

## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS

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### NOTES

#### RE-ISSUED PUBLICATION

This publication is a re-issue of *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6403.0) that was released on 3 November 2004. It contains amended data for the price of frozen chicken, which was incorrect in the earlier publication in all capital cities. Note, these amendments had no impact on any of the relevant capital city or weighted average of eight capital cities Consumer Price Indexes.

#### 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 items for which average prices are shown in this publication comprise a selection of items from the CPI food group and the following non-food subgroups: household supplies; sport and other recreation; private motoring; alcoholic drinks; and personal care.

#### AVERAGE PRICES

Prices shown are the geometric means of prices for specified grades, qualities, brands, etc. charged by a number of selected retailers in each city. The items and the retailers have been selected as representative to measure price change over time rather than to measure the average prices of all retail sales of these items in each of the 8 capital cities. Therefore they should be regarded as no more than approximate indicators of price levels for the items concerned. Furthermore, the selected grades, brands, package size, etc. for some items differ between cities and may also differ from one period to the next due to changes in product specifications. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter.*

Changes in the price levels of the items in this publication may differ from those in *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0) because those indexes are adjusted to take account of changes in the quality of the items priced; no such adjustment is made to the price levels presented in this publication. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for milk, butter, bread, fresh meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, margarine, 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).

#### FORTHCOMING ISSUE

This is the final issue of *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6403.0) in its current format. It has been replaced by *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6403.0.55.001) which will be available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> as a Data Cube. The December quarter 2004 issue of the new product is expected to be released on 2 February 2005.

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Item (Unit)	Sydney cents	Melbourne cents	Brisbane cents	Adelaide cents	Perth cents	Hobart cents	Darwin cents	Canberra cents
<b>Dairy and related products</b>								
Milk (2 litre)(a)	256	268	276	283	263	282	292	241
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped (500 g)	425	394	405	399	426	412	431	418
Butter (500 g)(b)	266	264	214	214	226	227	250	254
<b>Bread and cereal products</b>								
Bread, white loaf, sliced (650 g)(c)	246	254	243	242	234	248	287	243
Biscuits, dry (250 g)	180	185	169	186	173	201	202	184
Breakfast cereal, corn based (550 g)	336	320	333	291	348	354	320	319
Flour, self raising (2 kg)	341	398	291	351	406	261	372	399
Rice, long grain (1 kg)	185	211	196	197	214	217	218	195
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Beef roast (1 kg)(d)	1 013	1 083	1 028	1 004	1 040	1 039	1 176	1 092
Rump steak (1 kg)	1 581	1 566	1 572	1 689	1 466	1 466	1 481	1 581
T-bone steak, with fillet (1 kg)	1 667	1 588	1 675	1 588	1 684	1 615	1 679	1 828
Chuck steak (1 kg)	933	888	894	927	913	895	903	960
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	965	883	914	948	879	869	929	984
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 564	1 525	1 560	1 576	1 503	1 421	1 569	1 642
Forequarter chops (1 kg)	875	865	827	896	832	769	874	854
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg (1 kg)	551	565	561	671	687	665	705	574
Loin chops (1 kg)	1 083	1 107	1 071	1 141	1 206	1 156	1 128	1 089
Chicken, frozen (1 kg)	392	392	399	420	396	379	413	405
Bacon, middle rashers (250 g pkt)	401	357	360	368	350	335	429	419
Sausages (1 kg)	489	505	495	485	510	515	518	504
Salmon, pink (210 g can)	240	243	242	244	264	342	279	279
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables(e)</b>								
Oranges (1 kg)	230	257	232	147	271	202	303	233
Bananas (1 kg)	242	239	218	223	277	255	287	236
Potatoes (1 kg)	137	175	178	119	184	150	234	204
Tomatoes (1 kg)	285	270	261	340	325	317	417	269
Carrots (1 kg)	214	165	176	177	138	177	214	200
Onions (1 kg)	227	216	218	232	169	177	266	231
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>								
Peaches (825 g can)	238	230	249	244	268	251	255	260
Pineapple, sliced (450 g can)	146	151	149	133	154	161	145	146
Peas, frozen (500 g pkt)	149	163	147	140	165	159	183	163
<b>Snacks and confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, milk, block (250 g)	327	379	325	329	354	347	356	338
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs (1 dozen)(f),(g)	307	313	295	296	387	382	401	328
Sugar, white (2 kg)(g)	203	198	189	201	239	274	222	213
Jam, strawberry (500 g jar)	256	278	257	246	264	290	290	288
Teabags (180 g pkt)	335	375	307	337	359	367	340	355
Coffee, instant (150 g jar)	609	611	557	537	608	643	583	582
Tomato sauce (600 ml)	168	156	177	170	176	192	190	169
Margarine, poly-unsaturated (500 g)	239	245	231	228	229	248	251	250
Baked beans, in tomato sauce (420 g)	116	117	111	112	115	126	118	121
Baby food (120 g can)	75	75	72	73	76	79	76	77

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)	522	509	498	524	533	553	562	553
Dishwashing detergent (450 ml)	347	335	322	334	340	357	348	338
Facial tissues (pkt 180)	205	209	213	195	206	220	225	214
Toilet paper (4 x 220 sheet rolls)(h)	280	286	301	291	312	316	316	311
Pet food (400 g)	101	102	104	100	109	118	103	102
<b>Private motoring(i)</b>								
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	102.1	98.9	93.2	101.2	98.9	107.4	106.8	102.9
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>								
Beer, low alcohol (24 x 355 ml - 375 ml bottles)(j)	2 327	2 294	2 716	2 486	2 899	2 613	2 897	2 317
Beer, full strength (24 x 375 ml bottles)(k)	3 384	3 415	3 294	3 289	3 453	3 565	3 658	3 340
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (285 ml glass)(j)	201	245	217	267	303	247	243	196
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 ml glass)(k)	230	279	235	303	313	293	279	225
Scotch nip, public bar (30 ml)	409	409	363	476	463	364	417	362
<b>Personal care</b>								
Toilet soap (4 x 125 g)	247	241	288	274	267	316	275	240

(a) Formerly 1 litre.

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

(c) Hobart 680 g.

(d) For example silverside, topside, or blade  
bolar roast.

(e) Although presented on a cents per  
kilogram basis, the prices for fruit and  
vegetables may vary across cities due to the  
quantity priced, that is, some items may be  
priced as loose while others may be priced  
in bags of more than one kilogram.

(f) Eggs in all capital cities have a minimum net  
carton weight of 700 g per dozen eggs, except  
Adelaide where they have a minimum net  
carton weight of 600 g per dozen.

(g) Represents average price of brand name and  
generic brand products.

(h) Formerly 4 x 250 sheet rolls.

(i) From September quarter 2004 lead  
replacement petrol is no longer priced in the  
CPI.

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

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

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