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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER QUARTER 1982
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	78	80	79	72	78	74	72	85
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	409	437	412	411	393	445	411	420
Cheese, processed	500g	173	176	169	166	172	191	181	176
Butter	500g	159	152	147	150	145	162	168	166
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	74	83	78	83	85	81	84	93
Biscuits, dry	250g	66	67	68	72	68	73	66	75
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	109	106	106	107	122	115	109	118
Flour, self-raising	1kg	70	76	58	59	64	79	63	77
Rice, medium grain	500g	43	42	45	43	39	46	44	50
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	383	388	400	412	420	419	341	432
Rump steak	1kg	667	649	684	691	638	683	732	718
T-bone steak, without fillet(c)	1kg	609	561	638	625	560	628	634	700
Chuck steak	1kg	373	325	422	379	411	404	389	498
Silverside, corned	1kg	415	407	445	449	438	449	438	473
Sausages	1kg	235	252	286	263	237	293	237	332
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	372	316	445	335	415	358	392	466
Loin chops	1kg	373	382	466	383	428	377	482	504
Forequarter chops	1kg	280	237	425	302	371	311	350	418
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	487	418	472	486	520	559	476	529
Loin chops	1kg	505	483	480	569	513	598	506	626
Chicken, frozen	1kg	233	258	259	276	251	285	244	274
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	215	221	195	207	189	214	215	223
Beef, corned	340g can	157	166	166	149	161	182	167	163
Salmon, pink	220g can	121	133	129	130	137	141	123	130
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	93	83	95	95	134	116	79	120
Bananas	1kg	95	100	67	98	120	128	102	134
Potatoes	1kg	45	52	45	60	59	57	61	80
Tomatoes	1kg	148	155	115	139	168	247	142	198
Carrots	1kg	69	71	50	56	67	96	72	114
Onions	1kg	63	60	53	55	77	82	71	107
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	92	97	92	95	88	107	93	113
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	59	60	55	60	59	64	61	67
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	82	96	86	92	84	101	99	106
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	124	126	127	124	121	134	132	145
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	160	168	155	178	149	172	167	203
Sugar, white	2 kg	111	110	108	112	107	122	116	120
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	117	124	133	114	117	135	128	133
Tea	250g	85	87	79	82	82	92	87	90
Coffee, instant	150g jar	301	287	305	281	291	325	303	290
Tomato sauce	600ml	93	101	95	95	90	109	101	86
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	91	101	106	100	107	115	99	117
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	58	57	54	55	58	61	58	62
Baby food	125g can	26	29	27	28	32	32	29	32
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	229	236	233	230	237	245	235	246
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	197	203	200	198	195	206	199	213
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	133	128	125	130	131	139	139	131
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	97	97	99	96	103	106	93	100
Pet food	405g	54	54	54	54	55	57	54	61
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	43.0	40.0	41.0	40.5	41.5	46.9	45.5	44.0
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	138	115	124	126	122	126	126	..
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(d)	1,364	1,320	1,272	1,186	1,213	1,315	1,322	1,530
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(e)	74	73	73	70	86	62	68	87
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	103	107	95	100	128	92	96	134
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	83	85	78	82	84	93	87	82
Toothpaste	140g	128	123	118	119	125	133	134	128

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