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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1988

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Scope of publication

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

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, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1988
(Cents)

| Item | Unit | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra | Darwin |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|--------|
| Dairy products | | | | | | | | | |
| Milk, bottled, delivered(a) | 2 x 600 ml | 100 | 86 | 104 | 80 | 86 | 115 | 98 | n.a. |
| Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b) | 1 litre | 86 | 80 | 89 | 77 | 84 | 87 | 82 | 84 |
| Milk, powdered, full cream | 1 kg can | 537 | 536 | 521 | 506 | 546 | 551 | 556 | 542 |
| Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped | 500 g | 242 | 271 | 250 | 247 | 268 | 284 | 260 | 283 |
| Butter | 500 g | 184 | 191 | 176 | 172 | 155 | 188 | 178 | 204 |
| Cereal products | | | | | | | | | |
| Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales | 680 g | 123 | 112 | 106 | 96 | 118 | 116 | 127 | 126 |
| Biscuits, dry | 250 g | 103 | 113 | 100 | 104 | 107 | 115 | 105 | 127 |
| Breakfast cereal, corn based | 500 g | 206 | 212 | 195 | 200 | 222 | 230 | 187 | 213 |
| Flour, self-raising | 2 kg | 218 | 233 | 192 | 192 | 176 | 197 | 227 | 228 |
| Rice, medium grain | 1 kg | 97 | 100 | 93 | 94 | 101 | 117 | 97 | 122 |
| Meat and seafoods | | | | | | | | | |
| Beef | | | | | | | | | |
| Rib, without bone | 1 kg | 610 | 572 | 527 | 570 | 591 | 618 | 536 | 629 |
| Rump steak | 1 kg | 951 | 984 | 887 | 945 | 939 | 993 | 890 | 992 |
| T-bone steak, with fillet(c) | 1 kg | 914 | 829 | 823 | 875 | 890 | 918 | 872 | 975 |
| Chuck steak | 1 kg | 569 | 553 | 546 | 620 | 599 | 659 | 574 | 708 |
| Silverside, corned | 1 kg | 628 | 612 | 569 | 566 | 599 | 638 | 603 | 606 |
| Lamb | | | | | | | | | |
| Leg | 1 kg | 510 | 494 | 538 | 486 | 566 | 469 | 487 | 591 |
| Loin chops | 1 kg | 586 | 663 | 617 | 630 | 694 | 609 | 578 | 705 |
| Forequarter chops | 1 kg | 394 | 410 | 474 | 469 | 544 | 444 | 388 | 553 |
| Pork | | | | | | | | | |
| Leg | 1 kg | 514 | 503 | 515 | 528 | 535 | 617 | 521 | 649 |
| Loin chops | 1 kg | 637 | 662 | 652 | 685 | 643 | 716 | 654 | 740 |
| Chicken, frozen | 1 kg | 286 | 289 | 266 | 307 | 267 | 344 | 244 | 306 |
| Bacon, middle rashers | 250 g pkt | 228 | 247 | 221 | 237 | 234 | 284 | 247 | 285 |
| Beef, corned | 340 g can | 198 | 215 | 207 | 200 | 215 | 231 | 212 | 207 |
| Sausages | 1 kg | 312 | 372 | 366 | 350 | 324 | 389 | 328 | 419 |
| Salmon, pink | 210 g can | 241 | 260 | 243 | 248 | 256 | 289 | 259 | 278 |
| Fresh fruit and vegetables | | | | | | | | | |
| Oranges | 1 kg | 146 | 145 | 120 | 113 | 180 | 157 | 95 | 175 |
| Bananas | 1 kg | 181 | 182 | 155 | 163 | 199 | 211 | 160 | 155 |
| Potatoes | 1 kg | 103 | 97 | 97 | 125 | 110 | 73 | 95 | 120 |
| Tomatoes | 1 kg | 273 | 321 | 246 | 299 | 296 | 401 | 272 | 337 |
| Carrots | 1 kg | 218 | 212 | 200 | 180 | 116 | 175 | 228 | 187 |
