

MEDIA RELEASE

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Hawker food remains affordable for Singaporeans

According to a survey conducted by the Consumers Association of Singapore (CASE), prices of cooked food sold in non air-conditioned coffeeshops and hawker centres remain affordable in April.

The survey focused on five common food items: chicken nasi briyani, chicken rice, fishball noodles, roti prata (plain) and mixed vegetables rice (consisting of two vegetables and one meat), based on the cheapest single portion available. A total of 611 stalls in four zones– North, South, East and West, were surveyed.

Survey findings show that 331 out of 611 (54%) stalls sold cooked food at \$2.50 or lower. Chicken rice stalls hold the highest percentage (about 70%) of stalls selling their hawker fare at \$2.50 or less. However, majority of Chicken Nasi Briyani stalls retail at \$4.50. Figures 2.1 to 2.5 in the Appendix show the percentage of stalls with food prices in a particular range.

CASE also came across 28 stalls that offered competitive prices on food items and would like to highlight them. Please refer to figure 3.1 of the Appendix for more details.

The survey also found:

1. 4 out of 611 (0.65%) stalls charged for take-away. The amount charged for take-away was 20 cents on average.
2. 11 out of 67 (16.4%) of roti prata stalls required customers to purchase a minimum of 2 pieces of roti prata (plain).
3. The modal prices for chicken nasi briyani, chicken rice, fishball noodles, mixed vegetables rice and roti prata were \$4.50, \$2.50, \$2.50, \$2.50 and \$0.80 respectively.
4. The majority of stalls displayed their prices clearly on signboards.

CASE encourages all hawker stall owners to display the prices of food items prominently so that consumers can make informed choices. In this survey, 2 stalls had inconsistent pricing with what was displayed on their signboards. One of them charged \$4.50 for chicken nasi briyani when the signboard displayed a price of \$4, while the other stall charged \$5 for chicken nasi briyani when the signboard displayed a price of \$5.50.

In conclusion, the survey findings showed that affordable food is still available at hawker centres and coffeeshops. CASE encourages consumers to patronise stalls that continue to offer good value for money.

CASE will continue to monitor the prices of cooked food as we believe it will spur hawkers to keep their prices competitive for consumers.

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Appendix

Fig 1.1: Lowest and highest prices of each individual food item

Type of food	Lowest price found	Highest price found
Chicken nasi briyani	\$3.00	\$6.00
Chicken rice	\$2.00	\$4.00
Fishball noodle	\$2.00	\$3.50
Roti prata (plain)	\$0.50	\$1.50
Mixed vegetables rice (2 vegetables + 1 meat)	\$2.00	\$3.60

