

## 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.

#### 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)

#### FORTHCOMING ISSUE

The December quarter 2001 issue is expected to be released on 6 February 2002.

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	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Item (Unit)	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
<b>Dairy and related products</b>								
Milk, supermarket sales (1 litre)	138	146	142	140	148	132	156	131
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	366	376	359	328	363	390	399	373
Butter (500 g) (a)	228	215	196	205	213	240	245	211
<b>Bread and cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales (650 g) (b)	254	265	248	237	241	256	255	250
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	167	170	178	178	164	196	191	168
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	297	297	271	298	345	343	316	307
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	358	338	296	264	292	287	306	359
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	172	191	171	161	188	181	188	173
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
Beef								
Silverside roast (1 kg) (c)	972	1 020	919	928	998	903	1 004	1 019
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 509	1 439	1 356	1 408	1 359	1 247	1 312	1 472
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 416	1 434	1 276	1 399	1 458	1 204	1 454	1 502
Chuck steak (1 kg)	802	766	764	835	831	760	822	844
Silverside, corned (1 kg)	802	758	681	817	816	719	777	859
Lamb								
Leg (1 kg)	690	714	713	695	737	669	707	736
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 083	1 123	1 078	1 033	1 158	1 012	1 075	1 210
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	626	670	655	680	740	656	683	652
Pork								
Leg (1 kg)	662	688	651	689	723	751	727	670
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 083	1 040	1 019	1 013	1 028	933	1 016	1 117
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	367	379	343	338	363	374	382	356
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	385	356	385	386	422	392	435	381
Sausages (1 kg)	496	558	481	530	636	547	460	481
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	269	273	278	276	310	339	294	292
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	225	215	210	116	249	190	265	173
Bananas (1 kg)	229	255	225	236	268	204	285	195
Potatoes (1 kg)	128	184	177	104	156	101	186	137
Tomatoes (1kg)	285	286	278	316	269	292	334	278
Carrots (1 kg)	199	163	166	182	133	208	226	205
Onions (1 kg)	226	194	220	208	163	133	207	204
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	203	226	214	230	212	241	238	211
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	125	128	121	118	134	137	131	127
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	143	148	149	132	147	153	170	144
<b>Snacks and confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	304	320	301	279	315	337	312	310
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen) (d)	316	299	336	302	346	301	363	325
Sugar, white (2 kg)	246	238	238	215	271	301	245	267
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	250	255	273	243	267	285	256	255
Teabags (180 g pkt)	364	366	341	340	354	411	347	371
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	599	568	562	566	632	651	547	598
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	185	189	182	177	193	201	192	186
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	178	157	174	185	192	220	202	185
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	103	111	97	96	107	122	119	111
Baby food (120 g can)	69	77	66	64	67	82	68	70

Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Household supplies</b>								
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	486	503	501	501	502	547	537	484
Dishwashing detergent (500 ml)	330	328	337	318	316	343	337	327
Facial tissues (pkt 224)	199	195	199	198	198	228	207	203
Toilet paper (4 x 260 sheet rolls)	334	337	351	314	328	374	352	339
Pet food (400 g)	95	94	102	91	108	119	95	98
<b>Private motoring</b>								
Petrol, lead replacement (1 litre)	90.1	86.5	81.0	89.5	89.3	90.6	98.4	91.1
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	86.9	83.5	78.0	86.4	86.1	87.8	95.2	88.0
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles) (e)	2 339	2 201	2 537	2 407	2 610	2 368	2 705	2 308
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles) (f)	3 129	3 095	2 974	3 023	3 085	3 108	3 273	3 039
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass) (f)	198	242	209	251	274	253	259	201
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass) (e)	182	202	195	206	265	221	229	171
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	393	374	323	417	427	316	378	326
<b>Personal care</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	283	270	275	275	270	325	321	287
Toothpaste (140 g)	236	235	260	236	254	252	248	230

(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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