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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1992

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the 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 thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city*. 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, 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).

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, MARCH QUARTER 1992

(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	98	95	101	84	99	99	94	95
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	616	603	612	614	636	712	634	579
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	338	326	357	331	358	339	397	356
Butter	(b) 500 g	184	186	165	161	156	203	184	188
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	155	154	124	109	149	142	163	151
Biscuits, dry	250 g	133	127	124	127	137	154	160	133
Breakfast cereal, com based	550 g	298	296	281	281	331	326	315	305
Flour, self raising	2 kg	268	294	231	198	172	226	263	285
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	111	108	107	105	113	114	132	118
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	704	666	609	595	584	612	683	653
Rump steak	1 kg	1170	1144	1066	1104	1070	1012	1200	1068
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1108	992	965	1031	1026	1001	1151	1008
Chuck steak	1 kg	632	646	613	635	668	653	755	619
Silverside, corned	1 kg	723	683	626	631	677	693	661	708
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	486	504	515	412	511	506	562	482
Loin chops	1 kg	546	748	661	554	754	652	744	602
Forequarter chops	1 kg	389	413	441	427	503	440	546	420
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	564	568	542	585	596	699	640	570
Loin chops	1 kg	725	752	773	756	785	853	877	766
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	311	308	282	313	315	343	336	284
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	280	284	292	270	311	332	296	255
Beef corned	340 g can	250	245	247	211	259	273	261	266
Sausages	1 kg	310	412	444	370	377	440	399	342
Salmon, pink	210 g can	229	250	211	216	232	250	270	240
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	179	125	133	104	193	269	155	97
Bananas	1 kg	229	237	190	233	162	241	199	256
Potatoes	1 kg	88	92	81	78	114	65	104	80
Tomatoes	1 kg	222	176	177	193	238	269	309	210
Carrots	1 kg	151	117	110	98	99	141	177	156
Onions	1 kg	84	78	72	82	76	95	115	96
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	184	179	169	180	209	197	211	182
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	86	86	80	85	93	99	108	88
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	134	137	124	123	133	141	170	138
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	227	216	222	203	232	230	250	226
Other food									
Eggs	(c) 55g, 1 dozen	165	177	189	188	195	238	244	171
Sugar, white	2 kg	184	174	172	170	201	204	247	178
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	227	232	229	221	232	247	254	228
Tea	250 g	175	168	161	158	171	172	178	182
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	440	422	429	417	447	456	466	447
Tomato sauce	600 ml	198	178	171	146	186	179	193	201
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	161	154	144	146	152	153	175	127
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	83	92	84	91	97	93	103	76
Baby food	125 g can	52	44	43	43	47	52	50	52
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1kg	412	424	435	397	485	482	439	426
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	423	461	420	420	434	484	456	429
Facial tissues	pkt 224	233	222	223	222	229	245	241	224
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	320	329	332	310	341	350	362	330
Pet food	415 g	86	87	81	82	94	94	98	89
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	66.7	66.8	60.6	65.0	67.0	69.7	70.5	70.8
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(d)(e) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2032	1940	1915	1750	2031	2157	2297	2010
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2311	2294	2195	2336	2293	2451	2575	2300
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	135	159	150	158	170	137	185	142
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	127	135	135	139	167	132	179	134
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	249	236	207	281	273	204	251	241
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	(h) 2 x 125 g	146	155	207	148	239	167	180	222
Toothpaste	140 g	220	210	204	204	217	221	209	224

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250g. (c) Eggs in Sydney, 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 53 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (d) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (e) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles, chilled. (f) Item change from 12 x 750 ml to 24 x 375 ml bottles. (g) Hobart glass size 225 ml. (h) Brisbane, Perth, and Canberra: 4 x 125g.



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