

Monthly Cost Estimate for a Middle-Class Family in Beirut (3 people, 1 child)

Notes:

> All the prices are listed in Lebanese Pounds. When the prices were initially in dollars, I converted them using the correct exchange rate for the sector. Ex: Connectivity is still being priced according to a 1500LBP/1Dollar exchange rate, while heating is priced at the new exchange rate of 4000LBP/1Dollar.

>Costs are approximate depending on the providers, exchange rates, and consumption.

1. Food & Cleaning products (everything related to the supermarket)

Approx 2.5Million LBP

2. Housing

Rent 2 bedroom apartment: around 1.5Million LBP

Heating: 800 000 LBP (if the building uses the "heater" system. Otherwise, costs go into the electricity bill).

Electricity: 150 000 LBP

Generator (to replace electricity cuts): 300 000LBP

Water: 100 000 LBP

3. Education/training

Average price per month for a private school: 1.5Million LBP

4. **Mobility (based on one car for a household of three)**

Fuel: 200 000LBP

Car Insurance: 195 000LBP

5. **Connectivity (wifi and phones, counting that everyone has a phone in the household)**

400 000 LBP

6. **Healthcare**

Private Medical Insurance: 600 000LBP

Mental Health: around 1 Million LBP

Total = 9,245,000 LBP Per Month

In Dollars using the bank exchange rate (3900) = 755 Dollars

In Euros = 645 euros