

Dublin nights out are dearer

Even a bag of chips on way home costs more in the capital

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A NIGHT on the town just wouldn't be the same without a big bag of curry chips to round it off.

And a survey on the cost of socialising has finally included the old staple in its figures.

A study by the Irish section of youth group Junior Chamber International has calculated that a night on the tiles in Dublin could cost you €20 more than a similar night elsewhere in the country, a jump of over 50pc.

The bag of chips alone will leave you €1 more out of pocket in the capital than, for example, in Ennis, Co Clare.

The study - which includes pricing a trip to the cinema, a couple of drinks, entry to a nightclub and a taxi home with those chips - found that a night out in Dublin will set you back €56.20.

	Dublin	Dun Laoghaire	Galway	Cork	Limerick	Tullamore	Ennis
Cinema ticket Saturday night 1 adult 8pm show (or similar)	€9.20	€7.50	€9.00	€8.50	€8.00	€7.50	€7.00
Long neck bottle of Heineken in a pub	€5.50	€4.50	€4.40	€4.30*	€4.60	€4.40	€3.90
1/4 bottle of white wine in a pub	€5.50	€4.95	€4.80	€4.30	€4.80	€4.50	€4.65
Sparkling water in a bar	€2.50	€3.25	€2.50	€2.40	€2.50	€2.40	€2.20
Entry into a nightclub on Sat night	€20.00	€12	€13.00	€14.00**	€12.00	€10.00	€8.00
1 item cloakroom charge on Sat night	€2.00	€2	€1.50	€1.50	€2.00	€1.50	€2.00
Large curry chips	€3.50	€3	€3.45	€2.55	€3.00	€3.80	€2.50
Taxi journey for 2 people after midnight (3 miles)	€8.00	€13	€9.50***	€10***	€7.50	€6.00	€6.00
Total	€56.20	€50.20	€48.15	€47.55	€46.40	€40.10	€36.25

*Late night price. **Discounts available. ***call out charge may apply/quadriplem only. All price data was compiled during the week July 1st - 6th

The same night in Ennis would cost almost €20 less, at €36.25. Tullamore in Offaly - where the chips are actually more expensive than Dublin - only costs €40.10, while Limerick is

next cheapest at €46.40.

A closer look at the statistics, however, shows that much of the price difference has little to do with the nearest takeaway, and more to do with the local night-

club. "There seems to be a huge differential in the cost of night club entry around the country," Suzanne Corcoran, the national president of JCI Ireland said.

"It is yet another example

of how young people living in larger cities are being exploited. While I accept that there is a need for nightclubs to cover insurance, security and staff costs, the door entry prices still seem to be unreasonably higher in the cities.

"Those nightclubs who reward loyal clientele, by way of discount cards, should be noted, commended and supported. I would like to see more night clubs follow their example."

The nightclub in Dublin cost €20 to get into, much higher than Dun Laoghaire (€12), Galway (€13), and Cork (€14) while Ennis was easily the cheapest at just €8. The names of the clubs were not provided.

Other notable discrepancies included the price of a bottle of Heineken which was €5.50 in Dublin compared to €3.90 in Ennis, and the three-mile taxi journey which cost €13 in Dun Laoghaire and €6 in Tullamore.