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# AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE QUARTER 1992

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### Scope of publication

1. 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 comparable from city to city*. 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, 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

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*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) - issued quarterly

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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1992

(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	99	96	101	84	97	101	94	95
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	603	606	580	616	628	638	674	609
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	320	329	367	352	324	356	395	351
Butter	(b) 500 g	160	182	165	148	169	198	180	176
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	156	159	125	114	147	142	165	153
Biscuits, dry	250 g	130	126	124	124	135	154	158	130
Breakfast cereal, com based	550 g	295	302	285	282	324	328	328	311
Flour, self raising	2 kg	274	302	229	207	209	229	271	280
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	107	111	107	105	106	122	132	120
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
<b>Beef</b>									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	652	706	613	598	583	592	747	667
Rump steak	1 kg	1181	1124	1072	1083	1029	988	1223	1052
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1105	979	974	1043	1023	951	1161	967
Chuck steak	1 kg	636	633	621	639	705	648	734	630
Silverside, corned	1 kg	739	693	614	627	668	684	670	714
<b>Lamb</b>									
Leg	1 kg	508	512	529	443	510	492	573	504
Loin chops	1 kg	579	746	657	555	751	672	738	606
Forequarter chops	1 kg	365	409	450	398	547	447	537	388
<b>Pork</b>									
Leg	1 kg	547	536	512	559	595	696	664	553
Loin chops	1 kg	728	751	762	735	772	883	868	771
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	276	328	270	335	308	328	335	255
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	296	284	290	281	298	321	287	248
Beef corned	340 g can	246	245	245	212	246	277	263	272
Sausages	1 kg	319	400	441	351	393	434	402	315
Salmon, pink	210 g can	210	234	219	212	228	256	260	232
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	159	135	129	122	184	161	170	104
Bananas	1 kg	200	187	155	194	177	197	188	213
Potatoes	1 kg	75	82	70	63	113	56	83	59
Tomatoes	1 kg	341	319	283	365	224	370	404	336
Carrots	1 kg	129	109	103	93	95	105	165	132
Onions	1 kg	84	66	71	77	73	81	110	93
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	185	190	188	184	217	202	233	185
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	87	86	82	83	95	99	109	92
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	123	141	129	121	143	155	181	136
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	228	221	229	216	239	246	280	246
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs	(c) 55g, 1 dozen	166	178	197	191	193	238	246	175
Sugar, white	2 kg	175	174	171	176	194	204	249	189
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	225	224	230	217	232	246	243	221
Tea	250 g	175	167	164	154	182	172	185	179
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	423	425	385	418	415	430	457	425
Tomato sauce	600 ml	194	180	186	152	183	175	210	203
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	150	160	147	136	150	154	180	140
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	78	93	90	90	99	96	109	86
Baby food	125 g can	50	46	46	45	49	55	52	52
<b>Household supplies and services</b>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	436	442	445	406	474	479	466	432
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	432	449	433	417	449	486	451	431
Facial tissues	pkt 224	237	241	234	236	245	251	252	247
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	326	312	306	304	327	338	341	296
Pet food	415 g	90	87	84	82	95	97	100	88
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	67.1	67.2	61.1	66.0	67.9	69.3	71.1	71.7
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(d)(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2011	1915	1940	1798	2036	2143	2220	1956
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2364	2252	2242	2331	2291	2421	2825	2248
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(f) 285 ml glass	134	160	153	160	173	139	190	139
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(f) 285 ml glass	127	134	135	143	168	134	180	134
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	249	238	212	286	274	203	260	250
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	(g) 2 x 125 g	156	152	208	148	231	169	179	228
Toothpaste	140 g	218	212	208	216	224	235	235	231

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250g. (c) Eggs in Sydney, 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 53 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (d) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (e) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles, chilled. (f) Hobart glass size 225 ml. (g) Brisbane, Perth, and Canberra: 4 x 125g.

