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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA MARCH QUARTER 1982

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra. Average prices for some selected food items for Darwin have been published in the *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0), final issue March 1982. In future quarters, average retail prices for Darwin will be published in this publication. 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 subgroups: Household supplies and services; Motor vehicle operation; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this publication do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified sub-groups.

#### 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 thus the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city.

4. Up to March 1982 prices for food items have been collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices have been collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this publication for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for petrol have been collected as at the middle of the first month of each quarter. Prices for all other non-food items listed in this publication have been collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

5. As part of an overall review of the CPI it has been decided to reduce the frequency with which most food items are priced from monthly to quarterly. As a result of these changes this is the last quarter in which average prices will be compiled on the basis outlined in paragraph 4. Details of the new basis will be contained in the June quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

#### Related publications

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

*Consumer Price Index, Australia* (6401.0)—issued quarterly

*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6402.0)—final issue March 1982

*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0)—final issue March 1982

*A Guide to the Consumer Price Index*

7. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, 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.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, MARCH QUARTER 1982**  
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
<i>Dairy produce</i>								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	74	78	72	66	72	68	64
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	362	380	351	357	329	392	384
Cheese, processed	500g	154	151	150	145	150	159	162
Butter	500g	143	136	138	137	134	142	151
<i>Cereal products</i>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(a)	680g	72	76	74	79	80	78	79
Biscuits, dry	250g	57	63	58	64	61	68	60
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	100	100	96	100	110	106	109
Flour, self-raising	1kg	59	72	57	59	67	73	63
Rice, short grain	500g	41	42	45	43	39	45	44
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>								
<i>Beef</i>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	371	372	391	404	372	391	345
Rump steak	1kg	630	630	611	657	609	651	705
T-bone steak, without fillet(b)	1kg	602	537	577	599	528	578	648
Chuck steak	1kg	344	319	409	388	329	378	389
Silverside, corned	1kg	403	405	412	456	408	436	415
Sausages	1kg	228	248	274	251	220	275	240
<i>Lamb</i>								
Leg	1kg	358	306	412	337	415	348	372
Loin chops	1kg	377	376	438	407	435	359	459
Forequarter chops	1kg	287	257	402	337	395	304	327
<i>Pork</i>								
Leg	1kg	462	412	468	477	484	530	479
Loin chops	1kg	479	447	471	536	486	527	506
Chicken, frozen	1kg	236	238	249	275	264	286	241
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	193	201	178	198	163	197	200
Beef, corned	340g can	148	162	155	142	162	178	153
Salmon, pink	220g can	118	122	120	125	124	139	127
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>								
Oranges	1kg	80	63	79	66	90	117	52
Bananas	1kg	97	90	83	93	106	116	104
Potatoes	1kg	50	44	53	55	58	48	48
Tomatoes	1kg	143	120	127	130	165	151	147
Carrots	1kg	82	72	109	67	58	93	85
Onions	1kg	61	54	64	52	63	83	67
Peaches	825g can	80	83	86	87	90	94	84
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	55	57	52	56	60	61	59
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	77	89	82	90	80	95	86
<i>Confectionery</i>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	119	112	114	115	110	122	125
<i>Other food</i>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	147	148	154	160	145	166	152
Sugar, white	2 kg	101	99	95	101	96	110	109
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	109	108	116	105	106	122	112
Tea	250g	79	79	75	76	75	84	83
Coffee, instant	150g jar	279	265	274	273	264	297	288
Tomato sauce	600ml	91	93	83	89	81	99	93
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	94	97	98	103	95	104	101
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	53	49	47	49	51	54	55
Baby food	125g can	26	26	25	27	29	29	27
<i>Household supplies</i>								
Laundry detergent	1kg	212	211	212	207	213	231	218
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	175	172	167	172	168	190	178
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	110	109	106	108	104	117	118
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	81	83	80	81	89	91	84
Pet food	405g	50	51	51	46	48	51	52
<i>Motor vehicle operation</i>								
Petrol, super grade(c)	1 litre	35.5	33.4	39.0	36.5	37.9	40.0	37.3
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>								
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	123	103	109	115	108	110	115
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles	1145	1188	1098	1113	1090	1086	1176
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(d)	65	65	66	63	78	57	62
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	94	99	92	94	124	88	90
<i>Personal care products</i>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	78	79	76	76	76	87	82
Toothpaste	140g	113	105	106	112	107	116	123

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (b) Sydney, Brisbane, Perth and Canberra with fillet. (c) Prices are collected at the middle of the first month of the quarter. (d) Hobart 225 ml glass.