



AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1987

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index for the eight capital cities.

2. The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eight groups which are in turn divided into subgroups. The selected items for which average prices are shown in this publication fall within the Food Group and the following non-food subgroups: household supplies and services; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care products. The items and varieties selected, however, do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups of the CPI.

Average prices

3. Prices shown are the averages of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands, etc. charged by a number of selected retailers in each city. The specified grades, etc. and the retailers have been selected as representative to measure price change over time. Thus the prices do not purport to be the actual averages of all retail sales of these items. They should be regarded as no more than approximate indicators of price levels and price changes for the items concerned. Furthermore, the selected grades, brands, etc. for some items differ between cities and thus the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, petrol and packaged alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk and bar sales of alcoholic drinks are collected at the end of the quarter together with details of price changes during the quarter, and average prices calculated for the quarter. Prices for all other items are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

Related publications

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request:

Consumer Price Index (6401.0)—issued quarterly

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0)

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

n.a. not available

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(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy products</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600ml	93	99	98	92	80	104	80	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	80	76	84	72	79	80	68	78
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	457	488	446	458	474	467	470	459
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	230	236	231	227	234	258	238	262
Butter	500g	167	177	162	159	164	193	181	181
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	110	110	97	96	108	104	115	117
Biscuits, dry	250g	88	104	89	96	99	107	93	112
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	170	176	168	161	187	192	155	180
Flour, self-raising	2kg	185	208	165	172	164	180	206	217
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	90	86	85	91	93	101	95	114
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	508	541	482	494	489	549	463	580
Rump steak	1kg	854	842	841	879	872	870	787	854
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	809	702	778	817	830	791	810	887
Chuck steak	1kg	475	450	516	540	530	588	486	589
Silverside, corned	1kg	567	544	530	542	537	566	583	528
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	454	413	498	429	493	418	423	503
Loin chops	1kg	503	557	575	555	594	464	505	585
Forequarter chops	1kg	343	349	442	426	485	375	331	455
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	497	467	505	544	557	584	494	585
Loin chops	1kg	588	595	614	640	611	634	596	744
<i>Processed Meat</i>									
Sausages (d)	1kg	254	294	346	313	271	343	268	354
Chicken, frozen	1kg	281	291	270	285	292	321	262	328
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	210	235	220	229	214	254	212	245
Beef, corned	340g can	183	198	185	175	189	209	209	185
Salmon, pink	210g can	191	222	207	212	221	240	217	245
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	119	96	131	101	145	112	58	122
Bananas	1kg	125	129	107	122	143	153	127	163
Potatoes	1kg	88	67	76	84	79	73	84	104
Tomatoes	1kg	258	281	213	244	175	381	262	324
Carrots	1kg	108	98	114	83	74	140	112	138
Onions	1kg	89	80	80	87	83	130	91	135
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	132	135	129	135	150	144	123	151
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	74	76	64	72	81	79	77	83
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	76	99	90	87	86	115	97	108
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	163	170	161	163	164	184	170	188
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	154	162	183	204	171	187	176	237
Sugar, white	2 kg	155	151	145	150	159	160	156	172
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	159	171	160	158	167	166	165	179
Tea	250g	144	145	139	151	138	154	145	152
Coffee, instant	150g jar	526	500	530	504	514	570	534	526
Tomato sauce	600ml	123	118	119	104	112	120	123	108
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	122	131	128	124	126	143	118	124
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	71	69	68	69	72	74	69	77
Baby food	125g can	34	32	32	33	34	32	34	37
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	337	346	330	311	345	373	328	325
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	324	344	329	317	340	347	317	351
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	178	182	162	169	171	182	172	187
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	265	283	259	274	267	303	265	302
Pet food	415g	70	68	68	67	80	79	70	79
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	55.9	56.7	52.4	52.6	57.4	65.5	57.2	55.1
<i>Alcoholic drinks</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	190	171	172	178	177	184	182	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(e)	12x750ml bottles	1,858	1,814	1,693	1,661	1,710	1,984	1,938	2,200
Draught beer, full strength, public bar(f)	285ml glass	113	112	102	103	132	97	107	127
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	161	150	136	139	185	137	147	190
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	118	119	113	110	118	121	119	118
Toothpaste	140g	177	185	174	167	180	186	182	172

(a) Perth price relates to 1 litre carton, delivered. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Included under Beef up to December quarter 1986. (e) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (f) Hobart 225ml glass.