

Wages of Unskilled and Skilled Building Workers in Europe, 1500-1649

| A : Unskilled Labourers | Silver Wages | | | Grain Wages | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| | [grams of silver/day] | | | [kgs of grain/day] | | |
| North-West Europe – London | 3.2 | 4.6 | 7.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| South England | 2.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 10.1 | 6.3 | 4.0 |
| Amsterdam | 3.1 | 4.7 | 7.2 | *10.3 | *8.6 | *11.5 |
| Antwerp | 3.0 | 5.9 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 7.7 |
| Paris | 2.8 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| South Europe - Valencia [Madrid] | 4.2 | 6.6 | 8.8 | 10.7 | 7.4 | 6.3 |
| Florence/Milan | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 4.4 |
| Naples | 3.3 | 3.5 | 5.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Central and East Europe Gdansk | 2.1 | 2.1 | 3.8 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Warsaw | | 2.5 | 3.2 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Krakow | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.4 | *97.4 | *50.0 | *19.4 |
| Vienna | 2.7 | 2.6 | 4.4 | *27.6 | *11.5 | *12.4 |
| Augsburg [with Leipzig for grain-price] | 2.1 | 3.1 | 4.0 | *14.6 | *8.4 | *9.7 |
| B. Skilled Craftsmen | | | | | | |

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|--------------------------|-----|------|------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| North-West Europe | 5.0 | 6.9 | 11.3 | | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| London | | | | | | | |
| South England | 4.2 | 5.1 | 6.1 | | 16.9 | 9.4 | 6.9 |
| Amsterdam | 4.5 | 7.0 | 10.4 | | *15.0 | *12.8 | *12.7 |
| Antwerp | 5.2 | 10.3 | 12.6 | | 15.3 | 12.6 | 12.7 |
| Paris | 4.4 | 9.0 | 10.6 | | 10.7 | 8.0 | 9.6 |
| South Europe | 6.5 | 8.5 | 10.5 | | 16.4 | 12.0 | 11.5 |
| Valencia ¹ | | | | | | | |
| Madrid | 6.2 | 12.5 | 20.1 | | - | - | - |
| Milan | n/a | n/a | 10.5 | | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Florence | 5.3 | 7.5 | 10.6 | | 8.6 | 6.8 | 8.8 |
| Naples | 6.8 | 5.5 | 7.8 | | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Central and East Europe | | | | | | | |
| Gdansk | 2.8 | 4.7 | 6.4 | | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Warsaw | n/a | 3.6 | 5.6 | | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Krakow | 3.8 | 5.2 | 4.2 | | 97.1 | 50.0 | 19.4 |
| Vienna | 4.0 | 3.9 | 5.5 | | 27.6 | 11.5 | 12.4 |
| Leipzig ² | 2.9 | 3.3 | 6.8 | | 14.6 | 8.4 | 9.7 |
| Augsburg | 3.5 | 4.2 | 5.4 | | - | - | - |

Real Consumption Wags of European Unskilled Building Labourers, 1500-1649

[London 1500-1549 = 100]

| | 1500-1549 | 1550-1599 | 1600-1649 |
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¹. Includes Madrid for grain-wage.

². Includes Augsburg for grain-wage.

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| North-West Europe | | 100 | 85 | 80 |
| London | | | | |
| | | 97 | 74 | 92 |
| Amsterdam | | | | |
| | | 98 | 88 | 93 |
| Antwerp | | | | |
| | Paris | 62 | 60 | 59 |
| South Europe | Valencia | 79 | 63 | 62 |
| | Madrid | n/a | 56 | 51 |
| | Florence/Milan | 62 | 53 | 57 |
| | Naples | 73 | 54 | 69 |
| Central and East Europe..... | Gdansk | 78 | 50 | 69 |
| | Warsaw | n/a | 75 | 66 |
| | Krakow | 67 | 74 | 65 |
| | Vienna | 88 | 60 | 61 |
| | Leipzig | n/a | 34 | 35 |
| | Augsburg | 62 | 50 | 39 |

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