

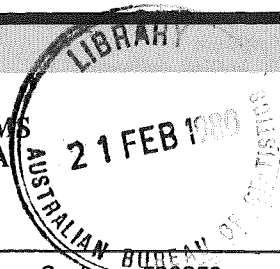
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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA DECEMBER QUARTER 1979



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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. 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 subgroups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this publication do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups.

#### 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 food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this publication for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

#### 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* (quarterly) (6401.0)  
*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6402.0)  
*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0)  
*A Guide to the Consumer Price Index*

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1979**  
(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>
<b>Dairy produce</b>								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	55	58	55	50	55	50	52
Milk, powdered, full cream	300g can	81	89	87	87	87	93	86
Cheese, processed	250g	55	59	59	59	57	60	60
Butter	500g	98	91	98	97	93	97	102
<b>Cereal products</b>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (a)	680g	58	50	49	60	61	60	61
Biscuits, dry	225g	43	45	41	47	50	49	47
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	74	76	69	76	87	86	77
Flour, self-raising	1kg	41	50	41	45	51	56	47
Rice, short grain	500g	34	36	37	35	36	38	36
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	353	360	370	411	364	373	390
Rump steak	1kg	589	612	558	637	574	614	670
T-bone steak, without fillet (b)	1kg	553	496	510	576	512	577	598
Chuck steak	1kg	377	319	369	389	357	378	377
Silverside, corned	1kg	403	378	382	443	401	418	404
Sausages	1kg	212	229	231	211	190	234	220
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg	1kg	314	282	383	305	327	342	339
Loin chops	1kg	326	319	398	346	334	357	412
Forequarter chops	1kg	268	246	377	315	308	311	324
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg	1kg	428	385	435	437	372	453	442
Loin chops	1kg	427	422	413	459	366	455	464
Chicken, frozen	1kg	176	196	206	222	196	213	187
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	160	180	153	151	144	158	171
Beef, corned	340g can	126	139	130	129	137	150	133
Salmon, pink	220g can	102	116	106	113	115	120	106
<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges	1kg	58	48	68	55	71	68	44
Bananas	1kg	72	72	53	71	96	89	66
Potatoes	1kg	36	35	29	43	48	42	34
Tomatoes	1kg	128	141	95	130	149	168	131
Carrots	1kg	51	51	50	52	49	72	51
Onions	1kg	51	51	43	54	58	57	54
Peaches	825g can	63	68	69	67	71	75	69
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	44	45	43	45	48	49	45
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	50	59	56	62	59	64	61
<b>Confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	94	95	91	98	96	98	97
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	113	117	120	127	121	141	113
Sugar, white	2 kg	85	89	84	88	87	91	94
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	87	99	95	90	99	97	94
Tea	250g	74	75	73	70	74	78	79
Coffee, instant	150g jar	277	280	299	281	268	290	296
Tomato sauce	300ml (c)	78	76	43	41	44	45	81
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	80	87	89	85	82	94	84
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	40	41	39	39	40	44	43
Baby food	125g can	19	21	20	22	22	23	20
<b>Household supplies</b>								
Laundry detergent	750g	118	127	119	126	131	133	127
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	107	110	111	110	116	118	110
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	67	66	67	68	72	70	67
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	64	60	65	62	69	69	67
Pet food	405g	35	36	37	38	38	40	38
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>								
Beer	740ml bottle(d)	98	90	93	93	93	95	97
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (e)	45	51	49	45	45	44	47
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (f)	75	78	74	76	100	77	75
<b>Personal care products</b>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	66	66	64	62	67	72	67
Toothpaste	110g	66	71	68	67	72	77	73

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (b) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (c) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (d) Single bottle sales only. (e) Adelaide 255ml, Perth 200 ml, Hobart 225 ml. (f) Brisbane and Hobart 1 oz.