

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 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, etc. for some items differ between cities and may also differ from one period to the next due to changes in product specifications. 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).

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- *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
Dairy and related products								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	155	156	159	156	160	146	180	144
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	385	391	392	374	367	390	399	389
Butter (500 g) (a)	242	238	210	209	231	283	241	244
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	270	274	256	267	256	315	279	274
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	172	177	175	175	165	198	186	172
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	326	325	334	338	388	396	348	326
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	368	395	331	308	341	269	329	397
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	185	209	183	185	203	206	201	189
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 100	1 020	1 010	1 009	1 107	902	1 072	1 069
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 583	1 495	1 430	1 520	1 496	1 280	1 419	1 563
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 622	1 523	1 443	1 572	1 680	1 429	1 626	1 640
Chuck steak (1 kg)	843	830	843	888	952	895	879	934
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	730	719	710	749	801	722	811	780
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	826	743	786	774	814	735	761	799
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 310	1 272	1 319	1 287	1 412	1 170	1 362	1 393
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	749	709	765	777	873	721	806	702
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	656	656	648	690	794	752	738	705
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 181	1 067	1 093	1 168	1 175	1 036	1 153	1 182
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	386	396	364	360	380	390	370	415
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	413	349	392	376	405	379	434	428
Sausages (1 kg)	516	504	504	537	710	523	468	495
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	249	255	256	232	257	308	272	252
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	240	227	179	111	309	164	304	238
Bananas (1 kg)	241	235	224	243	315	237	295	241
Potatoes (1 kg)	169	204	206	141	183	167	229	172
Tomatoes (1 kg)	459	398	451	435	424	439	454	432
Carrots (1 kg)	233	167	188	195	131	183	211	227
Onions (1 kg)	210	175	208	178	157	145	207	204
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	222	241	239	228	227	245	252	236
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	136	141	143	126	140	141	137	138
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	142	163	173	126	155	157	180	145
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	346	375	345	335	335	381	342	351
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d), (e)	314	303	316	289	371	356	391	297
Sugar, white (2 kg) (e)	221	227	220	202	249	276	227	236
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	280	265	265	268	262	306	282	274
Teabags (180 g pkt)	366	330	302	319	321	402	352	326
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	618	618	578	551	641	644	615	622
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	165	182	180	168	177	203	187	179
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	217	219	222	215	216	240	238	227
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	119	115	119	115	117	122	120	119
Baby food (120 g can)	76	77	73	71	73	82	76	76

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	526	515	533	510	482	572	568	514
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	341	352	349	333	332	380	362	350
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	211	211	208	196	209	229	220	212
Toilet paper (4 x 250 sheet rolls)	305	304	287	300	305	318	312	307
Pet food (400 g)	111	107	111	97	102	114	102	111
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	101.5	98.6	92.3	100.8	101.5	104.4	103.2	102.6
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	97.4	94.8	88.3	96.9	97.7	100.6	99.8	98.7
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (f)	2 397	2 303	2 644	2 464	2 681	2 553	2 735	2 345
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (g)	3 112	3 203	3 056	3 182	3 034	3 376	3 282	3 060
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	188	218	205	223	279	231	235	178
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	211	254	219	264	288	264	263	207
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	402	379	337	425	449	346	393	338
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	281	275	279	292	259	336	288	239
Toothpaste (140 g)	246	241	250	249	243	267	261	251

(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) 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.

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

(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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