

## 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 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* (Cat. no. 6401.0)
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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Dairy and related products</b>								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	135	145	141	135	143	126	151	126
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	367	349	347	314	312	373	360	384
Butter (500 g) (a)	195	223	163	180	213	222	234	195
<b>Bread and cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	247	256	234	232	235	251	236	245
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	165	171	176	174	163	198	192	167
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	296	268	290	303	376	350	302	289
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	343	336	284	275	286	282	310	354
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	168	171	165	151	185	181	188	166
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	851	865	841	853	924	831	977	869
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 318	1 201	1 164	1 289	1 252	1 154	1 219	1 337
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 326	1 214	1 174	1 340	1 338	1 166	1 396	1 348
Chuck steak (1 kg)	661	685	673	725	725	694	766	690
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	707	694	616	720	753	659	709	740
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	615	566	617	591	609	603	634	610
Loin chops (1 kg)	919	998	920	945	980	809	987	1 022
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	509	573	556	625	642	549	629	498
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	609	622	616	669	641	713	708	636
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 009	955	933	952	933	879	965	1 084
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	373	377	338	384	369	370	412	384
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	357	341	363	331	380	355	392	370
Sausages (1 kg)	463	532	459	485	583	503	442	455
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	254	253	252	252	306	330	279	294
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	247	183	208	93	275	206	331	204
Bananas (1 kg)	258	275	247	280	265	232	287	250
Potatoes (1 kg)	127	160	148	93	153	125	141	137
Tomatoes (1kg)	365	331	341	391	307	373	457	348
Carrots (1 kg)	212	170	184	184	127	187	258	203
Onions (1 kg)	152	128	142	147	140	151	189	140
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	204	220	197	217	209	231	238	218
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	120	119	118	113	132	132	124	119
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	136	148	121	137	154	154	160	135
<b>Snacks and confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	336	323	309	298	318	348	306	313
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	290	300	280	249	296	304	333	277
Sugar, white (2 kg)	251	237	225	216	259	279	232	256
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	257	251	257	225	246	285	251	249
Teabags (180 g pkt)	330	357	345	322	369	406	337	347
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	607	607	550	582	680	694	586	618
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	174	185	161	178	209	190	191	176
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	173	161	188	163	201	194	194	170
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	100	96	86	100	96	116	108	96
Baby food (120 g can)	67	74	66	63	68	80	69	69

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)	472	506	504	498	506	547	496	483
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	316	318	325	308	301	353	328	317
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	186	185	194	182	181	221	219	191
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls)	339	317	353	305	321	358	337	326
Pet food (400 g) (e)	93	94	99	88	102	112	94	90
<b>Private motoring</b>								
Petrol, super grade (1 litre) (f)	94.5	93.7	83.3	93.4	93.0	96.8	101.7	97.3
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	91.3	90.6	80.2	90.4	89.9	94.1	98.6	94.3
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 268	2 073	2 590	2 381	2 526	2 331	2 557	2 274
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (h)	3 082	3 038	2 897	3 002	2 985	3 011	3 153	2 975
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	204	248	213	250	277	259	265	212
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	184	212	198	208	272	229	233	180
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	381	368	317	400	419	312	376	321
<b>Personal care</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	252	246	234	265	272	317	283	258
Toothpaste (140 g)	224	227	235	235	241	275	240	221

(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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