

Sources

- (1) Based on basic models with no added extras: Vauxhall Corsa Hatchback 1.0i 12v Expression 3dr £7,995, Peugeot 107 1.0 Urban Hatchback 3dr £7,755, Citroen C1 Hatchback 1.0i Rhythm 3dr £8,035, cost per list price shows a middle value of £7,995 based on these three models. www.whatcar.co.uk (11th November 2008). Assuming inflation at 2.8% a year for 18 years.
- (2) www.nus.org. Cost broken down by taking top line figure from average cost of gap year travel costing from £3,000 – £4,000. Cost break down as follows: around £1,500 charge by gap year organiser; £1,000 for a round the world ticket and about £1,000 for visas, equipment and spending money. Assuming inflation at 2.8% a year for 18 years.
- (3) NUS 'Broke & broken' report, June 2008 (www.nus.org). The cost of £21,000 is based on a three year university course. Estimated expenditure of £3,000 per annum tuition fees and an average loan taken by a student to cover their living costs of £3,500 per annum. An amount of £1,500 has been added to represent the interest payable on the loans for each of the three years. Assuming inflation of 2.8% a year for 18 years.
- (4) Based on a 10% deposit for a standardised average house price (seasonally adjusted) of £168,176 Halifax House Price Index (October 2008). Assuming inflation of 2.8% a year for 18 years.
- (5) Average cost of a wedding plus honeymoon, www.dailymail.co.uk (11th November 2008). Assuming inflation of 2.8% a year for 18 years.