Fig 2.1 Percentage of vendors selling Chicken Nasi Briyani at particular prices

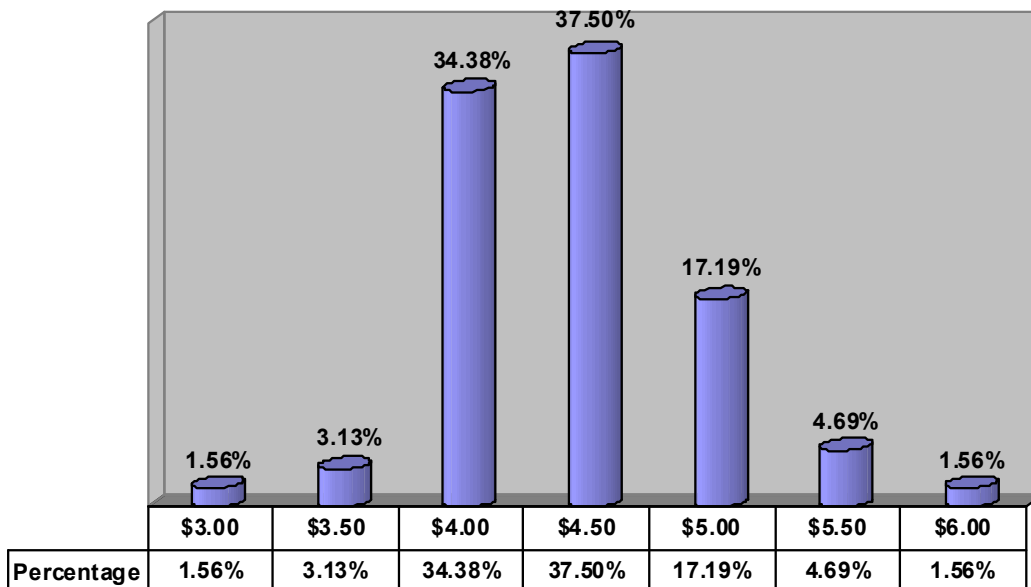


Fig 2.2 Percentage of vendors selling Chicken Rice at particular prices

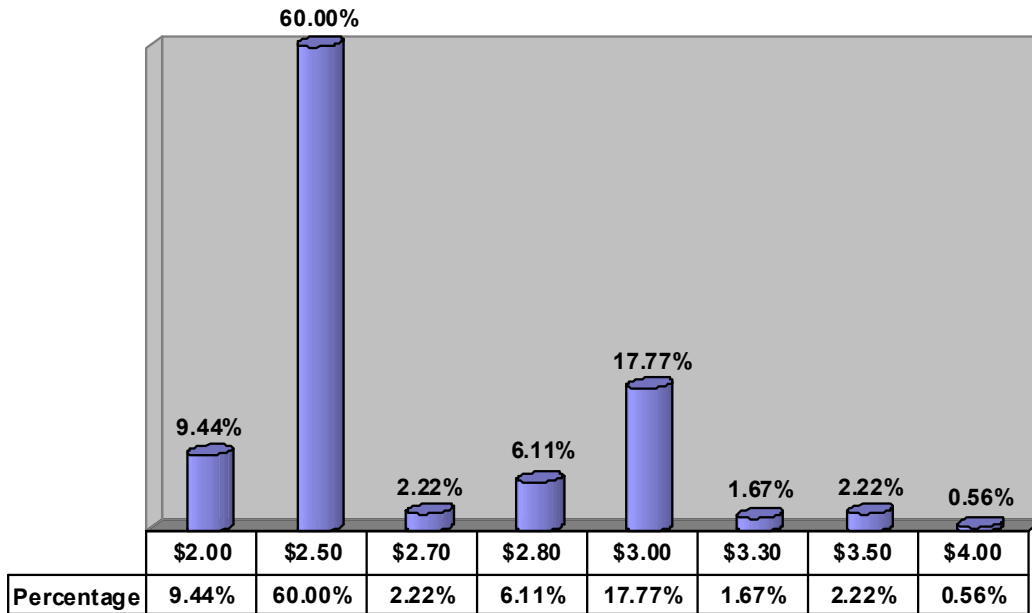


Fig 2.3 Percentage of vendors selling Fishball Noodles at particular prices

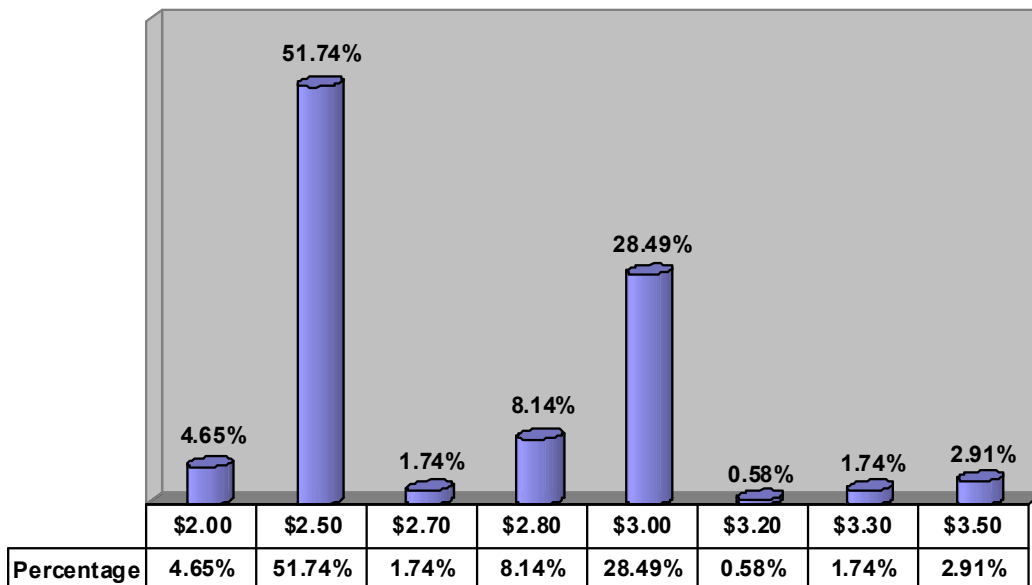


Fig 2.4 Percentage of vendors selling Mixed Vegetable Rice (2 veg + 1 meat) at particular prices

