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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1991

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 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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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1991

(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	96	92	97	83	96	98	89	94
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	613	641	669	627	655	699	708	661
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	344	320	342	317	362	363	383	344
Butter	(b) 500 g	194	198	176	154	166	209	180	180
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	152	148	125	95	139	137	155	149
Biscuits, dry	250 g	134	128	117	115	137	148	155	128
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	292	276	267	260	327	335	297	293
Flour, self raising	2 kg	256	282	224	180	197	221	251	267
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	114	105	100	91	114	113	134	118
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	711	644	643	614	579	611	682	612
Rump steak	1 kg	1200	1151	1074	1115	985	968	1134	1025
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1119	1007	973	1000	1021	981	1076	983
Chuck steak	1 kg	665	642	665	646	638	676	734	668
Silverside, corned	1 kg	740	699	663	646	697	648	593	708
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	523	535	579	456	548	490	600	532
Loin chops	1 kg	581	765	690	588	750	623	772	649
Forequarter chops	1 kg	402	436	434	435	494	444	541	423
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	586	547	575	619	612	720	652	571
Loin chops	1 kg	725	754	801	754	782	862	854	762
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	282	281	278	292	348	363	347	280
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	247	253	293	280	318	311	327	248
Beef corned	340 g can	252	246	248	218	259	275	259	268
Sausages	1 kg	309	430	446	357	370	411	413	312
Salmon, pink	210 g can	233	247	234	225	242	261	280	253
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	151	122	128	82	157	119	136	105
Bananas	1 kg	336	336	278	324	309	338	276	342
Potatoes	1 kg	79	75	61	56	115	39	88	69
Tomatoes	1 kg	195	192	163	221	284	228	245	197
Carrots	1 kg	105	116	64	98	98	100	164	118
Onions	1 kg	84	76	60	90	80	81	116	93
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	182	181	179	186	212	203	233	186
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	85	85	79	79	93	97	106	93
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	138	134	121	125	134	153	168	135
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	231	228	217	205	239	224	247	228
Other food									
Eggs	(c) 55g, 1 dozen	170	178	201	213	193	238	255	168
Sugar, white	2 kg	186	178	183	179	193	208	248	187
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	223	230	227	214	228	243	250	205
Tea	250 g	179	167	166	144	177	178	185	179
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	430	411	417	415	445	459	455	439
Tomato sauce	600 ml	192	177	178	145	191	181	186	193
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	157	156	125	142	159	141	166	156
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	86	89	87	83	92	95	112	87
Baby food	125 g can	51	44	44	42	46	50	52	50
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1kg	423	435	461	364	460	489	462	415
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	420	437	413	419	450	468	463	407
Facial tissues	pkt 224	236	225	210	200	234	245	245	227
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	336	324	329	320	334	355	367	324
Pet food	415 g	85	84	87	76	94	95	99	88
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	68.4	68.1	62.0	65.9	68.1	71.6	70.9	71.2
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(d)(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2020	1974	1947	1728	2102	2161	2218	2082
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2305	2143	1999	2152	2161	2470	n.a	2265
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	134	158	149	152	161	170	184	150
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(d) 285 ml glass	125	132	130	132	159	155	183	141
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	253	231	207	278	264	201	248	239
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	141	150	146	146	168	165	168	149
Toothpaste	140 g	221	210	208	196	217	233	218	213

(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) Perth 24 x 375 ml bottles, chilled.



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