

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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CITIES

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NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the eight capital cities.

The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eleven 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; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care. The items and varieties selected, however, do not comprise all the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups of the CPI.

AVERAGE PRICES

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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for milk, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol and alcohol and are averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for all other items included in this publication are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

Commencing with the December quarter 1996, average retail prices are calculated using the geometric mean of the individual observations.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (Cat. no. 6401.0)
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (Cat. no. 6440.0)

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The September quarter 2002 issue is expected to be released on 6 November 2002.

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Dairy and related products								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	147	153	153	150	160	142	173	140
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	370	369	381	342	369	402	390	383
Butter (500 g) (a)	240	236	202	210	223	245	241	239
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	253	264	260	247	243	283	269	257
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	171	176	174	179	160	197	192	174
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	304	317	279	330	357	360	344	332
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	362	362	322	283	297	280	301	371
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	171	191	165	158	186	180	180	167
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 064	1 059	997	979	1 121	917	1 058	1 167
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 548	1 530	1 453	1 556	1 494	1 378	1 475	1 567
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 606	1 529	1 416	1 571	1 700	1 377	1 604	1 638
Chuck steak (1 kg)	855	814	827	904	922	868	899	896
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	772	712	731	784	803	761	782	776
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	807	755	786	752	853	723	777	815
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 272	1 237	1 220	1 226	1 337	1 134	1 294	1 316
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	720	725	738	786	874	701	801	728
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	636	697	682	754	773	793	777	688
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 145	1 100	1 127	1 134	1 142	1 018	1 113	1 134
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	404	390	381	387	406	402	390	381
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	400	367	394	352	381	385	404	408
Sausages (1 kg)	519	590	512	552	734	541	468	502
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	225	230	241	241	251	303	267	260
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	327	287	260	152	398	248	366	289
Bananas (1 kg)	268	267	227	252	303	231	301	248
Potatoes (1 kg)	108	122	154	56	139	104	152	109
Tomatoes (1kg)	310	279	235	275	266	273	320	291
Carrots (1 kg)	208	151	164	170	131	157	211	191
Onions (1 kg)	152	109	138	112	110	141	166	155
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	206	229	224	236	233	223	243	223
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	132	132	129	126	142	143	137	134
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	149	155	144	139	157	165	174	153
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	318	363	344	301	312	351	313	345
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	315	344	351	314	359	321	344	313
Sugar, white (2 kg)	248	208	224	227	246	282	227	244
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	273	268	266	261	276	295	292	272
Teabags (180 g pkt)	369	366	375	372	374	437	376	384
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	606	622	608	577	660	682	627	628
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	166	195	179	173	183	210	190	172
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	198	213	205	209	217	224	220	209
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	116	117	116	114	108	123	128	118
Baby food (120 g can)	77	79	73	72	75	85	76	78

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	486	501	517	484	478	532	529	488
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	331	337	330	313	302	340	351	342
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	203	207	202	198	204	227	227	204
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls)	331	307	332	275	319	351	335	316
Pet food (400 g)	107	97	101	95	103	114	98	105
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	91.8	91.1	82.8	91.8	92.4	98.6	99.4	94.9
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	88.6	88.0	79.8	88.6	89.0	95.6	96.1	91.8
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (e)	2 372	2 228	2 664	2 336	2 636	2 363	2 748	2 354
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (f)	3 162	3 095	3 062	3 110	3 137	3 183	3 280	3 114
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	201	247	213	260	282	256	260	205
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (e)	180	210	198	213	273	222	231	174
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	399	381	329	433	435	323	389	334
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	259	288	271	294	262	324	313	268
Toothpaste (140 g)	242	225	276	240	243	267	248	245

(a) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra
2 x 250 g.

(b) Hobart 680 g.

(c) Brisbane and Darwin prices relate to
topside roast. Adelaide price relates to
blade bolar roast.

(d) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and
Canberra have a net carton weight of 700 g
per dozen. Eggs in Adelaide have a
minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Perth
have a minimum net weight of 58 g. Eggs
in Hobart have a minimum net weight of
52 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net
weight of 54 g.

(e) Includes light and mid strength beer with an
alcoholic content equal to or less than 3.5%.

(f) Alcoholic content of full strength beer is
greater than 3.5%.

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