



## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1984

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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 beverages; 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 beverages 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)

<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 produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	82	86	88	76	81	86	76	..
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	68	67	77	64	70	70	66	71
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	443	491	442	442	422	425	481	474
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	225	214	218	214	204	227	236	235
Butter	500g	156	156	143	151	146	173	160	170
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	91	95	85	86	95	91	102	101
Biscuits, dry	250g	74	80	75	79	78	83	82	87
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	143	145	137	136	149	145	136	154
Flour, self-raising	2kg	161	179	141	139	147	152	166	184
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	80	80	75	75	75	89	91	98
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	468	488	448	469	476	502	488	466
Rump steak	1 kg	774	746	727	758	762	804	777	845
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	735	615	666	711	669	756	721	770
Chuck steak	1 kg	443	440	476	483	462	497	461	436
Silverside, corned	1 kg	496	497	490	497	499	536	494	525
Sausages	1 kg	244	265	299	284	252	306	240	385
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1 kg	398	370	435	366	434	412	428	469
Loin chops	1 kg	430	467	501	440	462	455	483	549
Forequarter chops	1 kg	310	287	522	346	398	383	356	457
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1 kg	453	397	449	484	485	553	491	561
Loin chops	1 kg	517	495	548	580	502	648	547	672
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	232	266	244	250	260	275	237	261
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	209	240	183	198	175	227	226	209
Beef, corned	340g can	170	183	174	166	173	198	192	180
Salmon, pink	220g can	124	134	130	137	126	151	134	145
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1 kg	96	89	94	99	144	113	61	111
Bananas	1 kg	125	132	116	126	161	162	125	134
Potatoes	1 kg	44	39	42	42	63	50	43	59
Tomatoes	1 kg	203	215	184	249	293	327	198	216
Carrots	1 kg	65	65	57	62	65	107	65	115
Onions	1 kg	84	83	75	80	101	94	84	127
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	113	116	113	114	109	119	120	136
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	66	68	59	63	66	69	73	74
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	85	99	89	88	82	105	102	105
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	136	144	135	132	135	151	154	147
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	153	172	166	175	157	191	167	214
Sugar, white	2 kg	133	130	122	130	127	133	141	139
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	131	126	137	119	115	137	147	146
Tea	250g	144	152	138	139	137	149	151	150
Coffee, instant	150g jar	357	369	357	342	346	369	388	367
Tomato sauce	600ml	112	106	95	100	109	115	121	113
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	114	130	120	129	128	119	117	137
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	58	55	57	57	49	63	65	67
Baby food	125g can	29	25	26	29	28	28	32	32
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	264	286	254	242	280	277	265	279
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre (d)	229	243	227	217	226	262	241	250
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	156	149	149	139	151	157	161	160
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls(e)	265	251	236	234	251	180	282	278
Pet food	415g (d)	56	60	58	55	60	63	60	70
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	49.4	47.7	47.3	47.7	46.9	51.0	48.4	49.4
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	160	133	142	146	138	138	144	..
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,512	1,477	1,423	1,374	1,347	1,411	1,489	1,729
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(g)	89	86	85	83	99	68	84	104
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	121	117	109	114	146	98	113	162
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	98	101	93	94	95	102	105	105
Toothpaste	140g	136	149	143	138	141	155	158	146

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Not comparable with previously published prices due to change in specification. (e) Hobart 4 x 500 sheet rolls. (f) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.