| Onions | 1 kg | 151 | 147 | 161 | 168 | 138 | 118 | 161 | 185 |
| Processed fruit and vegetables | | | | | | | | | |
| Peaches | 825 g can | 147 | 151 | 160 | 157 | 164 | 174 | 153 | 176 |
| Pineapple, sliced | 450 g can | 75 | 79 | 69 | 74 | 85 | 80 | 72 | 87 |
| Peas, frozen | 500 g pkt | 90 | 109 | 102 | 102 | 98 | 129 | 107 | 128 |
| Confectionery | | | | | | | | | |
| Chocolate, milk, block | 200 g | 172 | 183 | 166 | 167 | 179 | 181 | 168 | 185 |
| Other food | | | | | | | | | |
| Eggs(d) | 55 g, 1 dozen | 206 | 187 | 190 | 200 | 180 | 212 | 207 | 233 |
| Sugar, white | 2 kg | 173 | 166 | 156 | 166 | 182 | 173 | 172 | 194 |
| Jam, strawberry | 500 g jar | 179 | 190 | 169 | 175 | 179 | 195 | 179 | 190 |
| Tea | 250 g | 145 | 146 | 136 | 145 | 144 | 154 | 148 | 152 |
| Coffee, instant | 150 g jar | 470 | 480 | 479 | 450 | 466 | 509 | 467 | 467 |
| Tomato sauce | 600 ml | 141 | 130 | 122 | 123 | 136 | 133 | 142 | 150 |
| Margarine, poly-unsaturated | 500 g | 127 | 127 | 116 | 125 | 130 | 150 | 132 | 164 |
| Baked beans, in tomato sauce | 440 g | 72 | 75 | 79 | 75 | 79 | 84 | 66 | 85 |
| Baby food | 125 g can | 40 | 34 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 38 | 39 | 41 |
| Household supplies and services | | | | | | | | | |
| Laundry detergent | 1 kg | 365 | 378 | 364 | 356 | 388 | 417 | 368 | 390 |
| Dishwashing detergent(e) | 1 litre | 300 | 303 | 286 | 292 | 307 | 314 | 289 | 317 |
| Facial tissues | pkt 224 | 185 | 188 | 176 | 184 | 181 | 197 | 180 | 185 |
| Toilet paper(f) | 6 x 500 sheet rolls | 280 | 272 | 272 | 272 | 294 | 312 | 270 | 317 |
| Pet food | 415 g | 75 | 77 | 77 | 75 | 86 | 88 | 75 | 100 |
| Private motoring | | | | | | | | | |
| Petrol, super grade | 1 litre | 52.3 | 51.5 | 51.6 | 51.9 | 55.4 | 61.1 | 56.0 | 58.0 |
| Alcoholic drinks | | | | | | | | | |
| Beer, full strength, chilled | 750 ml bottle | 205 | 185 | 189 | 195 | 195 | 200 | 199 | n.a. |
| Beer, full strength, unchilled(g) | 12 x 750 ml bottles | 2005 | 1865 | 1864 | 1844 | 1951 | 2127 | 2049 | 2411 |
| Draught beer, full strength, public bar | 285 ml glass | 129 | 125 | 122 | 118 | 146 | 137 | 121 | 143 |
| Scotch, nip, public bar | 30 ml | 186 | 177 | 169 | 168 | 198 | 151 | 178 | 213 |
| Personal care products | | | | | | | | | |
| Toilet soap | 2 x 125 g | 131 | 134 | 125 | 125 | 140 | 144 | 127 | 137 |
| Toothpaste | 140 g | 197 | 205 | 190 | 196 | 214 | 217 | 197 | 200 |

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth prices relate to 1 litre carton, delivered. Hobart price relates to 2 x 600 ml cartons, delivered. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in cities other than Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Melbourne have a minimum net weight of 56 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53g. (e) Price not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. (f) From this quarter Darwin price relates to 4 x 300 sheet toilet paper and is therefore not comparable with previous periods. (g) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles.

