59	£297.45
Isle of Wight Festival	287%	£75	£289.95

	Most expensive	Least expensive	
2005	Reading/Leeds (£125)	Truck (£37.50)	
2025	Glastonbury (£378.50)	Bloodstock (£206)	
Notes:		The cheapest ticket in 2025 is four and a half times what it was in 2005.	



# Ticket Analysis 2

GIGS				
Chippy tea, beer, cigarettes, train (most expensive)				
	2005	Est. with inflation	Price increase ('05-'25)	2025
Night out				
Average gig	£30.18	£54.25	237%	£84.35
Beer (Lager)	£2.42	£3.42	94.20%	£4.70
Cigarettes	£4.57	£8.67	259.95%	£16.45
Chippy tea	£5.19	£8.67	109.60%	£10.88
Train ticket	£12.50	£22.53	100%	£25.00
<b>TOTAL (train)</b>	<b>£54.86</b>	<b>£97.54</b>	<b>160% [1]</b>	<b>£141.38</b>

Maccies, pints, cigarettes				
	2005	Est. with inflation	Price increase ('05-'25)	2025
Night out				
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Maccies	£3.29	£5.20	114.30%	£7.09
Train ticket	£12.50	£22.53	100%	£25.00
<b>TOTAL (train)</b>	<b>£52.96</b>	<b>£94.07</b>	<b>161% [2]</b>	<b>£137.59</b>

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Bus ticket	£1.00	£1.73	200%	£3.00
<b>TOTAL (bus)</b>	<b>£41.46</b>	<b>£73.27</b>	<b>181%</b>	<b>£115.59</b>

Maccies, pints, cigarettes vs vape				
	2005	Est. with inflation	Price increase ('05-'25)	2025
Night out				
Average gig	£30.18	£54.25	237%	£84.35
Beer (Lager)	£2.42	£3.42	94.20%	£4.70
Cigarettes ('05) - Vape ('25)	£4.57	£8.67	9.20%	£4.99
Maccies	£3.29	£5.20	114.30%	£7.09
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No booze, no ciggies				
Without cigarettes or beer				
	2005	Est. with inflation	Price increase ('05-'25)	2025
Night out				
Average gig	£30.18	£54.25	237%	£84.35
Coke	£1.50	£2.60	206.70%	£4.60
Maccies	£3.29	£5.20	114.30%	£7.09
Train ticket	£12.50	£22.53	100%	£25.00
<b>TOTAL (train)</b>	<b>£47.47</b>	<b>£84.58</b>	<b>165% [4]</b>	<b>£121.04</b>

  

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<b>TOTAL (bus)</b>	<b>£35.97</b>	<b>£63.78</b>	<b>190%</b>	<b>£99.04</b>

	2005	Est inflation	% inc	2025
Chippy tea, beer, cigarettes, train (most expensive)	£54.86	£97.54	160%	£141.38
Maccies, pints, cigarettes, train	£52.96	£94.07	161%	£137.59
Maccies, pints, cigarettes, bus	£41.46	£73.27	181%	£115.59
Maccies, pints, cigarettes vs vape, train	£52.96	£94.07	111%	£126.13
Maccies, pints, cigarettes vs vape, bus	£41.46	£73.27	131%	£104.13
No booze, no ciggies, train	£47.47	£84.58	165%	£121.04
No booze, no ciggies, bus (cheapest)	£35.97	£63.78	190%	£99.04
	<b>£46.74</b>	<b>£82.94</b>	<b>157%</b>	<b>£120.70</b>

Supplementary data	
<a href="#">You gov gig data</a>	<p>half (51%) say the price of a ticket has stopped them from attending a gig at least once in the last five years – and 18% say it's happened frequently.</p> <p>Three-quarters of the gig-going public (75%) have paid more than £50 for a concert ticket, including 36% who spent more than £100 on a ticket and 9% who stumped up £200 or more. (53%) of those who gave us an answer put the value at £40 or less for the fair price of a ticket</p>

[1][2][3][4] This is the average increased cost of the above

# Trains Data

Gig Locations [1]	
	London (any)
Dover	£32
Ashford	£14.40
Hastings	£28
Eastbourne	£28
Brighton	£18.50
Portsmouth	£43.90
Southampton	£48.30
Bournemouth	£65.80
Weymouth	£81.20
Basingstoke	£33.70
Exeter	£115
Taunton	£103.30
Bristol	£78
Swindon	£62.80
Gloucester	£70.90
Cheltenham Spa	£70.90
Oxford	£36
Reading	£27.20
Milton Keynes	£19.70
Cambridge	£24.30
Colchester	£27
Norwich	£72.70
Peterborough	£27.10
Ipswich	£55.30
Harwich	£48.90
Watford junction	£15.20
Aylesbury	£29.30
Slough	£13.80
Richmond	£11.80
Epsom	£13.50
Dorking	£12.70
East Grinstead	£16.50
Sevenoaks	£16.80
Maidstone	£25.10
Chatham	£19.40
Upminster	£14
Romford	£16.60
Bishops Stortford	£23.40
Stevenage	£16.20
Bedford	£30.90
West Hampstead	£14
Willesden	£14
High Wycombe	£27.40
Clapham Junction	£8.40
East Croydon	£15.30
Bromley South	£15.30
Whitechapel	£14.70
Manchester	£45
Birmingham	£33.50
<b>Average</b>	<b>£35</b>

