

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 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, 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).

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Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, cat. no. 6401.0
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The December quarter 2002 issue is expected to be released on 5 February 2003.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, September Qtr 2002

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)	147	153	156	150	159	144	174	140
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	376	379	387	364	360	399	400	384
Butter (500 g) (a)	233	239	215	215	224	244	243	247
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	256	272	247	254	246	288	269	257
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	170	175	170	167	155	197	185	172
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	335	313	333	326	379	392	315	337
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	357	357	316	268	290	281	268	366
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	175	190	172	167	194	192	185	177
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 016	1 021	976	890	1 149	914	1 083	1 142
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 527	1 421	1 433	1 475	1 514	1 380	1 422	1 522
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 506	1 448	1 399	1 523	1 693	1 374	1 521	1 513
Chuck steak (1 kg)	850	814	830	892	942	887	880	896
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	751	730	682	760	787	737	752	783
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	775	730	782	739	812	731	781	774
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 216	1 229	1 228	1 228	1 335	1 162	1 302	1 289
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	698	694	716	785	837	692	761	691
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	649	660	661	727	773	791	757	666
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 159	1 066	1 098	1 178	1 172	1 034	1 173	1 180
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	391	366	364	411	398	390	374	393
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	404	397	401	387	374	390	437	413
Sausages (1 kg)	517	592	495	545	712	547	459	502
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	234	249	252	240	251	291	272	253
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	218	234	219	107	248	201	262	176
Bananas (1 kg)	245	237	236	215	385	231	288	239
Potatoes (1 kg)	117	135	176	74	153	108	147	119
Tomatoes (1kg)	425	421	359	428	390	386	441	418
Carrots (1 kg)	227	165	169	189	125	182	207	224
Onions (1 kg)	157	118	165	119	106	142	157	152
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	214	230	236	228	227	251	241	221
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	132	136	129	124	140	144	135	134
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	142	144	143	124	144	169	151	141
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	292	354	312	286	308	321	292	297
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d), (e)	290	280	301	267	345	328	302	277
Sugar, white (2 kg) (e)	207	222	221	203	246	277	225	229
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	269	272	262	257	275	307	289	286
Teabags (180 g pkt)	393	389	370	349	374	436	366	383
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	626	637	602	559	629	694	622	646
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	168	179	175	168	180	208	178	178
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	202	221	216	211	210	233	216	221
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	111	108	105	108	117	116	121	111
Baby food (120 g can)	75	78	72	71	75	85	76	75

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	513	529	523	494	524	566	564	511
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	351	336	346	333	328	361	352	336
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	211	214	208	199	205	226	212	214
Toilet paper (4 x 250 sheet rolls) (f)	349	323	348	287	333	383	330	350
Pet food (400 g)	101	96	108	91	102	117	94	102
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	90.2	89.4	82.8	91.2	93.7	96.2	97.1	93.5
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	87.3	86.1	79.5	87.6	90.1	93.1	94.1	90.0
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (g)	2 452	2 275	2 650	2 329	2 650	2 384	2 774	2 340
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (h)	3 143	3 151	3 060	3 114	3 119	3 268	3 288	3 056
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (h)	204	251	216	261	286	260	262	205
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (g)	183	213	202	216	278	225	235	175
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	400	383	333	433	442	337	391	335
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	257	272	228	268	260	319	259	238
Toothpaste (140 g)	232	231	270	235	233	284	242	225

(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 Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and
Canberra have a net carton weight of 700 g
per dozen. Eggs in Adelaide have a
minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Perth
have a minimum net weight of 58 g. Eggs
in Hobart have a minimum net weight of
52 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net
weight of 54 g.

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

(f) Formerly 4 x 260 sheet rolls.

(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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