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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
JUNE QUARTER 1995**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

1. 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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, fish, petrol and alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk 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)

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1995
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	108	113	111	110	112	120	100	109
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	440	464	444	454	443	517	528	449
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	356	337	353	323	327	352	394	362
Butter	(b) 500 g	156	164	148	151	172	210	193	160
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	179	160	171	139	163	156	185	185
Biscuits, dry	250 g	140	138	140	142	150	165	169	137
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	314	312	341	315	360	371	346	323
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	305	330	250	204	224	261	268	319
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	117	120	126	111	123	134	152	124
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	812	761	820	741	875	696	1247	820
Rump steak	1 kg	1260	1120	1138	1121	1120	1148	1258	1186
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1173	1051	984	1061	1162	1075	1218	1077
Chuck steak	1 kg	625	594	624	644	668	653	765	600
Silverside, corned	(c) 1 kg	725	654	613	651	695	693	689	742
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	623	558	567	533	589	521	610	570
Loin chops	1 kg	755	801	730	699	831	653	821	740
Forequarter chops	1 kg	482	444	454	507	570	469	589	434
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	549	540	516	589	593	625	736	525
Loin chops	1 kg	796	706	783	736	772	784	816	843
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	295	321	294	323	324	346	359	302
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	285	286	275	291	292	290	345	263
Beef corned	340 g can	264	280	279	254	265	309	285	295
Sausages	1 kg	352	357	404	370	389	384	410	311
Salmon, pink	210 g can	227	221	241	217	241	272	265	250
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	169	124	114	98	167	118	151	77
Bananas	1 kg	195	198	168	204	245	225	203	190
Potatoes	1 kg	98	137	106	87	121	71	123	110
Tomatoes	1 kg	362	301	286	407	404	366	490	342
Carrots	1 kg	167	130	142	124	138	123	185	168
Onions	1 kg	140	103	113	118	111	91	166	133
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	189	198	193	186	212	218	239	196
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	92	87	88	86	97	106	115	95
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	127	139	118	124	139	159	167	146
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	238	237	245	231	246	280	258	262
Other food									
Eggs	(d) 55g, 1 dozen	218	196	237	185	207	260	260	227
Sugar, white	2 kg	206	192	193	180	213	235	244	203
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	246	233	241	234	245	285	277	251
Tea	250 g	181	177	176	165	179	196	189	184
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	573	561	602	546	583	653	520	568
Tomato sauce	600 ml	170	180	201	166	189	205	212	178
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	164	163	157	152	164	170	203	172
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	87	92	97	93	98	106	113	92
Baby food	125 g can	56	51	57	51	55	64	58	55
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	486	439	464	464	474	510	524	489
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	367	324	343	370	374	383	395	371
Facial tissues	pkt 224	169	165	175	167	178	199	181	177
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	280	278	275	287	304	342	296	295
Pet food	410 g	95	91	97	89	99	111	100	92
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	70.6	71.1	63.8	72.0	75.4	75.4	76.4	75.0
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	68.6	69.1	61.8	69.8	73.4	73.4	74.4	73.0
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	1965	1722	2203	1952	2131	2214	2256	1988
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2516	2469	2480	2542	2437	2595	2966	2545
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	158	168	168	180	196	164	214	159
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	144	146	155	161	191	141	201	139
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	306	260	242	316	357	211	296	274
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	164	165	166	141	164	186	162	166
Toothpaste	140 g	227	229	235	234	247	257	249	238

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250 g. (c) Adelaide price relates to blade bolar roast. (d) Eggs in Sydney have a net carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 50 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Darwin, chilled. (g) Hobart glass size 225 ml.