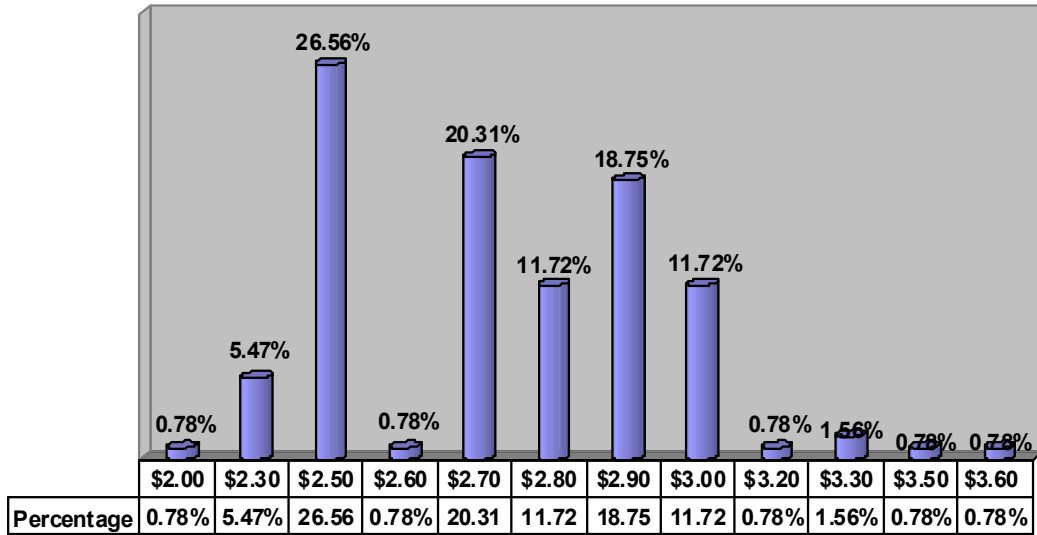


Fig 2.5 Percentage of vendors selling Roti Prata (plain) at particular prices

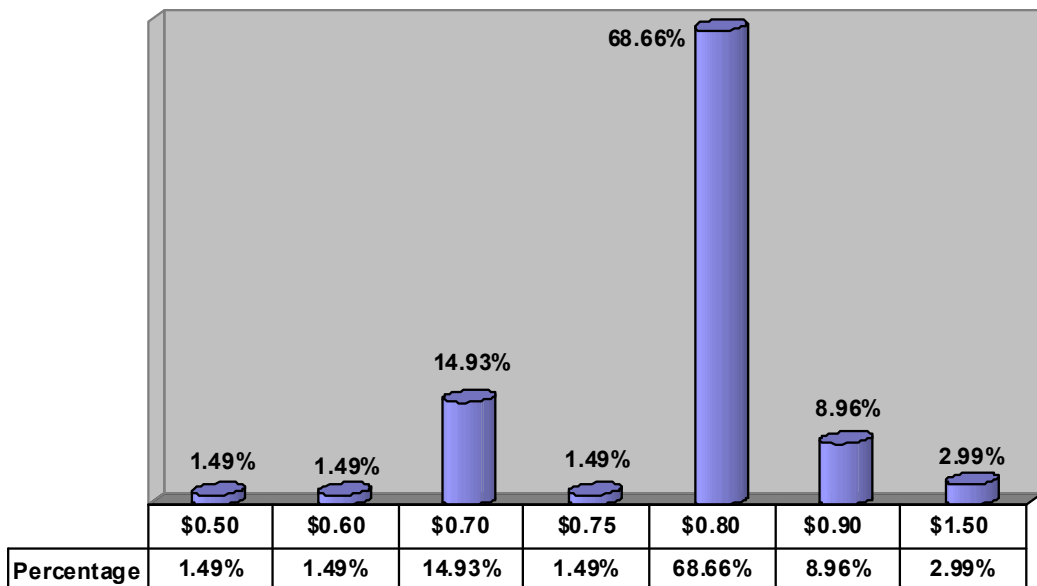


Fig 3.1: List of food samples priced competitively

No.	Zone	Food Item	Stall Name / Address	Listed Price
1	East	Chicken Nasi Briyani	Blk 51 Old Airport Road 51 Old Airport Road Food Centre & Shopping Mall Selera Rasa #01-42	\$3.00
2	North	Chicken Rice	Blk 811 Hougang Central Manhattan Business Restaurant #01-206 He Ji Chicken Rice	\$2.00
3	North	Chicken Rice	Blk 203 Toa Payoh North Hai Fong Restaurant #01-1121 Bing Tai Chicken Rice	\$2.00
4	North	Chicken Rice	Blk 93 Lorong 4 Toa Payoh Wang Ji Hainanese Chicken Rice #01-53	\$2.00
5	North	Chicken Rice	Sembawang MRT Station Munch House #01-01	\$2.00
6	South	Chicken Rice	Blk 10 Telok Blangah Crescent Jia You Coffee Shop	\$2.00
7	South	Chicken Rice	Blk 85 Redhill Lane Redhill Food Centre 85 Hainanese Chicken Rice #01-66	\$2.00
8	South	Chicken Rice	Blk 335 Smith Street Chinatown Complex Food Centre Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle #02-127	\$2.00
9	South	Chicken Rice	Blk 335 Smith Street Chinatown Complex Food Centre #02-044	\$2.00
10	East	Chicken Rice	Blk 13 Old Airport Road Ah Hong Kopitiam #01-49 Chicken Rice Stall	\$2.00
11	East	Chicken Rice	Blk 326 Serangoon Avenue 3 Coffeeshop Delight #01-388 Lao You Hainanese Chicken Rice	\$2.00
12	East	Chicken Rice	Blk 82 Marine Parade Central G8 Food Hub	\$2.00

13	East	Chicken Rice	Blk 513 Tampines Central 1 U Taste	\$2.00
