



AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE 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 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)

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

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(Cents)

ITEM	UNIT	SYDNEY	MELBOURNE	BRISBANE	ADELAIDE	PERTH	HOBART	CANBERRA	DARWIN
DAIRY PRODUCTS									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600ml	94	99	98	96	81	104	80	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	81	76	84	74	80	80	68	78
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	459	488	460	457	490	484	494	479
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	229	242	216	227	238	262	256	263
Butter	500g	177	178	170	165	154	194	174	206
CEREAL PRODUCTS									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	113	112	98	96	109	105	118	119
Biscuits, dry	250g	91	103	91	94	96	107	93	112
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	174	179	170	175	197	208	173	190
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	202	218	172	179	158	181	217	220
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	93	88	85	88	93	102	93	110
MEAT AND SEAFOODS									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	515	530	500	538	506	540	479	609
Rump steak	1 kg	851	836	835	863	905	827	851	912
T-bone steak, with fillets(c)	1 kg	798	703	773	824	804	778	779	894
Chuck steak	1 kg	492	470	517	562	538	574	491	614
Silverside, corned	1 kg	564	551	532	562	557	573	584	571
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	463	425	501	444	511	423	444	510
Loin chops	1 kg	508	575	578	564	620	486	526	601
Forequarter chops	1 kg	347	353	459	424	499	402	348	456
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	473	461	487	509	525	581	501	613
Loin chops	1 kg	601	598	606	656	618	655	594	731
Processed meat									
Sausages(d)	1 kg	266	309	347	316	277	347	291	367
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	300	298	277	300	301	345	254	330
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	222	232	209	227	208	253	210	250
Beef, corned	340g can	189	211	186	186	191	206	207	196
Salmon, pink	210g can	201	217	199	225	219	245	203	244
FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES									
Oranges	1 kg	128	103	120	114	173	174	67	132
Bananas	1 kg	177	182	142	164	170	209	172	153
Potatoes	1 kg	76	65	66	78	71	64	66	101
Tomatoes	1 kg	165	176	133	183	206	279	158	291
Carrots	1 kg	97	99	96	83	73	127	94	144
Onions	1 kg	85	80	91	91	76	112	97	133
PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES									
Peaches	825g can	129	135	137	136	150	152	136	157
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	73	78	64	72	81	79	77	84
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	83	97	91	88	89	116	96	120
CONFECTIONERY									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	159	168	160	156	157	181	173	186
OTHER FOOD									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	158	161	181	204	170	194	164	237
Sugar, white	2 kg	155	150	146	150	157	161	155	174
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	163	180	164	160	160	183	171	178
Tea	250g	144	145	137	147	143	146	143	154
Coffee, instant	150g jar	486	501	504	445	487	529	507	477
Tomato sauce	600ml	124	120	123	98	111	120	127	121
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	122	130	121	123	132	144	113	146
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	71	70	68	67	69	75	71	78
Baby food	125g can	35	32	31	33	35	34	35	38
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND SERVICES									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	339	351	337	317	347	372	329	356
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	320	346	339	318	342	358	331	354
Facial tissues	pkt 224	174	178	166	166	170	182	171	184
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	245	279	272	265	271	292	268	284
Pet food	415g	69	72	69	69	79	80	69	86
PRIVATE MOTORING									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	53.9	54.1	51.3	51.5	57.4	65.4	57.3	54.1
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	194	175	177	181	180	188	185	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(a)	12x750ml bottles	1899	1860	1734	1705	1754	1929	1974	2257
Draught beer, full strength, public bar(f)	285ml glass	118	114	107	105	135	99	111	129
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	166	154	143	143	187	140	156	195
PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS									
Toilet soap	2 x125g	112	120	115	109	125	129	119	122
Toothpaste	140g	184	187	173	176	187	204	190	190

(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.