

# AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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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)
- *The Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources & Methods* (6461.0) available on CD-ROM *Statistical Concepts Reference Library* (1361.0).

### FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The June quarter 2000 issue is expected to be released on 9 August 2000.

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Dairy products</b>								
Milk, carton, supermarket sales (1 litre)	131	146	135	142	146	134	144	120
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	382	371	340	328	340	346	378	363
Butter (500 g) (a)	186	216	180	186	199	220	234	184
<b>Cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	234	241	212	215	224	243	225	232
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	161	163	162	165	145	186	176	159
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	284	299	287	290	366	356	309	285
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	331	325	273	261	276	283	308	337
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	157	154	156	148	178	176	181	160
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	799	826	769	792	859	733	875	833
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 293	1 114	1 131	1 238	1 206	1 051	1 190	1 275
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 241	1 173	1 055	1 215	1 235	1 024	1 286	1 262
Chuck steak (1 kg)	629	640	622	678	664	616	728	661
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	654	639	581	652	702	627	650	707
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	572	524	585	584	590	577	600	615
Loin chops (1 kg)	877	932	897	920	930	758	983	888
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	454	552	533	626	601	533	638	464
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	624	595	581	671	624	725	739	626
Loin chops (1 kg)	999	912	929	907	902	839	925	1 063
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	370	349	318	377	353	371	391	364
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	344	310	334	319	391	367	377	320
Sausages (1 kg)	433	493	418	450	540	468	444	439
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	251	258	266	259	272	289	288	260
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	234	168	148	114	251	169	288	176
Bananas (1 kg)	182	191	162	198	240	208	288	170
Potatoes (1 kg)	112	140	101	73	150	109	132	132
Tomatoes (1kg)	314	264	281	337	307	355	416	294
Carrots (1 kg)	181	146	144	157	123	149	211	165
Onions (1 kg)	138	121	114	132	120	136	179	146
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	203	215	220	212	215	243	250	212
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	118	119	116	114	126	127	124	118
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	126	148	138	139	145	151	165	149
<b>Confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	322	319	286	289	311	325	301	322
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	289	338	286	254	282	300	298	268
Sugar, white (2 kg)	230	228	214	199	267	264	221	244
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	247	252	259	250	253	273	266	263
Teabags (180 g pkt)	351	353	347	329	354	393	337	354
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	614	622	614	555	644	661	612	636
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	179	186	175	168	210	209	187	159
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	183	170	173	169	174	216	186	178
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	92	96	95	109	102	110	107	99
Baby food (120 g can)	65	71	68	64	71	78	69	61

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Household supplies</b>								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	503	524	519	518	510	518	512	509
Dishwashing detergent (500ml)	335	337	331	334	343	360	353	336
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	200	187	188	195	188	202	185	180
Toilet paper (4 x 270 sheet rolls)	323	317	332	318	325	366	338	346
Pet food (400 g)	98	92	92	91	108	108	96	95
<b>Private motoring</b>								
Petrol, super grade (1 litre)(e)	85.4	82.4	75.0	83.6	85.1	90.1	92.2	88.9
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	82.6	79.9	72.3	81.0	82.5	88.1	89.8	86.2
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles)	2 094	1 974	2 370	2 166	2 377	2 313	2 375	2 010
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (f)	2 794	2 812	2 615	2 695	2 744	2 660	2 971	2 749
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	182	219	192	216	245	231	238	183
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass)	163	188	179	190	239	202	220	160
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	340	334	281	369	393	266	333	280
<b>Personal care products</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	285	293	252	304	285	322	298	304
Toothpaste (140 g)	238	233	260	271	253	251	262	253

(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) Alcoholic content of full strength beer is  
greater than 3.9%.

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