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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE 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 eight capital cities. Average prices for the selected food items for Darwin which were previously published in *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0), final issue March 1982, are now included in this publication.

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 beverages; 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 completely comparable from city to city.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, petrol and packaged alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk and bar sales of alcoholic beverages are collected at the end of the quarter together with details of price changes during the quarter, and average prices calculated for the quarter.

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, Australia (6401.0)—issued quarterly

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

6. 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.



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

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	74	80	76	66	74	68	64	82
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	375	409	377	378	352	401	387	385
Cheese, processed	500g	160	160	154	154	158	174	166	161
Butter	500g	146	134	138	133	133	143	153	150
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	73	77	76	80	82	78	83	91
Biscuits, dry	250g	63	66	60	67	65	70	63	67
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	108	106	102	105	114	114	106	110
Flour, self-raising	1kg	61	73	56	62	65	75	65	68
Rice, short grain	500g(c)	42	42	45	43	39	45	44	88
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	383	378	395	415	404	411	374	448
Rump steak	1kg	634	655	627	659	613	651	602	614
T-bone steak, without fillet(d)	1kg	597	554	604	625	556	612	629	617
Chuck steak	1kg	367	316	415	393	400	401	417	480
Silverside, corned	1kg	410	404	423	449	418	442	442	463
Sausages	1kg	233	250	278	251	230	279	246	331
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	373	331	432	374	434	362	388	466
Loin chops	1kg	398	399	467	434	448	376	457	448
Forequarter chops	1kg	298	268	425	361	403	328	343	371
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	454	418	477	477	475	528	467	535
Loin chops	1kg	505	473	486	554	479	561	514	601
Chicken, frozen	1kg	232	237	251	272	263	266	252	265
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	203	199	186	203	168	202	212	216
Beef, corned	340g can	149	164	156	142	158	180	156	149
Salmon, pink	220g can	115	126	120	127	124	140	125	120
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	82	79	78	81	107	124	58	115
Bananas	1kg	103	98	78	94	109	127	98	129
Potatoes	1kg	44	42	47	52	57	37	46	106
Tomatoes	1kg	137	112	108	138	145	176	122	196
Carrots	1kg	72	58	83	60	59	81	66	132
Onions	1kg	68	58	69	55	57	72	71	119
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	86	83	88	91	89	95	87	100
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	57	58	53	58	59	62	59	59
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	78	92	82	87	82	95	89	91
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	117	113	115	113	110	123	121	131
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	147	158	154	171	145	166	153	188
Sugar, white	2 kg	101	99	95	101	97	110	108	115
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	115	106	115	103	106	124	114	123
Tea	250g	78	80	76	80	74	85	83	79
Coffee, instant	150g jar	277	273	288	285	278	308	302	293
Tomato sauce	600ml	91	92	84	92	88	99	97	80
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	91	98	104	101	94	109	99	115
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	54	52	49	49	53	54	55	55
Baby food	125g can	25	26	25	27	30	29	27	25
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	216	216	224	210	220	238	222	237
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	185	188	183	175	179	200	191	194
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	125	116	117	114	113	126	123	123
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	87	89	86	90	93	88	86	90
Pet food	405g	53	52	51	49	52	54	56	57
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	36.6	36.5	35.8	37.5	38.6	39.7	40.2	40.0
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	125	103	113	118	111	112	116	..
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(e)	1,218	1,196	1,139	1,119	1,097	1,113	1,217	1,353
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(f)	66	66	68	63	79	57	62	78
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	96	99	92	96	124	88	91	129
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	77	81	79	78	64	89	82	81
Toothpaste	140g	114	106	107	108	106	121	120	105

(a) Darwin price relates to 2x600ml cartons sold in shops. (b) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (c) Darwin 1kg packet. (d) Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra and Darwin with fillet. (e) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (f) Hobart 225 ml glass.