

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
MARCH QUARTER 1995**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

1. This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index for the eight capital cities.

2. 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 and services; 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

3. 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.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, fish, petrol and alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk are collected at the end of the quarter together with details of price changes during the quarter, and average prices calculated for the quarter. Prices for all other items are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

Related publications

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request:

Consumer Price Index (6401.0) - issued quarterly

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0)

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia (1101.0)*. The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice (1105.0)* which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melb.</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	107	111	111	104	108	117	99	109
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	423	464	419	457	434	512	523	449
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	366	341	352	317	339	385	400	372
Butter	(b) 500 g	156	168	146	148	164	209	191	168
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	177	154	168	138	155	157	185	176
Biscuits, dry	250 g	142	138	132	144	150	161	167	135
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	327	303	325	297	330	357	327	337
Flour, self raising	2 kg	303	337	241	216	234	243	281	316
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	121	114	113	112	121	130	138	122
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Silverside Roast	(c) 1 kg	819	780	748	741	886	695	1297	816
Rump steak	1 kg	1267	1068	1130	1139	1142	1155	1226	1152
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1182	1034	1007	1067	1140	1062	1245	1101
Chuck steak	1 kg	600	574	622	612	651	654	779	604
Silverside, corned	1 kg	724	646	647	653	700	688	703	742
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	599	531	530	495	542	510	599	547
Loin chops	1 kg	701	779	728	677	778	666	825	691
Forequarter chops	1 kg	437	431	466	494	537	470	554	406
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	555	512	528	600	559	643	704	536
Loin chops	1 kg	796	711	795	745	774	770	850	835
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	303	317	293	328	337	350	344	282
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	282	295	273	309	304	306	331	241
Beef corned	340 g can	260	266	268	245	268	296	283	281
Sausages	1 kg	350	347	424	373	399	383	402	305
Salmon, pink	210 g can	234	265	246	242	250	299	283	256
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	172	129	105	85	171	110	150	71
Bananas	1 kg	266	245	234	282	301	264	239	263
Potatoes	1 kg	107	136	109	100	124	76	122	109
Tomatoes	1 kg	317	240	270	335	382	311	464	303
Carrots	1 kg	189	134	164	137	121	134	198	178
Onions	1 kg	121	105	98	109	98	104	136	121
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	187	192	186	190	211	213	220	194
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	90	88	84	87	96	105	112	93
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	125	135	128	124	146	162	168	141
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	260	239	246	237	248	271	265	259
Other food									
Eggs	(d) 55g, 1 dozen	196	193	232	181	189	260	261	200
Sugar, white	2 kg	206	188	194	189	213	238	263	206
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	247	253	228	236	233	276	276	254
Tea	250 g	185	173	176	164	182	194	184	187
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	583	581	574	572	556	636	514	593
Tomato sauce	600 ml	176	172	197	163	197	205	215	183
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	153	146	148	141	152	143	181	158
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	90	97	100	94	98	109	115	89
Baby food	125 g can	56	52	55	52	55	64	58	54
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	469	445	443	445	471	515	479	467
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	345	327	339	381	372	392	387	371
Facial tissues	pkt 224	172	166	172	169	184	198	182	180
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	278	286	300	293	281	311	312	286
Pet food	410 g	94	96	89	90	100	111	101	89
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	68.9	70.5	62.6	71.3	72.9	72.5	74.5	72.8
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	66.9	68.5	60.6	69.1	70.9	70.5	72.5	70.8
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2009	1725	2135	1930	2078	2228	2257	1963
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2517	2426	2433	2558	2410	2566	2951	2512
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	155	164	165	177	193	162	208	156
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	142	142	152	159	187	144	198	146
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	302	256	239	315	363	212	293	268
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	154	159	140	145	156	176	170	156
Toothpaste	140 g	221	228	219	228	243	240	247	239

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250 g. (c) Adelaide price relates to blade bolar roast. (d) Eggs in Sydney have a net carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 50 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Darwin, chilled. (g) Hobart glass size 225 ml.

