

Note on Currencies

Currency	Equivalent
Escudo (Spain)	1.1 ducats (Spain, from 1620), or 2.5 fl. (Dutch)
Ducat (Spain)	2.35 fl. (Dutch), or 1.4 fl. (German)
Ducat (Naples)	0.7 ducat (Spain)
Florin (German)	1.7 fl. (Dutch)
Livre (French)	initially 0.7 fl. (German); 0.5 fl. after 1640
Pound sterling	4.2–4.8 talers
Riksdaler (Denmark/Sweden)	1–1.5 fl. (German)
Taler (Empire)	1.5 fl. (German), or 2.5 fl. (Dutch)

It is difficult to give modern equivalents to seventeenth-century currency. As a guide to value, 7.5–10 florins would buy enough grain to feed a person for a whole year in 1618.