	Manchester
Stoke-on-trent	£22.20
Macclesfield	£13.10
Stockport	£3.50
Crewe	£17.20
Wilmslow	£8.70
Chester	£16.70
Warrington	£10.70
Liverpool	£18.90
Earlestown	£10.70
Preston	£16.30
Wigan	£8.30
Bolton	£7.30
Barrow-in-Furnes	£47
Blackpool	£23.10
Hebden Bridge	£13.20
Rochdale	£8.10
Burnley	£13.80
Bradford	£16.60
Huddersfield	£19
Stalybridge	£6.80
Hadfield	£8.30
Marple	£7.30
Buxton	£13.90
Derby	£36.20
Nottingham	£31.80
Leicester	£65.10
<b>Average</b>	<b>£17.84</b>

	Leeds
Sheffield	£15.20
Derby	£47.40
Scarborough	£41.80
Hull	£31.70
Doncaster	£14.40
Darlington	£49.30
York	£20.20
Middlesbrough	£49.60
Grimsby	£46.50
Harrogate	£10.80
Northallerton	£32.90
Skipton	£12
Selby	£13.90
Halifax	£8.80
Ilkley	£9.30
Castleford	£7
Swinton	£13.20
<b>Average</b>	<b>£24.94</b>

	Liverpool
Manchester	£18.90
Southport	£8.70
West Kirby	£6.70
Crewe	£15.30
Chester	£8
Shrewsbury	£51.40
Rhyl	£23.10
Wrexham	£15.60
Holyhead	£49.90
Prestatyn	£23.10
Chorley	£18.30
Ellesmere Port	£7.65
Runcorn	£9.20
<b>Average</b>	<b>£19.68</b>

	Cardiff
Carmarthen	£27.50
Craven Arms	£64.80
Hereford	£48.50
Neath	£14.40
Merthyr Tydfil	£9.20
Rhymney	£9.20
Ebbw Vale	£9.20
Abergavenny	£34.20
Bristol Parkway	£26
Swindon	£31.90
Gloucester	£26
Ludlow	£52.40
Taunton	£55.10
<b>Average</b>	<b>£31.42</b>

	Glasgow
Carlisle	£25.19
Edinburgh	£16.20
Kilmarnock	£8.80
Carstairs	£9.20
Stirling	£10.40
Perth	£20
Dundee	£47.80
Pitlochry	£25
Tweedbank	£30.10
Drumgelloch	£5.90
Dumfries	£24
<b>Average</b>	<b>£28.24</b>

	Local average
London	£35
Manchester	£17.84
Glasgow	£20.24
Liverpool	£19.68
Cardiff	£31.42
Leeds	£24.94
<b>Grand average</b>	<b>£25</b>

[1] Super Off-Peak Day Returns for the nearest Saturday. True as of 07/03/25.



# Costs in 2005

	2005	Est Inflation	2025	Percentage	
Beer (Lager)	£2.42	£3.42	£4.70	94.2	<a href="https://beerandpub.com/data-stat">https://beerandpub.com/data-stat</a>
Ale (inc. Stout)	£2.13	£3.47	£3.93	84.5	<a href="https://beerandpub.com/data-stat">https://beerandpub.com/data-stat</a>
Bottle of coke	£1.50	£2.60	£4.60	206.7	<a href="https://www.scoc">https://www.scoc</a> <a href="https://startups.c">https://startups.c</a>
Cigarettes (20 Pack)	4.57	£8.67	£16.45	259.95	<a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics">https://www.statista.com/statistics</a> <a href="https://ashscotland.org.uk/briefing">https://ashscotland.org.uk/briefing</a>
Vape			£4.99		<a href="https://www.totallywicked-eliquid.c">https://www.totallywicked-eliquid.c</a>
Takeaway (Fish and Chips)	£5.19	£8.67	£10.88	109.6	<a href="https://www.payset.io/post/how-in">https://www.payset.io/post/how-in</a> <a href="https://www.nimblefins.co.uk/aver">https://www.nimblefins.co.uk/aver</a>
Maccies	£3.29	£5.20	£7.09	114.3	<a href="https://www.reddit.com/r/england/">https://www.reddit.com/r/england/</a>
Bus Fare	£1	£1.73	£3	200	
Average Cost of Train Ticket	£10 - £15	£22.53	£57.50	360	<a href="https://www.ons.gov.uk/econor">https://www.ons.gov.uk/econor</a>
Petrol	79.9	£139.00	£139.62	74.74	<a href="http://www.speedlimit.org.uk/petro">http://www.speedlimit.org.uk/petro</a> <a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics">https://www.statista.com/statistics</a>

\*the calculators i've been able to find won't let you put decimal points. I have had to round up or down

Average weekly wage		
2005	£431.20	<a href="https://www.statista.c">https://www.statista.c</a>
2025	£711	<a href="https://tradingeconor">https://tradingeconor</a>
	<b>65% increase</b>	
Band Merch		
2005	\$25-30	£13.25-15.90
2025	\$35-50	£27.14 - £38.78



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