

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 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; 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

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 September quarter 2000 issue is expected to be released on 8 November 2000.

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Steve Whennan on Canberra 02 6252 6251, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Dairy products								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	135	150	145	143	145	135	145	123
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	384	349	361	323	332	387	378	361
Butter (500 g) (a)	187	214	176	178	209	219	229	194
Cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	231	244	215	215	224	241	225	231
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	157	155	162	162	148	180	175	158
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	286	272	274	265	363	367	290	274
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	347	311	273	262	272	269	299	343
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	156	157	157	148	180	179	181	159
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	798	799	782	832	874	731	900	860
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 297	1 137	1 139	1 303	1 171	1 097	1 298	1 250
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 241	1 234	1 074	1 269	1 279	1 034	1 332	1 289
Chuck steak (1 kg)	636	672	637	688	671	637	741	665
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	660	648	605	680	737	631	672	712
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	616	529	583	612	616	582	655	641
Loin chops (1 kg)	897	932	894	930	968	717	965	923
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	465	533	542	626	614	488	650	457
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	556	555	548	637	628	729	729	560
Loin chops (1 kg)	953	879	914	903	903	839	908	1 020
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	374	377	331	338	363	382	381	384
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	349	321	340	311	345	364	361	329
Sausages (1 kg)	425	491	425	459	546	485	467	445
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	247	257	256	252	269	277	267	252
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	208	185	162	124	252	177	295	190
Bananas (1 kg)	158	160	134	179	219	178	286	147
Potatoes (1 kg)	105	136	103	81	143	102	135	122
Tomatoes (1kg)	408	356	345	450	374	421	503	407
Carrots (1 kg)	189	156	163	168	126	152	224	171
Onions (1 kg)	133	104	104	113	103	143	164	118
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	192	221	210	215	222	233	244	213
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	119	121	120	115	131	132	124	119
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	139	140	149	129	147	168	164	149
Confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	325	311	318	287	298	353	300	312
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	304	323	265	254	295	301	301	273
Sugar, white (2 kg)	235	225	215	200	254	268	220	237
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	224	242	247	240	250	274	265	229
Teabags (180 g pkt)	339	338	328	319	337	400	333	332
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	555	615	573	521	598	651	624	634
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	184	183	167	168	211	209	181	164
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	177	170	169	163	183	217	183	166
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	102	108	97	101	102	114	105	99
Baby food (120 g can)	65	70	66	64	71	79	68	63

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	496	511	510	505	512	523	507	504
Dishwashing detergent (500ml)	337	341	341	323	341	380	352	343
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	204	201	190	190	190	221	213	205
Toilet paper (4 x 270 sheet rolls)	340	336	332	317	349	380	329	326
Pet food (400 g)	99	100	96	90	105	114	104	99
Private motoring								
Petrol, super grade (1 litre) (e)	88.7	84.6	79.2	86.1	86.9	93.7	95.7	90.7
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	85.8	82.0	76.3	83.4	84.1	91.6	92.9	87.8
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (f)	2 145	1 970	2 398	2 207	2 364	2 331	2 459	2 112
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 861	2 848	2 662	2 742	2 771	2 850	2 960	2 760
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	184	223	194	220	248	238	247	186
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	166	190	180	192	243	206	220	162
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	346	342	285	369	393	275	352	283
Personal care products								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	301	279	302	289	300	358	320	306
Toothpaste (140 g)	247	242	268	261	256	279	268	254

(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 and
Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g.
Eggs in Adelaide have a minimum net
weight of 55 g. Eggs in Darwin have
minimum net weight of 54 g.

(e) Includes lead replacement petrol where
applicable.

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

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

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