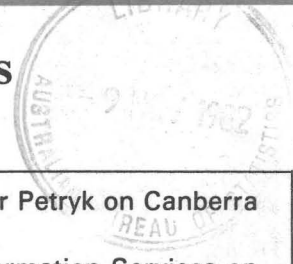




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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1982



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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. 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 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, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1982**  
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	75	80	76	70	75	74	71	83
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	395	425	399	384	371	430	416	408
Cheese, processed	500g	167	167	168	161	167	183	174	173
Butter	500g	156	149	148	152	142	156	160	160
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	74	81	78	81	83	81	84	91
Biscuits, dry	250g	64	66	66	69	67	73	65	71
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	107	111	103	109	120	114	107	112
Flour, self-raising	1kg	64	73	58	60	66	78	66	71
Rice, short grain	500g(c)	43	42	45	43	39	45	43	94
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	372	392	398	399	424	415	356	394
Rump steak	1kg	632	640	630	656	669	647	666	706
T-bone steak, without fillet(d)	1kg	595	549	604	627	585	625	601	642
Chuck steak	1kg	366	320	410	398	415	411	396	481
Silverside, corned	1kg	404	405	426	451	447	440	436	433
Sausages	1kg	232	251	286	255	232	284	237	319
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	360	323	428	351	427	370	374	434
Loin chops	1kg	359	383	458	380	440	383	444	461
Forequarter chops	1kg	281	237	415	321	399	332	320	360
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	478	423	474	485	502	543	493	550
Loin chops	1kg	500	483	473	562	509	577	551	600
Chicken, frozen	1kg	256	241	251	263	239	286	252	293
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	214	217	194	207	176	206	212	223
Beef, corned	340g can	147	162	156	143	154	180	155	154
Salmon, pink	220g can	119	126	131	129	124	140	132	125
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	84	79	88	81	100	95	59	98
Bananas	1kg	128	133	98	130	141	154	125	138
Potatoes	1kg	45	43	43	50	53	39	46	68
Tomatoes	1kg	161	168	134	184	173	246	153	195
Carrots	1kg	64	58	52	53	62	81	60	115
Onions	1kg	65	56	62	54	62	75	73	110
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	90	91	86	84	89	100	90	99
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	56	58	52	60	60	60	57	66
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	79	92	86	88	79	96	91	103
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	115	115	112	110	110	128	126	133
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	154	165	155	171	150	173	160	206
Sugar, white	2 kg	110	108	104	112	108	121	112	126
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	121	120	112	109	111	133	128	133
Tea	250g	79	80	74	79	74	85	82	80
Coffee, instant	150g jar	303	275	292	291	286	319	301	301
Tomato sauce	600ml	94	95	89	89	87	99	97	83
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	96	101	100	100	95	111	105	106
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	58	57	51	55	55	57	59	57
Baby food	125g can	27	29	27	29	31	33	28	31
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	225	223	219	225	238	236	231	230
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	185	197	187	190	180	211	189	205
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	125	114	115	118	114	126	125	125
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	89	91	91	90	93	97	89	91
Pet food	405g	52	54	51	50	53	55	53	55
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	42.3	41.5	40.5	39.4	41.5	44.4	42.8	42.3
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	132	109	119	122	116	119	120	..
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(e)	1,301	1,241	1,202	1,145	1,155	1,225	1,247	1,436
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(f)	70	69	70	67	82	59	64	81
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	100	101	93	98	126	90	95	132
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	79	83	77	81	73	87	84	81
Toothpaste	140g	115	114	107	116	108	124	121	119

(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.