

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

**EIGHT
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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 items for which average prices are shown in this publication comprise a selection of items from the CPI food group and the following non-food subgroups: household supplies; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care.

AVERAGE PRICES

Prices shown are the geometric means of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands, etc. charged by a number of selected retailers in each city. The items and the retailers have been selected as representative to measure price change over time rather than to measure the average prices of all retail sales of these items in each of the 8 capital cities. Therefore they should be regarded as no more than approximate indicators of price levels for the items concerned. Furthermore, the selected grades, brands, package size, etc. for some items differ between cities and may also differ from one period to the next due to changes in product specifications. For example, potatoes may be priced as washed or brushed, loose or bagged, depending on what is most representative for a particular city. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter.*

Changes in the price levels of the items in this publication may differ from those in *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0) because those indexes are adjusted to take account of changes in the quality of the items priced; no such adjustment is made to the price levels presented in this publication. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for milk, butter, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, margarine, 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).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, cat. no. 6401.0
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series*, cat. no. 6440.0
- *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods*, cat. no. 6461.0.

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The September quarter 2004 issue is expected to be released on 3 November 2004.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, June Qtr 2004

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Item (Unit)	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
Dairy and related products								
Milk (1 litre)	157	159	159	162	170	149	174	149
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	398	396	397	382	403	413	424	411
Butter (500 g) (a)	252	252	207	210	227	225	250	246
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced (650 g) (b)	247	246	248	246	238	246	281	246
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	182	185	173	186	172	201	202	182
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	319	336	320	324	360	372	349	332
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	360	400	295	366	399	259	379	395
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	194	212	196	196	213	216	219	198
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 084	1 083	1 052	988	1 172	1 007	1 201	1 239
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 631	1 654	1 687	1 718	1 707	1 514	1 538	1 786
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 732	1 744	1 630	1 673	1 809	1 614	1 813	1 821
Chuck steak (1 kg)	911	904	879	928	970	895	907	984
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	703	620	631	708	760	676	700	731
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	883	835	844	920	877	833	868	927
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 430	1 485	1 471	1 481	1 514	1 316	1 543	1 624
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	821	812	812	875	860	784	865	827
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	608	636	614	697	789	748	681	722
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 172	1 153	1 128	1 150	1 264	1 176	1 143	1 216
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	374	401	392	400	390	396	464	385
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	403	357	405	368	320	342	432	411
Sausages (1 kg)	583	560	537	588	598	601	513	567
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	256	257	259	241	267	333	279	279
Fresh fruit and vegetables (d)								
Oranges (1 kg)	324	276	244	174	408	270	355	306
Bananas (1 kg)	226	230	203	241	262	247	279	224
Potatoes (1 kg)	131	186	193	126	187	166	221	214
Tomatoes (1 kg)	381	328	342	423	398	407	479	372
Carrots (1 kg)	216	165	175	178	137	171	217	215
Onions (1 kg)	237	199	208	221	149	174	248	220
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	246	239	243	234	252	264	263	260
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	144	149	149	131	148	159	143	145
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	155	159	169	149	160	164	182	151
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	330	367	347	317	351	343	348	331
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (e), (f)	318	309	295	306	371	394	411	339
Sugar, white (2 kg) (f)	199	210	194	200	246	283	230	226
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	279	263	279	249	266	283	275	263
Teabags (180 g pkt)	360	385	343	328	360	401	359	397
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	566	591	539	511	634	627	570	629
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	172	160	168	169	176	194	190	176
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	232	239	237	222	233	243	242	238
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	119	116	111	116	120	122	128	119
Baby food (120 g can)	77	75	73	74	76	81	76	77

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	544	465	533	516	563	552	562	547
Dishwashing detergent (450 ml) (g)	357	343	354	330	340	381	373	352
Facial tissues (pkt 180)	210	213	211	207	215	219	216	216
Toilet paper (4 x 250 sheet rolls)	294	299	302	288	311	314	316	311
Pet food (400 g)	95	104	89	96	110	118	106	101
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	102.1	101.8	94.1	103.9	100.7	107.5	107.8	103.4
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	97.7	97.2	89.9	98.6	96.0	103.6	103.7	99.5
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (h)	2 340	2 303	2 691	2 492	2 843	2 621	2 873	2 296
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (i)	3 367	3 361	3 261	3 272	3 458	3 483	3 518	3 301
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	201	238	213	262	298	245	238	191
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (i)	229	272	230	299	309	290	273	221
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	401	403	359	462	459	359	415	341
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	243	240	262	246	264	329	294	249

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

(b) Hobart 680 g.

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

(d) Although presented on a cents per
kilogram basis, the prices for fruit and
vegetables may vary across cities due to the
quantity priced, that is, some items may be
priced as loose while others may be priced
in bags of more than one kilogram.

(e) Eggs in all capital cities have a minimum net
carton weight of 700 g per dozen eggs, except
Adelaide where they have a minimum net
carton weight of 600 g per dozen.

(f) Represents average price of brand name and
generic brand products.

(g) Formerly 500 ml.

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

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

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