14	West	Chicken Rice	Blk 44 Holland Drive Holland Drive Market & Food Centre Jin Jin Hainanese Chicken Rice #02-39	\$2.00
15	West	Chicken Rice	Blk 267A Toh Guan Road Dean's Café #01-01 Bao Li Chicken Rice	\$2.00
16	West	Chicken Rice	Clementi Cityvibe Mall 3151 Commonwealth Avenue West Sedap Rasa Café	\$2.00
17	West	Chicken Rice	Blk 443 Clementi Avenue 3 443 Food Loft #01-55	\$2.00
18	West	Chicken Rice	Blk 221A/B Boon Lay Place Boon Lay Place Market & Food Village Wei Sheng Chicken Rice	\$2.00
19	North	Fishball Noodles	Sembawang MRT Station Munch House #01-01	\$2.00
20	South	Fishball Noodles	1 Kadayanallur Street Maxwell Food Centre Yan Kee Noodle House #01-49	\$2.00
21	East	Fishball Noodles	Blk 13 Old Airport Road Ah Hong Kopitiam #01-49 Ru Heng Noodle house	\$2.00
22	East	Fishball Noodles	17 Old Airport Road Kallang Estate Fresh Market & Food Centre Fishball Noodle #01-14	\$2.00
23	West	Fishball Noodles	Blk 46-1 Commonwealth Drive Beng Sin Eating House #01-358	\$2.00
24	West	Fishball Noodles	Blk 267A Toh Guan Road Dean's Café #01-01	\$2.00
25	West	Fishball Noodles	Blk 221A/B Boon Lay Place Boon Lay Place Market & Food Village San Yuan Fishball Minced Meat Noodle	\$2.00
26	West	Fishball Noodles	Blk 505 Jurong West Street 52 Market and Food Centre Xin Fa Noodle Stall	\$2.00

27	North	Roti Prata (Plain)	Blk 1008A Toa Payoh North Win 18 Eating House Aziz's Dream	\$0.50
28	East	Mixed Vegetables Rice (2 veg + 1 Meat)	Blk 505 Tampines Central 1 Yeo Chuan Huat Food Centre #01-351-353	\$2.00