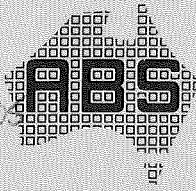
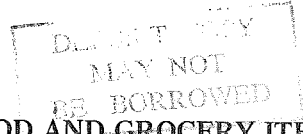
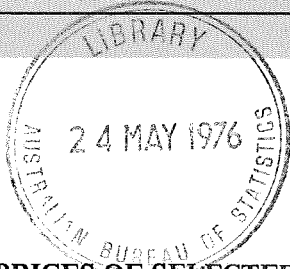


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JANUARY TO MARCH 1976**

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Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on request.

*Consumer Price Index* (quarterly) – Reference No. 9.1

*Consumer Price Index : Monthly Food Group Index Numbers* – Reference No. 9.11.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS, JANUARY 1976  
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Bread, delivered –								
Ordinary white loaf	900g (a)	44.0	42.2	37.4	43.0	41.0	44.0	43.0
Milk loaf, sliced and wrapped	680g	48.0	48.0	42.3	47.0	45.0	44.0	46.0
Flour –								
Plain	1 kg pkt	33.7	36.8	32.2	29.5	36.0	37.3	39.2
Self-raising	1 kg pkt	38.6	41.1	32.3	32.1	40.1	44.6	40.8
Rice	500 g pkt	24.9	27.6	28.2	28.1	28.0	29.2	26.0
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g pkt	56.7	57.6	57.7	55.6	68.9	61.9	55.7
Biscuits, dry	226 g pkt	32.6	35.6	31.3	33.1	37.1	36.9	33.5
Peaches	822 g can	47.6	53.8	57.8	51.9	57.5	58.7	49.6
Pears	822 g can	47.0	49.7	55.4	50.7	55.0	55.9	47.8
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	49.0	49.7	47.6	53.0	51.6	53.0	45.7
Potatoes	1 lb	18.5	15.8	20.5	17.0	13.5	14.3	20.2
Onions	1 lb	21.8	21.8	21.8	20.0	20.3	20.4	24.9
Butter	500 g (b)	85.4	80.2	82.8	81.1	73.5	77.6	88.7
Cheese, processed	250 g pkt	43.8	43.4	46.1	44.1	43.7	46.0	43.7
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	16 oz pkt	71.5	69.7	73.1	68.0	72.4	71.3	68.6
Eggs, 55g	1 doz	91.0	93.9	91.6	94.0	99.4	105.0	89.1
Milk –								
Evaporated	14½ oz can	24.0	24.1	25.4	24.6	25.7	25.6	24.8
Fresh, bottled, delivered	2 x 600 ml (c)	47.0	34.0	38.0	36.0	38.0	36.0	38.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	250 g (d)	100.7	101.7	93.9	97.0	86.1	103.3	100.5
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	147.5	152.7	154.5	156.2	148.0	168.3	151.1
Beef, corned	340 g can	74.5	82.3	80.1	75.9	84.1	84.8	76.3
Sausages	1 lb	41.1	45.7	45.2	46.8	38.4	51.1	45.6
Tea	½ lb pkt	43.0	40.7	41.3	40.0	41.4	44.7	42.6
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	127.6	125.3	137.0	130.0	137.1	130.2	128.6
Sugar	2 kg pkt	51.1	49.5	50.7	50.0	50.7	53.9	53.4
Jam, apricot	680 g can	52.7	52.9	54.2	50.6	59.0	57.2	52.0
Salmon, imported pink	220 g can	68.9	74.7	73.9	68.0	73.4	79.8	67.3
Spaghetti (in tomato sauce)	454 g can	29.8	30.0	30.6	28.2	29.7	32.2	29.3
Tomato sauce	300 ml bottle	33.7	33.7	36.3	33.4	37.4	38.2	34.7
Prepared baby food	127 g can	14.4	14.9	15.4	14.7	16.6	16.2	13.9
Beef –								
Rib (without bone)	1 lb	76.5	68.7	75.4	78.0	59.7	67.4	70.8
Steak –								
Rump	1 lb	131.3	126.7	118.2	125.0	118.3	134.8	160.4
T-bone, without fillet (e)	1 lb	111.0	95.7	114.5	107.2	96.2	118.1	130.3
Chuck	1 lb	54.0	50.8	69.2	65.9	58.1	64.3	63.9
Silverside, corned	1 lb	74.8	73.7	80.5	84.3	72.5	86.1	85.6
Lamb –								
Leg	1 lb	81.2	69.4	92.4	82.4	94.0	75.8	90.4
Chops –								
Loin	1 lb	82.0	76.2	94.9	92.8	94.1	74.9	100.4
Forequarter	1 lb	61.7	55.2	93.9	78.1	81.2	64.4	73.0
Pork –								
Leg	1 lb	126.2	117.2	118.5	136.7	125.5	133.7	133.6
Chops	1 lb	115.1	121.9	122.8	138.0	122.1	127.9	134.0

(a) The price in Hobart is for a wrapped loaf. (b) Perth and Hobart 454 g. (c) Melbourne and Brisbane 2 x 1 pint bottles. (d) Melbourne ½ lb packet. (e) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet.

