

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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CITIES

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NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the eight capital cities.

The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eleven 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; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care. 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

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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for milk, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol and alcohol and are averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for all other items included in this publication are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

Commencing with the December quarter 1996, average retail prices are calculated using the geometric mean of the individual observations.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (6401.0)
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (6440.0).

FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The March quarter 2001 issue is expected to be released on 9 May 2001.

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Dairy and related products								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	133	146	141	133	142	126	152	123
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	352	370	332	326	335	367	395	382
Butter (500 g) (a)	193	226	161	188	205	224	227	196
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	240	249	224	220	225	237	230	234
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	162	170	173	169	161	195	192	163
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	285	278	271	309	379	361	291	280
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	333	319	275	271	275	273	306	345
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	165	167	159	149	177	182	176	163
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	789	799	795	859	896	807	865	872
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 255	1 129	1 115	1 284	1 249	1 116	1 195	1 284
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 257	1 151	1 095	1 261	1 296	1 083	1 322	1 264
Chuck steak (1 kg)	646	650	631	710	718	690	752	665
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	680	638	581	681	709	672	666	729
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	592	488	568	555	572	573	624	534
Loin chops (1 kg)	862	927	876	909	950	792	946	946
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	473	526	520	608	628	559	617	457
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	599	579	604	683	634	725	712	600
Loin chops (1 kg)	938	891	927	907	913	856	928	1 044
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	366	330	294	311	363	369	424	370
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	362	312	345	304	374	360	372	354
Sausages (1 kg)	446	498	447	456	542	489	438	442
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	259	260	271	253	274	322	285	291
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	249	217	222	101	277	186	291	238
Bananas (1 kg)	226	228	182	213	248	211	291	194
Potatoes (1 kg)	120	158	127	81	152	113	142	131
Tomatoes (1kg)	305	294	240	331	313	323	373	296
Carrots (1 kg)	208	171	174	166	128	177	224	204
Onions (1 kg)	177	147	135	145	135	145	188	168
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	204	224	219	210	209	215	231	200
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	118	118	116	114	130	132	123	119
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	132	143	127	132	150	161	162	131
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	329	298	335	281	308	349	309	332
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	275	297	301	233	299	302	334	269
Sugar, white (2 kg)	216	215	214	208	251	270	214	245
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	220	230	242	234	242	276	246	239
Teabags (180 g pkt)	333	364	349	332	373	410	357	364
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	597	584	605	550	631	666	609	615
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	184	185	173	175	194	206	184	179
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	174	178	180	164	201	203	185	176
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	98	107	99	106	103	118	112	103
Baby food (120 g can)	65	71	67	63	67	78	68	66

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	442	481	468	491	482	508	453	468
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	313	312	319	292	305	354	323	319
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	193	184	191	185	176	215	195	187
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls)	342	324	339	296	328	375	349	327
Pet food (400 g) (e)	93	93	95	87	99	108	93	88
Private motoring								
Petrol, super grade (1 litre) (f)	98.6	96.6	86.5	96.6	97.0	97.6	106.1	100.2
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	95.5	93.6	83.4	93.5	94.1	95.1	103.2	97.1
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 275	2 052	2 479	2 349	2 481	2 239	2 450	2 168
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (h)	2 995	2 945	2 897	2 899	2 890	2 970	3 068	2 894
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	202	246	211	245	274	256	261	210
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	182	211	195	208	269	223	232	178
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	375	366	312	398	414	303	373	316
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	280	257	268	267	272	327	309	278
Toothpaste (140 g)	229	226	255	226	234	273	245	230

(a) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra
2 x 250 g.

(b) Hobart and Darwin 680 g.

(c) Brisbane and Darwin prices relate to
topside roast. Adelaide price relates to
blade bolar roast.

(d) Eggs in Sydney and Canberra have a net
carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in
Melbourne and Perth have a minimum net
weight of 61 g. Eggs in Brisbane have a
minimum net weight of 59 g. Eggs in
Adelaide have a minimum net weight of
55 g. Eggs in Hobart have a minimum net
weight of 52 g. Eggs in Darwin have
minimum net weight of 54 g.

(e) Included in the 'Sport and other recreation'
subgroup within the CPI.

(f) Includes lead replacement petrol where
applicable.

(g) Includes light and mid strength beer with an
alcoholic content equal to or less than 3.5%.

(h) Alcoholic content of full strength beer is
greater than 3.5%.

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