

Photo: UniMac



## Washing machines

### Snapshot

	50-lb. capacity	100-lb. capacity		50-lb. capacity	100-lb. capacity		50-lb. capacity	100-lb. capacity
Lowest priced unit:	\$8,838	\$16,567	Mid-range priced unit:	\$10,487	\$18,560	Highest priced unit:	\$12,714	\$20,586

**Pricing Trends**    2014-2015: +3% to +4%    |    2015-2016: +2 to +5%    |    2016-2017: +3% to +5%

**Typical delivery time:** 2 to 5 weeks

**Typical delivery charges:**

Varies by vendor and location

**Average life span of product:**

12 to 18 years

**Percent vendor installed:**

Varies, but most are vendor installed

**Standard warranty:**

3 to 5 years

**Extended warranty:**

Dealer may offer options for parts

**Average maintenance costs per year:**

Varies, but around \$700

### Buyers Notes

- The trend of providers buying washing machines capable of high-speed extraction is expected to continue. Benefits include decreased drying times and saved labor dollars.
- “Right-sizing” laundry equipment — determining how many hours the equipment will run each day, and the number of and types of linens laundered — can help determine whether larger or smaller equipment size is the best fit for a facility, and ensure a smoother, more efficient laundry operation.

*“What we were most interested in was how quickly we could process loads. And, of course, dependability of the vendor. You don’t want any down time if something breaks, not even a day. The vendor should be very dependable, and very responsive.”*

— Paul Pridmore, MBA, NHA, CRCFA, Administrator, The Clinton Presbyterian Community, Clinton, SC

*(Figures cited are averages of all respondents’ answers. Actual pricing will vary due to volume, bundling and other factors of a purchase.)*

**Sources:** LaundryLux, Maytag, P&G Professional, Pellerin Milnor, UniMac

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