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS, FEBRUARY 1976**  
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Bread, delivered –								
Ordinary white loaf	900 g (a)	44.0	42.2	37.4	43.0	41.0	44.0	43.0
Milk loaf, sliced and wrapped	680 g	48.0	48.0	42.3	47.0	45.0	44.0	46.0
Flour –								
Plain	1 kg pkt	34.9	37.9	33.5	31.4	36.0	38.2	40.1
Self-raising	1 kg pkt	39.7	41.7	32.6	34.4	40.1	45.4	41.5
Rice	500 g pkt	27.2	28.9	28.9	28.6	28.4	30.6	27.3
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g pkt	57.7	58.3	58.8	58.3	71.1	62.7	58.0
Biscuits, dry	226 g pkt	33.7	34.3	31.5	33.5	37.6	39.1	33.7
Peaches	822 g can	47.3	53.7	57.6	51.9	55.6	59.1	50.0
Pears	822 g can	46.3	50.2	55.1	50.2	52.3	57.9	49.9
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	48.9	49.2	49.2	54.1	52.2	53.4	46.9
Potatoes	1 lb	20.5	19.1	21.4	18.4	14.6	14.8	22.2
Onions	1 lb	23.0	22.0	22.0	19.4	19.4	20.2	25.3
Butter	500 g (b)	84.5	80.0	83.4	80.9	73.7	84.6	88.8
Cheese, processed	250 g pkt	43.9	45.1	47.4	47.5	44.4	47.2	44.8
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500 g pkt (c)	73.0	77.5	75.1	68.3	72.1	76.4	76.2
Eggs, 55 g	1 doz	91.1	93.9	91.6	95.9	99.4	105.0	89.1
Milk –								
Evaporated	14½ oz can	23.9	24.1	25.1	25.3	26.6	25.6	25.2
Fresh, bottled, delivered	2 x 600 ml (d)	47.0	34.0	38.0	36.0	40.0	36.0	38.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	250 g	101.0	106.0	95.8	102.9	87.2	105.2	94.3
Chicken, frozen	1kg	155.9	158.3	158.4	160.7	144.4	171.5	162.3
Beef, corned	340 g can	74.5	82.7	80.5	75.9	85.0	84.8	75.2
Sausages	1 lb	41.9	46.7	46.4	46.9	39.7	53.2	45.7
Tea	½ lb pkt (e)	43.1	41.1	40.8	43.8	41.7	45.4	42.6
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	138.2	130.8	141.1	137.0	144.8	143.7	141.8
Sugar	2 kg pkt	51.1	49.3	50.6	51.0	51.8	53.9	53.4
Jam, apricot	680 g can	55.3	53.2	55.9	51.7	58.7	58.2	54.0
Salmon, imported pink	220 g can	69.9	73.4	72.9	72.2	74.7	78.9	70.0
Spaghetti (in tomato sauce)	454 g can (f)	28.3	29.0	30.6	27.8	32.4	33.7	30.2
Tomato sauce	300 ml bottle	34.1	33.8	36.8	34.7	38.7	38.3	34.7
Prepared baby food	127 g can	14.7	14.7	15.5	14.2	16.7	16.1	15.1
Beef –								
Rib (without bone)	1 lb	76.7	69.3	76.9	80.1	60.4	69.1	66.5
Steak –								
Rump	1 lb	134.0	125.0	118.9	128.3	122.3	137.8	162.1
T-bone, without fillet (g)	1 lb	111.0	94.4	114.2	112.3	100.7	120.9	138.3
Chuck	1 lb	55.5	51.8	70.9	66.1	63.3	67.6	65.5
Silverside, corned	1 lb	77.6	77.4	82.1	84.9	74.8	87.2	86.2
Lamb –								
Leg	1 lb	82.9	72.3	94.8	85.9	94.2	80.3	93.1
Chops –								
Loin	1 lb	83.6	78.8	96.9	96.1	94.7	81.9	100.5
Forequarter	1 lb	66.7	58.6	96.9	81.4	82.7	70.7	75.9
Pork –								
Leg	1 lb	127.2	118.3	118.5	142.7	127.5	135.7	138.7
Chops	1 lb	116.7	121.9	122.3	143.3	123.6	129.9	138.7

