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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
DECEMBER QUARTER 1992**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Scope of publication**

1. 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, fish, 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).

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Consumer Price Index (6401.0) - issued quarterly

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	99	97	102	86	102	104	94	99
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	636	603	605	590	652	684	682	674
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	352	327	359	344	327	386	414	355
Butter	(b) 500 g	162	186	163	156	175	206	193	182
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	159	157	132	114	156	143	165	157
Biscuits, dry	250 g	127	128	128	136	137	154	158	131
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	279	298	281	292	323	326	317	307
Flour, self raising	2 kg	274	303	230	198	185	218	263	285
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	110	110	103	104	107	117	144	117
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	690	648	572	591	582	570	755	666
Rump steak	1 kg	1165	1040	1070	1063	1024	948	1170	1028
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1093	931	954	1067	988	952	1111	967
Chuck steak	1 kg	629	577	617	633	695	636	723	625
Silverside, corned	1 kg	715	673	639	632	675	662	693	710
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	518	498	530	461	513	477	562	513
Loin chops	1 kg	589	691	649	584	725	633	709	614
Forequarter chops	1 kg	364	354	449	436	507	441	517	384
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	579	524	556	603	612	653	630	546
Loin chops	1 kg	751	720	760	754	774	792	828	758
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	287	314	271	318	312	313	343	262
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	282	277	310	289	314	304	308	258
Beef corned	340 g can	245	244	251	227	253	278	266	266
Sausages	1 kg	296	380	453	367	378	420	410	331
Salmon, pink	210 g can	240	265	239	244	239	304	288	246
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	148	126	118	86	156	128	123	78
Bananas	1 kg	163	158	113	176	178	171	182	164
Potatoes	1 kg	80	103	82	95	108	67	96	83
Tomatoes	1 kg	211	191	164	266	262	242	254	211
Carrots	1 kg	120	111	67	104	92	113	158	127
Onions	1 kg	113	90	83	118	74	84	132	102
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	190	184	175	183	218	210	236	180
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	88	87	80	83	94	99	107	90
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	132	145	131	118	138	154	170	127
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	223	236	226	227	242	251	269	245
Other food									
Eggs	(c) 55g, 1 dozen	191	197	206	191	188	237	246	189
Sugar, white	2 kg	176	168	162	153	190	196	246	188
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	223	234	227	218	214	247	245	233
Tea	250 g	173	169	162	156	170	172	188	178
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	402	415	413	409	411	440	456	435
Tomato sauce	600 ml	184	182	184	156	189	178	210	198
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	147	150	131	144	126	155	186	158
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	85	94	89	91	94	90	110	88
Baby food	125 g can	54	50	49	51	54	61	56	54
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1kg	450	437	429	441	483	492	489	426
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	421	446	416	434	459	472	468	419
Facial tissues	pkt 224	212	216	217	229	234	237	254	223
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	290	298	291	306	322	322	343	297
Pet food	415 g	85	89	86	83	100	99	103	88
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	69.6	69.5	62.5	71.1	68.7	74.2	73.8	74.3
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(d)(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	1962	1911	1926	1809	2074	2132	2184	1928
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2385	2256	2229	2424	2311	2251	2854	2270
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(f) 285 ml glass	139	159	154	165	176	139	190	141
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(f) 285 ml glass	128	134	138	149	170	135	178	135
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	264	247	215	303	344	199	261	250
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	(g) 2 x 125 g	153	153	217	147	233	151	174	225
Toothpaste	140 g	223	221	219	227	234	231	236	228

(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) Darwin, chilled. (f) Hobart glass size 225 ml. (g) Brisbane, Perth, and Canberra: 4 x 125g.

