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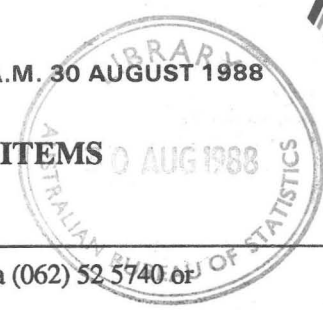
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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE QUARTER 1988

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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 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 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

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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)

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1988
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
Dairy products									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600 ml	98	86	102	79	86	112	90	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	84	80	87	77	85	85	76	82
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	540	541	521	523	554	536	540	523
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	257	246	250	250	260	286	249	286
Butter	500 g	179	193	175	153	150	173	179	194
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	119	111	103	96	119	112	124	124
Biscuits, dry	250 g	103	110	95	101	106	116	102	122
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	199	185	189	188	223	225	183	214
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	217	235	182	183	174	190	229	230
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	95	96	93	87	100	116	94	119
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	585	576	515	541	547	577	490	605
Rump steak	1 kg	941	950	860	935	889	936	879	978
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	878	800	791	853	849	840	809	954
Chuck steak	1 kg	546	515	533	594	549	591	531	690
Silverside, corned	1 kg	596	592	553	547	573	610	568	585
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	489	479	510	477	536	465	489	541
Loin chops	1 kg	570	630	584	624	652	567	584	687
Forequarter chops	1 kg	383	387	455	470	519	431	390	503
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	495	484	481	535	524	619	489	597
Loin chops	1 kg	630	658	653	677	607	698	619	752
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	269	303	259	320	281	353	254	321
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	228	240	221	235	217	263	242	265
Beef, corned	340 g can	203	214	208	201	214	230	211	206
Sausages (d)	1 kg	275	355	355	332	309	357	317	384
Salmon, pink	210 g can	249	262	248	258	273	311	264	285
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	141	119	137	124	195	141	86	211
Bananas	1 kg	111	136	87	113	143	167	112	142
Potatoes	1 kg	74	77	67	80	89	58	62	87
Tomatoes	1 kg	281	301	252	265	280	372	295	396
Carrots	1 kg	149	128	172	129	96	157	146	159
Onions	1 kg	100	99	106	108	86	103	108	162
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	141	153	149	153	162	169	149	175
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	75	79	68	73	85	81	74	85
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	97	109	93	103	98	128	107	113
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	200 g	165	164	163	158	169	188	183	187
Other food									
Eggs(e)	55 g, 1 dozen	186	174	188	183	171	208	185	235
Sugar, white	2 kg	165	160	153	156	172	169	165	187
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	180	182	172	164	178	195	176	192
Tea	250 g	143	146	133	142	147	154	148	151
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	477	495	476	452	466	478	472	490
Tomato sauce	600 ml	140	122	120	118	146	133	134	133
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	115	120	109	120	118	148	121	135
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	68	73	76	75	79	81	65	85
Baby food	125 g can	38	34	33	35	36	38	38	39
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	354	372	356	341	378	398	353	377
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	341	367	347	340	368	381	342	372
Facial tissues	pkt 224	185	189	175	184	180	184	176	194
Toilet paper	6 x 500 sheet rolls	272	275	266	277	276	314	280	316
Pet food	415 g	73	78	77	72	87	88	70	95
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	51.6	52.3	51.3	51.7	57.5	62.0	59.3	58.9
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750 ml bottle	207	185	191	195	194	200	199	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(f)	12 x 750 ml bottles	2031	1897	1861	1850	1939	2142	2057	2385
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	128	123	119	115	145	137	120	143
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	182	169	161	163	196	150	178	211
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	128	134	120	125	139	145	125	139
Toothpaste	140 g	196	198	184	195	188	221	195	185

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth prices relate to 1 litre carton, delivered. Perth price not comparable with previous periods due to change in specification. Hobart price relates to 2 x 600 ml cartons, delivered. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Perth price not comparable with previous periods due to change in specification. (e) Eggs in cities other than Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Melbourne have a minimum net weight of 56 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 and are therefore not comparable with previous periods due to change in specification. (f) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles.