(a) The price in Hobart is for a wrapped loaf. (b) Perth 454 g. (c) Sydney, Adelaide and Perth 16 oz. packet. (d) Melbourne and Brisbane 2 x 1 pint bottles. (e) Adelaide 250 g packet. (f) Brisbane and Adelaide 440 g can. (g) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS, MARCH 1976  
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Bread, delivered –								
Ordinary white loaf	900 g (a)	45.0	42.2	39.0	45.0	41.0	44.0	45.0
Milk loaf, sliced and wrapped	680 g	49.0	48.0	43.2	49.0	45.0	44.0	45.0
Flour –								
Plain	1 kg pkt	34.3	38.4	33.9	31.7	36.6	38.6	40.1
Self-raising	1 kg pkt	39.0	40.4	31.6	34.2	41.0	45.8	42.0
Rice	500 g pkt	27.1	28.9	28.9	29.1	28.4	30.8	27.9
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g pkt	57.3	57.1	59.2	58.6	71.4	65.3	57.9
Biscuits, dry	226 g pkt	33.3	35.6	31.3	33.9	37.8	38.7	33.8
Peaches	822 g can	45.5	53.7	58.0	51.9	56.5	59.4	51.4
Pears	822 g can	46.3	50.2	54.7	50.3	53.4	58.8	50.4
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	49.7	48.9	50.0	54.0	50.8	53.2	48.6
Potatoes	1 lb	15.5	15.5	17.9	14.2	15.4	14.8	18.5
Onions	1 lb	20.6	19.4	20.1	18.6	20.3	19.5	21.9
Butter	500 g (b)	85.6	79.2	83.3	81.0	74.0	84.6	87.7
Cheese, processed	250 g pkt	44.4	45.8	47.3	47.7	45.8	47.5	44.8
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500 g pkt	74.9	77.4	73.5	77.1	73.0	80.2	74.3
Eggs, 55 g	1 doz	90.6	94.3	94.0	96.1	99.4	105.0	89.1
Milk –								
Evaporated	14½ oz can	24.2	24.2	25.2	25.3	25.4	25.6	25.0
Fresh, bottled, delivered	2 x 600 ml (c)	47.0	34.0	38.0	36.0	42.0	36.0	38.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	250 g	99.0	110.3	95.5	107.4	87.4	105.2	94.3
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	157.6	158.8	159.5	160.5	151.8	171.6	161.9
Beef, corned	340 g can	74.6	82.7	82.8	77.1	85.3	85.0	77.0
Sausages	1 lb	43.5	48.2	47.8	47.5	40.1	52.2	45.9
Tea	250 g pkt (d)	46.4	43.9	43.1	43.3	43.1	49.0	46.2
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	138.2	133.0	143.6	133.4	144.8	151.6	141.8
Sugar	2 kg pkt	51.0	49.7	50.6	51.3	51.8	53.9	53.4
Jam, apricot	680 g can	55.0	56.4	55.5	53.0	59.3	58.7	57.0
Salmon, imported pink	220 g can	72.0	73.8	75.9	76.6	77.1	80.1	70.6
Spaghetti (in tomato sauce)	440 g can (e)	28.6	30.3	30.0	28.9	32.4	32.2	30.0
Tomato sauce	300 ml bottle	34.6	34.6	36.8	34.8	35.7	37.6	35.8
Prepared baby food	127 g can	14.6	14.7	15.9	14.9	16.6	16.3	15.1
Beef –								
Rib (without bone)	1 lb	78.1	69.3	76.6	78.9	62.7	68.8	71.2
Steak –								
Rump	1 lb	132.0	125.9	115.7	135.9	123.1	139.5	163.4
T-bone, without fillet (f)	1 lb	111.8	91.1	109.4	113.8	102.2	123.4	134.1
Chuck	1 lb	56.3	49.8	70.2	66.8	61.9	65.6	63.0
Silverside, corned	1 lb	78.2	77.2	82.6	86.7	77.1	89.0	87.3
Lamb –								
Leg	1 lb	82.3	70.7	91.9	87.0	95.5	79.2	98.0
Chops –								
Loin	1 lb	82.0	78.6	94.5	98.2	96.5	79.1	105.3
Forequarter	1 lb	64.8	57.6	94.2	85.6	84.6	68.1	77.2
Pork –								
Leg	1 lb	126.2	119.4	118.0	146.1	129.1	135.6	141.3
Chops	1 lb	115.7	123.9	122.2	148.2	124.3	130.5	141.3

(a) The price in Hobart is for wrapped loaf. (b) Perth 454 g. (c) Melbourne and Brisbane 2 x 1 pint bottles. (d) Perth ½ lb packet. (e) Perth 454 g can. (f) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet.