What is the cost of a healthy food basket in Northern Ireland in 2022?

Final seven day menus for each of the four households in NI







Appendix – Menus



Seven-day menu for the two-parent, two-child (primary-school and secondary-school age) household

Day	Breakfast	Morning snack	Lunch	Afternoon snack	Dinner	Evening Snack
Sunday	All: omelette (7 eggs), wholemeal toast (2 slices each) & banana Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: milk & water	All: peanuts Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	Sunday dinner All: roast pork (joint), gravy, potatoes, carrots, broccoli & ice-cream with fresh-fruit salad Drinks All: diluted cordial		Sunday evening meal All: toastie (ham (1 slice), cheese & tomato on 2 slices wholemeal bread) & small cake (carrot cake) Drinks Adults: coffee Secondary-school child: milk Primary-school child: water	All: Rich Tea biscuits (Male adult & secondary-school child: 2; female adult & primary-school child: 1) Drinks Adults: tea Children: milk
Monday	All: Weetabix (Adults & Primary-school child: 2 biscuits; Secondary-school child: 3 biscuits) & banana Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water	Primary-school child: grapes (Child's portion) Secondary-school child: school snack (apple) Adults: 2 rice cakes Drinks Adults: coffee & water Secondary-school child: water Primary-school child: school milk	Children: school lunch (Primary-school child: fish fingers, potatoes, peas & yoghurt; Secondary-school child: wedges, chicken burger, salad & yoghurt) Adults: Adult's portion of homemade vegetable soup (onions, potato,carrots, celery, leeks, 1 chicken stock cube, soup mix), bap with a sandwich filling (ham & cheese) & yoghurt Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water	Children: leftover homemade soup (1 Child's portion, 1 Adolescent's portion) with a bap Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	All: spaghetti bolognese (1½ lb mincemeat, garlic, onions, tinned tomatoes, tomato puree, 1 stock cube, spaghetti) & 1 garlic bread baguette Drinks All: milk & water	All: 1 slice wholemeal toast with low-fat spread (LFS) Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water

Tuesday	All: 3 Adult's portions and 1 Child's portion of porridge with raisins Drinks Adults: tea & orange juice Children: orange juice	Adults: banana Primary-school child: banana Secondary-school child: school snack (2 mandarin oranges) Drinks Adults: coffee & water Secondary-school child: water Primary-school child: school milk	Children: school lunch (Primary-school child: sausages, sweetcorn, potatoes, & custard with cake; Secondary-school child: baked potato, beans, cheese, coleslaw, salad & frozen yoghurt) Adults: baked potato with cheese & beans, & apple Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	Primary-school child: cheese & 2 crackers Secondary-school child: cheese on toast (1 slice) & grapes Adults: grapes Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	All: stew (1½ lb stew steak, potatoes, carrots, turnips, onions, 1 stock cube) Male adult & secondary-school child: 1 slice wholemeal bread All: yoghurt Drinks Adults & primary-school child: water Secondary-school child: milk	All: cornflakes Drinks Adults: tea Children: water
Wednesday	All: pancakes (Adults & Primary- school child: 2; Secondary-school child: 3) with marmalade & LFS, & banana Drinks Adults: tea Children: water	Adults: cheese & 4 crackers Secondary-school child: school snack (apple) Primary-school child: pear Drinks Adults: coffee & water Secondary-school child: water Primary-school child: school milk	All: tuna salad sandwich (2 tins of tuna, lettuce, onion, mayo on 2 slices wholemeal bread) & yoghurt Children: clementine Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water	Primary-school child: 1 Rich Tea biscuit Secondary-school child: 4 crackers & cheese Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	All: pasta bake (pasta, 4 chicken fillets, ham (4 slices), corn, peas, broccoli, peppers, onions, homemade white sauce (plain flour, milk), salad (lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber) & cheese on top) Drinks Adults: milk Children: water	All: Weetabix (Female adult & primary-school child: 2 biscuits; Male adult & secondary-school child: 3 biscuits) Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water
Thursday	All: bagel with LFS & jam, 3 Adult's portions & 1 Child's portion of grapes Drinks Adults: tea Secondary-school child: milk Primary-school child: water	Adults: yoghurt Secondary-school child: school snack (banana) Primary-school child: banana Drinks Adults: coffee & water Secondary-school child: water Primary-school child: school milk	All: chicken salad wrap (lettuce, tomato, onion, light mayo, pre packed chicken chunks x 1 packet) & pear Children: yoghurt Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water	Primary-school child: clementine Secondary-school child: cornflakes & peanuts Adults: peanuts Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	All: shepherd's pie (onions, carrots, peas, gravy, 1½ lb of diced lamb, potatoes, grated cheese) & salad (lettuce, tomatoes, onion) Drinks All: milk	All: toast with LFS (Adults & primary- school child: 1 slice; Secondary-school child: 2 slices) Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: hot chocolate (made with milk)

Friday	All: 3 Adult's portions & 1 Child's portion of porridge & pear Drinks Adults: tea Children: water	Adults: scone (jam & LFS) Primary-school child: apple Secondary-school child: school snack (sausage roll) Drinks Adults: coffee Secondary-school child: water Primary-school child: school milk	Children: school lunch (Secondary-school child: chicken goujons, salad, mashed potato & yoghurt; Primary-school child: beef burger, salad, potato wedges & frozen yoghurt) Adults: ham sandwich (LFS, ham (2 slices), cheese & tomato, on 2 slices of wholemeal bread) & yoghurt Drink Adults: tea Children: water	Adults: apple, biscuit (Male Kitkat, Female chocolate digestive) Secondary-school child: banana, Kitkat Primary-school child: Kitkat Drinks Adults: coffee & water Children: water	All: cod (4 fillets), chips, mushy peas, vinegar Drinks Adults & secondary-school child: milk Primary-school child: water	All: chocolate digestives 2 each Drinks Adults: tea Female Adult: half a bottle of white wine Male Adult: 3 bottles of lager Children: water
Saturday	Brunch (Breakfast, snack and lunch) All: fry/grill (toast (Adults & Sec: 2 sl grilled (Adult and Sec: 2; Pri: 1 sausag grilled, mushrooms fried) Drinks Adults: coffeee, water & orange juice Children: water & orange juice	ge, no bacon rasher), 1 egg		All: apple & clementine Drinks Adults: tea & water Children: water	All: chicken curry (rice, chicken (4 fillets), mushrooms, peppers, peas, curry powder) Drinks Adults: water Children: milk	All: baked crisps & Milky Way (funsize) Drinks Adults: tea Female Adult: half a bottle of white wine Male Adult: 3 lagers Children: diluted cordial



Seven-day menu for the one-parent, two-child (pre-school and primary-school age) household

Day	Breakfast	Morning snack	Lunch	Afternoon snack	Dinner	Evening Snack
Sunday	All: scrambled eggs (4) & beans, wholemeal toast (Adult & Primary-school child: 2 slices; Pre-school child: 1 slice) with low-fat spread (LFS) Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water	All: rice cake (Adult & Primary-school child: 2; Pre-school child: 1) with cheese low-fat spread Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: milk	Sunday dinner All: roast chicken (fillet), (sausages (2), 1 egg, breamixed herbs, onion) gravy broccoli & ice cream with Drinks All: diluted cordial	dcrumbs (3 slices), /, potatoes, carrots,	Sunday evening meal Adult & Primary-school child: toastie (ham (1 slice), cheese & tomato on 2 slices wholemeal bread) Pre-school child: half toastie All: small cake & fruit salad Drinks Adult: tea & milk Children: water	All: 1 Rich Tea biscuit Drinks Adult: tea Children: milk
Monday	All: porridge (1 Adult's & 2 Children's portions) & banana Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water	Adult & Primary- school child: grapes (1 Adult's & 1 Child's portion) Adult: peanuts Pre-school child: school snack (grapes) Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: school milk	Primary-school child: school lunch (fish fingers, peas, potato & yoghurt) Adult: ham sandwich (ham (1 slice) & tomato, 2 slices wholemeal bread, LFS) & yoghurt Pre-school child: half sandwich & yoghurt Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water	Children: pineapple slice (2 Children's portions), 1 slice wholemeal toast, LFS Adult: apple Drinks Adult: coffee & water Primary-school child: water Pre-school child: milk	All: spaghetti bolognese (1lb mincemeat, garlic, onions, tinned tomatoes, tomato puree, 1 stock cube, spaghetti) & 1 garlic bread slice each Drinks All: water	All: cornflakes Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water
Tuesday	All: Weetabix (Adult and Primary-school child: 2 biscuits; Pre-school child: 1 biscuit) with pineapple slice (2 Children's portion and 1 Adult's portion) Drinks All: water Adult: tea	Adult & Primary- school child: pear Pre-school child: school snack (pear) Drinks Adult: coffee Children: school milk	Adult & Primary-school child: sandwich (2 slices wholemeal bread, ham (1 slice), cheese, tomato, LFS) & yoghurt, banana Pre-school child: half sandwich & yoghurt Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water	All: unsalted peanuts Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: water	All: stew (1lb stewing steak, potatoes, carrots, turnips, onions, brown sauce, 1 stock cube) Adult: 2 slices wholemeal bread Drinks All: water	All: 1 Rich Tea biscuit Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: hot chocolate (made with milk)

Wednesday	All: toast (Adult & Primary-school child: 2 slices with peanut butter; Pre-school child: 1 slice with jam) & grapes Drinks Adult: tea & water Primary-school child: water Pre-school child: milk	Adult & Primary- school child: banana Pre-school child: school snack (banana) Drinks Children: school milk Adult: coffee	Primary-school child: school lunch (sausages, sweetcorn, potatoes & fruit salad) Adult & Pre-school child: tuna pasta salad (1 tin tuna, peppers, pasta, mushroom, light mayo) Adult: Go-Ahead bar & pear Pre-school child: rice cake Drinks Adult: tea Children: water	All: yoghurt Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: water	All: pork stir fry (pork pieces, 1 stir fry vegetable pack, fresh egg noodles, 1 pack of stir fry sauce) Drinks All: water	All: Weetabix (Adult & Primary-school child: 2 biscuits; Pre: 1 biscuit) Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water
Thursday	Children: pancakes, LFS (Preschool child: 1; Primary-school child: 2) Adult: bagel, LFS All: melon (1 Adult's portion, 2 Children's portions) Drinks All: orange juice Adult: tea	Adult & Primary- school child: grapes (1 Adult's & 1 Child's portion) Pre-school child: school snack (grapes) Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: school milk	Adult & Primaryschool child: chicken salad sandwich (prepacked chicken chunks, lettuce, tomato, onion, light mayo on 2 slices wholemeal bread) & yoghurt Pre-school child: half sandwich & yoghurt Primary-school child: apple Drinks Adult: tea Children: water	Children: cream crackers (2 each) & cheese Adult: 1 Adult's portion melon and peanuts Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: water	All: chicken curry (rice, chicken (3 fillets), mushrooms, peppers, peas, curry powder, onions) & 1 poppadum each Drinks All: water	All: Weetabix (Adult & Primary-school child: 2 biscuits; Pre-school child: 1 biscuit) Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: water

Friday	All: porridge with raisins (1 Adult's, 2 Children's portions) Drinks Adult: tea & orange juice Children: orange juice	Adult & Primary- school child: banana Pre-school child: school snack (banana) Drinks Adult: coffee Children: school milk	Primary-school child: school lunch (burger, wedges, salad & custard with cake) Adult & Pre-school child: egg salad sandwich (2 eggs, mayo, lettuce, cucumber, onion, 2 slices wholemeal bread, LFS) (Pre-school child: half sandwich) & yoghurt Drinks Adult: tea Children: water	All: 2 muffins (Adult: 1; Pre-school child: half; Primary-school child: half) Drinks Adult: coffee & water Children: milk	All: haddock (2 fillets), boiled potatoes, peas, cauliflower, white sauce (homemade) All: ice-cream Drinks Adult: white wine & milk Children: water	All: popcorn (microwave) x 1 sachet Drinks Adult: tea & water Children: diluted cordial
Satur	All: 1 boiled egg, wholemeal toast (Adult & Primary-school child: 2 slices; Pre-school child: 1 slice), LFS & banana Drinks Adult: tea Children: water	Children: yoghurt Adult: apple & yoghurt Drinks Adult: coffee All: water	All: homemade vegetable carrots, celery, leeks, chic mix), bread roll Primary-school child: per Drinks All: diluted cordial & wat	ken stock cube, soup	All: fry/grill (bacon & sausages (1 each), tomatoes, beans, 1 egg (Adult only), mushrooms, toast (Adult & Primary-school child: 2 slices; Pre-school child: 1 slice) Drinks Adult & Primary-school child: milk & water Pre-school child: water	All: baked crisps & Milky Way (fun-size) Drinks Adult: white wine Children: water



Final seven-day menu for family household - two adults and two children, one in pre-school (aged 2-4) and one in primary school (aged 6-11)

Day	Breakfast	Morning snack	Lunch	Afternoon snack	Dinner	Evening Snack
Sunday						
Monday	Weetabix (2 x 2 Weetabix for adults and primary school child, 1 Weetabix for pre-school child) 1 piece of fresh fruit per household member x 4 apples Glass of orange juice for children and adults (150ml) Male adult: wholemeal toast (x 2 slices) with spread Tea with milk for adults	Primary school child: school milk (paid for by parents) and 1 piece of fruit, pear Pre-school child: glass of milk and 1 piece of fruit, pear Adults: cup of coffee with milk and 2 biscuits each	Primary school child: school lunch and water Pre-school child: beans on toast (x 1 slice) and water Adults: beans on wholemeal toast (x 2 slices per adult) and tea/coffee	Children: glass of milk Adults: cup of coffee	All members: spaghetti bolognese (spaghetti, 1lb mince, tinned tomatoes, peppers, mushrooms, onion, carrots and garlic. Grated cheese on top) Water for all household members Banana x 4 after dinner	Children: toast with spread (1 slice for preschool child and 1 slice for primary school child) Male adult: 2 slices of toast with spread Female adult: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) Adults: cup of tea
Tuesday	Brown toast with butter and marmalade (2 slices for adults and primary school child; 1 slice for pre-school child) 1 piece of fresh fruit per household member x 4 oranges Glass of milk Tea with milk for adults	Primary school child: School milk (paid for by parents) and 1 yogurt Pre-school child: glass of milk and 1 small yogurt Adults: cup of tea/ coffee and yogurt each	Primary school child: tuna (tin), mayonnaise and pasta Water Pre-school child: tuna (tin), mayonnaise and pasta and glass of water Adults: tuna (tin), mayonnaise and pasta and cup of tea	Children: cup of hot chocolate Adults: cup of coffee	All members: beef stew (stewing steak) with beef stock, potatoes, onions, carrots, garlic, celery and leeks Glass of water for all household members Pear x 4 after dinner	Children: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) with milk Male adult: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) Adults: cup of tea

Wednesday	Porridge for adults Ready Brek for children 1 piece of fresh fruit per household member x 4 kiwis Glass of orange juice for children (150ml) Tea with milk for the adults	Primary school child: school milk (paid for by parents) cheese and crackers Pre-school child: glass of milk and cheese and crackers Adults: cup of coffee and crackers and cheese	Primary school child: school lunch and water Pre-school child: homemade vegetable soup made with vegetable stock, celery, carrots, onions, potato, leeks and 1 slice of bread. Glass of water Adults: homemade vegetable soup made with vegetable stock, celery, carrots, onions, potato, leeks and 2 slices of bread. Glass of water	Children: glass of milk and 1 banana Adults: cup of coffee and banana	All members: stew same as Tuesday Glass of water for all household members Yogurts x 4	children: ham & pineapple toastie and glass of milk Male adult: ham & cheese toastie Female adult: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) Adults: cup of tea/coffee
Thursday	Pancakes x 2 for all members with butter and jam Natural yogurt with fresh fruit, e.g. banana for all household members Glass of orange juice for children and adults (150ml) Tea with milk for adults	Primary school child: school milk (paid for) and 1 apple Pre-school child: 1 slice of toast and glass of milk Adults: coffee and portion of nuts	Primary school child: school lunch and water Pre-school: homemade ham & salad sandwich with lettuce, cucumber, tomato. Piece of fruit, an apple and sugar-free orange squash Adults: homemade ham & salad sandwich with lettuce, cucumber, tomato. Piece of fruit, e.g. apple, and glass of water	Children: cup of homemade vegetable soup left over from Wednesday's lunch Adults: cup of tea	Pork chops (6 small/medium chops for family of four, 2 per adult and 1 per child) with apple sauce, frozen peas, broccoli and potatoes Glass of water for all members 4 x kiwis	Children: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) Male adult: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) Adults: cup of tea

Friday	Brown toast with butter and marmalade (2 slices for adults and primary school child; 1 slice for pre-school child) 1 piece of fresh fruit per household member x 4 oranges Glass of orange juice for children (150ml) Tea with milk for adults	Primary school child: school milk (paid for by parents) and 1 kiwi Pre-school child: 1 kiwi and glass of milk Adults: coffee and Kit Kat each (2 sticks)	Primary school child: egg and salad sandwich with lettuce, cucumber and tomato. Cheese and crackers. Sugar-free orange squash Pre-school child: egg and salad sandwich with lettuce, cucumber and tomato, and glass of sugar-free orange squash Adults: egg and salad sandwich with lettuce, cucumber and tomato, 1 plum and cup of tea	Children: glass of milk and 2-stick Kit Kat each Adults: cup of tea/ coffee	Children: 2 fish fingers each with oven chips and mushy peas Adults: piece of frozen white fish (e.g. Donegal Catch), oven chips and mushy peas Glass of sugar-free orange squash for children Water for adults Cheese and crackers for all members Male adult: beer x 2 Female adult: half a bottle wine	Children: yogurt and glass of milk Male adult: bowl of cereal (cornflakes) Adults: cup of tea/ coffee
Saturday	Brunch Fry or grill: sausages, bacon, eggs, potato bread, tomatoes, mushrooms, pudding (except children) Brown toast and butter Glass of orange juice for children and adults (150ml) Tea/coffee for adults Children: apple and glass of milk Adults: apple and cup of tea		Children: yogurt and glass of sugar-free orange squash Adults: cup of tea	Beef stir-fry with noodles and garlic, broccoli, onions, peppers, carrots, mushrooms in a black bean sauce Glass of water all household members Male adult: beer x 2 Female adult: half a bottle of wine	Children: glass of milk and a small treat, e.g. crisps Adults: tea and a bag of crisps	



Final seven-day menu for pensioner household - pensioner living alone

Day	Breakfast	Morning snack	Lunch	Afternoon snack	Dinner	Evening Snack
Sunday	Scrambled eggs (made with two eggs) with brown toast with butter Cup of tea 1 piece of fruit, apple	Cup of coffee with 2 digestive biscuits	Sunday roast: roast chicken (without skin) and 1 boiled potato, 1 roast potato, carrots, broccoli and gravy Dessert: ice cream and apple tart Half a bottle of wine	Pears canned in juice	Egg and salad sandwich with cucumber, tomato, lettuce and onion Glass of water	Hot chocolate/cocoa and piece of cake
Monday	X 2 Weetabix with semi-skimmed milk 1 piece of fruit, banana Cup of tea	Cup of coffee and 1 piece of fruit, orange	Ham, cheese, cucumber, lettuce and tomato sandwich Glass of water and cup of tea 1 low-fat yogurt	Cup of coffee	Chicken curry (chicken left over from Sunday lunch) and rice with mushrooms, frozen peas, peppers and onion, garlic Glass of water Apple tart and ice cream (left over from Sunday)	Hot chocolate/cocoa
Tuesday	Bowl of porridge 1 piece of fruit, apple Cup of tea	Cup coffee and 2 digestive biscuits	Beans on two slices of toast Glass of water and cup of tea 1 low fat yogurt	Cup of coffee	Pork chops grilled (2 small chops or 1 large chop) with apple sauce (homemade), 2 potatoes (mashed), carrots and cabbage Glass of water	Hot chocolate/cocoa and 2 plain digestive biscuits
Wednesday	X 2 Weetabix with semi-skimmed milk, piece of fruit, ½ grapefruit Cup of tea	Cup of coffee and 1 piece of fruit, banana	Ham & cheese toastie with tomato and lettuce Glass of water and 1 cup of tea 1 low-fat yogurt	Cup of coffee	Beef stew with beef stock, stewing steak, onions, garlic, potatoes, carrots, leeks and celery Glass of water	Hot chocolate/cocoa and 2 plain digestive biscuits

Thursday	1 boiled egg with two slices of toast with 1 piece of fruit, 1/2 a grapefruit Cup of tea	Cup of coffee with 2 digestive biscuits	Homemade vegetable soup (stock made with the shin bones from the butcher) with carrots, onions, potatoes, mushrooms, leeks, celery, lentils and 1 white crusty bread roll Glass of water and cup of tea	Cup of coffee and an apple	Beef stew as Wednesday Glass of water	Hot chocolate/cocoa and 2 plain digestive biscuits
Friday	Bowl of porridge 1 piece of fruit, banana Cup of tea	Cup of coffee with a bun/pastry	Homemade soup (same as Wednesday) and 1 white crusty bread roll Glass of water and cup of tea	Cup of coffee and an orange	Frozen fish (e.g. cod in batter), oven chips, mushy peas and white sauce Glass of water	Hot chocolate/cocoa and 2 plain digestive biscuits
Saturday	Grill: 2 slices of bacon, 2 sausages, egg, tomato, mushrooms Brown toast with butter Cup of tea	Cup of coffee and 1 piece of fruit, e.g. orange	Tuna and mayonnaise (low fat) salad with lettuce, sweet corn, tomato, cucumber, peppers and onion Glass of water and cup of tea 1 low fat yogurt	Cup of coffee	Spaghetti bolognese (wholemeal spaghetti, mince, onions, garlic, peppers, carrots, mushrooms, tin of tomatoes) Glass of water Half a bottle of wine	Hot chocolate/cocoa and piece of cake