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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS  
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES  
JUNE QUARTER 1994**

**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 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, 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).

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1994**  
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	102	104	105	97	104	110	94	105
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	442	462	429	456	439	497	528	455
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	362	349	368	348	328	378	401	366
Butter	(b) 500 g	162	184	157	156	154	199	189	178
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	166	153	146	126	124	154	168	167
Biscuits, dry	250 g	134	139	137	141	142	159	166	134
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	298	316	309	301	344	346	331	303
Flour, self raising	2 kg	285	315	249	192	200	235	264	299
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	119	114	116	111	123	129	143	123
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
<b>Beef</b>									
Silverside roast	(c) 1 kg	843	819	804	763	798	733	995	815
Rump steak	1 kg	1283	1102	1148	1164	1049	1097	1246	1072
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1189	997	1005	1100	1114	1062	1228	1071
Chuck steak	1 kg	647	623	655	670	656	670	786	627
Silverside, corned	1 kg	718	676	645	651	730	671	711	756
<b>Lamb</b>									
Leg	1 kg	602	549	574	532	568	537	626	547
Loin chops	1 kg	714	792	777	699	800	688	827	686
Forequarter chops	1 kg	440	406	488	499	536	502	615	419
<b>Pork</b>									
Leg	1 kg	557	547	534	569	589	659	716	533
Loin chops	1 kg	789	700	797	743	790	797	921	802
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	295	323	305	329	321	344	358	279
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	264	293	305	290	305	315	341	257
Beef corned	340 g can	249	263	256	246	244	295	273	274
Sausages	1 kg	360	351	461	364	388	384	406	286
Salmon, pink	210 g can	213	232	221	229	233	273	258	231
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	152	105	118	89	133	108	148	86
Bananas	1 kg	187	197	155	195	224	206	175	189
Potatoes	1 kg	74	70	73	63	99	77	81	63
Tomatoes	1 kg	245	201	182	260	265	299	340	236
Carrots	1 kg	142	108	103	105	91	100	177	133
Onions	1 kg	114	100	96	95	91	98	151	120
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	197	203	194	191	205	219	251	184
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	85	86	85	84	93	99	110	89
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	119	137	120	116	129	150	168	134
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	229	225	240	226	234	243	250	249
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs	(d) 55g, 1 dozen	192	200	212	166	192	261	256	191
Sugar, white	2 kg	199	199	192	190	220	233	274	208
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	217	247	236	236	230	263	282	237
Tea	250 g jar	186	182	179	164	180	199	200	185
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	449	428	391	384	402	487	469	432
Tomato sauce	600 ml	184	186	180	173	193	195	212	189
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	126	159	131	136	152	159	197	151
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	88	94	99	94	95	102	114	88
Baby food	125 g can	56	53	55	52	55	64	60	56
<b>Household supplies and services</b>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	438	429	476	428	459	482	491	425
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	366	350	349	383	368	402	407	361
Facial tissues	pkt 224	191	176	191	173	184	209	208	190
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	284	278	284	280	282	333	307	286
Pet food	410 g	94	93	96	89	105	107	102	92
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, leaded	1 litre	68.7	70.2	61.8	70.7	69.3	75.2	73.7	71.9
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	67.7	69.2	60.8	69.6	68.3	74.4	72.8	70.9
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2040	1793	2062	1839	2007	2254	2222	2023
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2516	2395	2349	2474	2282	2607	2939	2449
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	150	165	162	170	185	152	203	154
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	139	141	149	154	179	144	193	146
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	292	254	237	313	365	209	280	266
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	151	159	153	144	159	177	176	156
Toothpaste	140 g	223	234	226	234	235	243	257	222

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250g. (c) Prices not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specification. Adelaide price relates to blade bolar roast. (d) Eggs in Sydney have a net carton weight of 700g 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.

