

38.52805

AUS

C



CATALOGUE NO. 6403.0  
 EMBARGOED UNTIL 11.30 A.M. 24 FEBRUARY 1992



**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS  
 EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES  
 DECEMBER QUARTER 1991**

sep - Dec 1991

**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**

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 and Products, 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**

n.a. not available

**Electronic services**

DISCOVERY. Key \*656# for selected current economic, social and demographic statistics.

PC-AUSSTATS. Thousands of up-to-date time series are available on this ABS on-line service. For further information phone the PC-AUSSTATS Help Desk on (06) 252 6017.

TELESTATS. This service provides foreign trade statistics tailored to users' requirements. Further information is available on (06) 252 5404.

Text and tables for selected main Economic Indicator publications. Further information is available on (06) 252 5405.

**Floppy disk service**

Selected ABS statistics are available on floppy disk. Further information is available on (06) 252 6684.

**IAN CASTLES**  
Australian Statistician

**INQUIRIES**

- for further information about statistics in this publication and the availability of related unpublished statistics, contact Ms Maree Roy on Canberra (06) 252 6251 or any ABS State office.
- for information about other ABS statistics and ABS services, please contact Information Services on Canberra (06) 252 6627, 252 5402, 252 6007 or any ABS State office.

## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, DECEMBER QUARTER 1991

(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	97	93	99	84	95	98	93	95
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	613	590	641	624	592	687	774	620
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	301	317	358	330	357	373	370	353
Butter	(b) 500 g	188	184	161	151	146	204	192	182
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	154	151	127	104	147	139	159	148
Biscuits, dry	250 g	130	128	121	117	136	151	159	131
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	291	279	279	250	314	330	287	292
Flour, self raising	2 kg	266	293	225	186	171	216	231	275
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	114	110	108	98	115	121	144	117
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
<b>Beef</b>									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	699	642	594	569	572	622	629	614
Rump steak	1 kg	1183	1149	1059	1085	1049	961	1180	1026
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1108	1001	959	1029	1017	979	1108	984
Chuck steak	1 kg	645	651	607	641	665	673	749	650
Silverside, corned	1 kg	729	679	641	630	665	660	641	711
<b>Lamb</b>									
Leg	1 kg	489	510	547	423	511	498	543	487
Loin chops	1 kg	533	743	664	540	695	651	743	585
Forequarter chops	1 kg	362	406	429	405	489	458	562	387
<b>Pork</b>									
Leg	1 kg	578	559	566	601	616	706	646	563
Loin chops	1 kg	732	753	758	746	784	851	835	762
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	316	294	281	333	318	328	337	257
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	290	266	300	254	300	310	317	248
Beef corned	340 g can	254	247	242	219	251	276	258	264
Sausages	1 kg	305	420	450	352	375	427	392	323
Salmon, pink	210 g can	243	220	214	211	234	240	270	218
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	179	133	123	97	176	140	138	94
Bananas	1 kg	188	196	144	194	178	182	219	195
Potatoes	1 kg	83	84	77	77	115	54	91	78
Tomatoes	1 kg	334	328	277	362	330	370	385	314
Carrots	1 kg	136	132	85	107	94	131	168	140
Onions	1 kg	82	72	57	83	79	89	110	93
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	181	186	176	182	218	195	220	181
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	84	83	80	82	90	96	106	88
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	136	135	116	131	135	146	183	133
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	235	227	216	220	238	235	265	238
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs	(c) 55g, 1 dozen	167	176	191	176	191	238	243	168
Sugar, white	2 kg	184	175	172	170	198	203	239	186
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	229	228	221	217	227	239	240	231
Tea	250 g	181	166	158	144	177	175	184	181
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	446	415	397	410	440	450	466	440
Tomato sauce	600 ml	196	182	178	141	185	173	208	200
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	150	156	128	145	142	150	167	145
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	85	92	89	87	97	98	107	77
Baby food	125 g can	52	42	44	43	47	52	50	51
<b>Household supplies and services</b>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	442	428	439	369	445	478	442	413
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	424	449	398	415	449	481	466	425
Facial tissues	pkt 224	245	224	215	206	230	238	229	234
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	339	320	344	309	314	340	352	310
Pet food	415 g	87	85	89	79	91	95	94	87
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	68.0	67.6	61.8	66.8	67.5	70.8	70.6	71.5
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(d)(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2049	1978	1940	1728	2080	2162	2313	2114
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2315	2149	2013	2186	2395	2515	n.a	2293
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	134	159	149	155	166	170	184	160
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(d) 285 ml glass	124	135	132	135	163	160	183	141
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	257	234	206	279	268	204	249	243
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	(f) 2 x 125 g	152	148	149	143	166	165	171	216
Toothpaste	140 g	224	209	213	194	222	228	214	202

(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. (f) Canberra price relates to quad pack: 4 x 125g.

