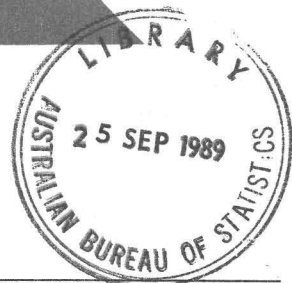


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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
JUNE QUARTER 1989**

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This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the 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

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1989
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, delivered(a)	1 litre	104	88	93	83	90	90	82	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	88	82	92	79	89	90	82	84
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	573	623	579	581	575	610	596	623
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	284	286	289	265	297	314	289	298
Butter	500g	185	209	176	161	176	194	200	190
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	124	127	113	103	124	119	133	126
Biscuits, dry	250g	115	115	102	108	110	124	111	129
Breakfast cereal, com based	500g	212	214	204	206	236	250	191	229
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	225	239	196	201	195	199	243	233
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	93	92	87	97	97	112	91	128
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	665	629	574	582	556	616	553	699
Rump steak	1 kg	1082	1080	964	1039	965	965	912	1032
T-bone steak, with fillets(c)	1 kg	1007	918	872	998	898	898	913	1080
Chuck steak	1 kg	621	598	594	649	587	649	587	719
Silverside, corned	1 kg	684	659	600	606	639	631	624	621
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	517	506	571	496	572	478	521	558
Loin chops	1 kg	602	709	659	646	710	577	591	722
Forequarter chops	1 kg	403	424	481	477	530	438	395	482
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	548	528	591	573	595	671	556	602
Loin chops	1 kg	707	696	697	691	716	811	695	797
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	309	326	292	314	337	349	273	357
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	245	273	253	256	264	286	231	279
Beef, corned	340g can	211	219	213	200	229	239	225	222
Sausages	1 kg	309	398	421	349	354	366	312	415
Salmon, pink	210g can	335	343	331	346	352	374	334	365
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	174	172	145	137	212	207	113	204
Bananas	1 kg	159	165	136	143	178	202	155	129
Potatoes	1 kg	102	110	95	115	115	74	88	108
Tomatoes	1 kg	393	383	314	414	241	462	390	439
Carrots	1 kg	247	186	223	187	110	143	248	201
Onions	1 kg	110	101	104	112	89	115	103	154
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825g can	156	160	164	164	170	187	156	191
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	77	81	69	75	84	83	75	91
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	115	125	120	126	130	153	124	150
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block(d)	250g	178	184	178	171	190	197	190	187
Other food									
Eggs(e)	55g, 1 dozen	209	192	203	221	191	225	206	248
Sugar, white	2 kg	178	174	164	170	191	186	178	206
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	186	193	185	172	181	207	187	196
Tea	250g	147	145	143	143	146	153	148	157
Coffee, instant	150g jar	462	474	445	440	484	488	467	483
Tomato sauce	600ml	157	129	136	125	145	141	148	146
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	132	139	134	120	147	138	132	168
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	74	77	80	79	79	82	70	94
Baby food	125g can	41	37	35	34	38	39	40	43
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	375	398	369	371	402	429	341	377
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	378	388	372	366	396	404	367	393
Facial tissues	pkt 224	189	192	187	186	187	206	190	191
Toilet paper	4x300 sheet rolls	299	320	311	311	338	364	300	347
Pet food	415g	77	79	80	76	89	91	77	95
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	54.2	55.2	52.8	57.4	59.6	66.3	57.0	63.2
Alcoholic beverages									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled (f)(g)	24x375ml bottle	1612	1804	1878	1652	1908	1835	1885	2090
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottle	2009	1816	1857	1818	1923	2158	2031	n.a.
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass	135	129	126	121	149	139	133	156
Draught beer, Low Alcohol, public bar (f)	285ml glass	123	121	115	109	143	128	n.a.	153
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	209	188	185	193	221	161	189	221
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125g	127	132	132	121	138	144	126	143
Toothpaste	140g	196	203	191	185	216	215	186	214

(a) Sydney 2 x 600ml bottles. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra prices not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. (e) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (f) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (g) Sydney 24 x 345 ml bottles, unchilled. Perth 24 x 375ml bottles, chilled. Perth price not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification.

