

'12 Days of Christmas' items cost more than \$116K

The cost of six geese-a-laying spiked considerably this year, while most of the items in the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas," saw little to no increase, according to the 31st annual PNC Wealth Management Christmas Price Index.

A set of gifts in each verse of the song would set you back \$27,673 in stores, an increase of less than \$300 – or 1 percent – from last year. But shoppers turning to the Internet would see a bigger bump of about 8 percent over last year's online prices, bringing the set of gifts in each verse to \$42,959. Buyers looking to purchase all the items each time they were mentioned in the song – 364 that is – would spend \$116,273, a modest 1.4 percent increase from a year ago.

PNC's sources for the Christmas Price Index include retailers, the National Aviary in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia-based PHILADANCO and the Pennsylvania Ballet Company.

Here is a look at the full set of prices from PNC Wealth Management:

Partridge, \$20; last year: \$15

Pear tree, \$188; last year: \$184

Two turtle doves, \$125; last year: same

Three French hens, \$181; last year: \$165

Four calling birds (canaries), \$600; last year: same

Five gold rings, \$750; last year: same

Six geese-a-laying, \$360; last year: \$210

Seven swans a-swimming, \$7,000; last year: same

Eight maids a-milking, \$58; last year: same

Nine ladies dancing (per performance), \$7,553; last year: same

10 lords a-leaping (per performance), \$5,348; last year: \$5,243

11 pipers piping (per performance), \$2,635; last year: same
12 drummers drumming (per performance), \$2,855; last year:
same.

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