

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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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.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, March Qtr 2002

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)	145	154	153	149	159	141	169	137
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	410	390	367	342	347	401	407	400
Butter (500 g) (a)	229	218	196	212	221	242	247	230
Bread and cereal products								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	254	270	249	245	247	257	269	254
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	173	176	179	184	165	197	194	174
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	308	311	290	298	378	354	335	319
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	359	364	320	283	301	277	307	371
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	165	188	166	160	182	185	177	168
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	1 071	1 046	1 002	997	1 108	902	1 040	1 153
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 584	1 451	1 463	1 521	1 502	1 347	1 485	1 552
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 577	1 501	1 390	1 591	1 646	1 348	1 619	1 609
Chuck steak (1 kg)	838	840	831	889	953	870	891	932
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	779	705	728	789	789	768	762	786
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	763	727	753	728	782	691	742	749
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 209	1 174	1 179	1 178	1 276	1 091	1 239	1 300
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	681	695	689	757	825	672	748	701
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	712	722	724	758	777	793	781	719
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 164	1 117	1 138	1 148	1 123	1 007	1 151	1 177
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	407	391	387	413	404	398	387	386
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	405	375	398	370	393	379	440	414
Sausages (1 kg)	517	584	484	540	719	541	472	502
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	219	233	236	223	259	296	276	229
Fresh fruit and vegetables								
Oranges (1 kg)	346	240	258	139	388	260	387	328
Bananas (1 kg)	274	296	256	291	321	247	291	255
Potatoes (1 kg)	132	138	156	69	151	110	174	129
Tomatoes (1kg)	353	336	323	338	336	354	450	331
Carrots (1 kg)	199	149	172	185	133	167	219	194
Onions (1 kg)	173	126	147	143	154	160	206	148
Processed fruit and vegetables								
Peaches (825 g can)	209	223	214	215	222	238	243	207
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	123	133	127	121	144	134	134	126
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	134	143	150	124	148	160	175	148
Snacks and confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	313	347	326	315	337	357	330	325
Other food								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	313	352	345	311	365	322	380	305
Sugar, white (2 kg)	248	236	235	220	254	280	247	247
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	253	257	244	242	259	294	256	250
Teabags (180 g pkt)	395	391	379	359	369	439	378	389
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	619	605	577	592	693	649	611	598
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	166	188	176	157	193	192	189	171
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	203	198	203	182	196	224	205	201
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	110	114	102	108	104	114	107	104
Baby food (120 g can)	75	79	73	74	75	84	75	76

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	482	495	484	488	480	538	510	472
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	319	330	325	321	320	355	350	327
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	206	206	203	202	204	233	223	209
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls)	341	315	344	291	325	374	337	325
Pet food (400 g)	104	99	100	93	106	108	101	107
Private motoring								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	85.4	85.1	78.4	84.5	86.1	88.7	91.8	87.7
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	82.2	82.1	75.2	81.4	82.7	85.7	89.2	84.7
Alcoholic drinks								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (e)	2 372	2 231	2 578	2 329	2 613	2 378	2 730	2 353
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (f)	3 146	3 112	3 050	3 073	3 128	3 169	3 210	3 079
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	200	244	212	255	279	254	259	203
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (e)	183	207	197	209	270	221	229	173
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	397	377	328	429	434	316	386	329
Personal care								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	270	253	250	267	271	316	313	266
Toothpaste (140 g)	232	225	241	239	243	272	254	234

(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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