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Scope of publication

This bulletin contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index. The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eight groups, which are in turn divided into sub-groups. The selected items for which average prices are shown in this bulletin fall within the Food Group and the following sub-groups : Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. Previous issues of this bulletin contained average prices for selected food items. The range of items has now been extended to cover additional food items (that is, some fresh fruit and vegetables and confectionery items) and items within the three sub-groups mentioned above.

3. The items and varieties shown in this bulletin do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified sub-groups.

Average prices

4. Prices shown in this bulletin 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 approximate indicators of price levels and price changes.

5. Prices for food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this bulletin for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items shown in this bulletin are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

6. The prices shown in this bulletin reflect some changes in basis since the last issue of the bulletin.

Related publications

7. 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) (6401.0)

Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index (6402.0)

8. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977 (1101.0)* which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, MARCH QUARTER 1978
(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>
Dairy produce								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600 ml	51	50	49	44	49	46	44
Milk, evaporated	410g can	27	28	28	28	30	28	27
Cheese, processed	250g pkt	51	52	53	53	52	57	55
Butter	500g	92	87	91	88	88	92	94
Cereal products								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced	680g	51	48	46	54	53	52	56
Biscuits, dry	225g pkt	40	40	37	40	45	44	41
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g pkt	68	67	69	68	81	73	70
Flour, self-raising	1kg pkt	39	47	39	41	45	53	42
Rice	500g pkt	33	35	36	35	36	37	35
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Rib (without bone)	1kg	194	197	192	213	176	181	214
Rump steak	1kg	336	329	305	373	365	362	423
T-bone steak, without fillet (a)	1kg	301	262	292	316	294	327	357
Chuck steak	1kg	155	144	179	187	185	168	189
Silverside, corned	1kg	200	196	198	237	230	226	215
Sausages	1kg	104	130	119	118	132	145	123
Lamb								
Leg	1kg	236	213	276	261	301	249	280
Loin chops	1kg	257	250	281	312	303	251	316
Forequarter chops	1kg	195	179	246	261	268	217	221
Pork								
Leg	1kg	314	290	289	347	337	337	339
Chops	1kg	291	297	292	348	315	340	345
Chicken, frozen	1kg	166	187	190	192	177	196	167
Bacon	250g pkt	110	128	105	119	109	124	113
Beef, corned	340g can	92	98	96	88	100	101	96
Salmon, pink	220g can	90	95	94	97	96	102	94
Fruit and vegetables								
Oranges	1kg	51	46	58	50	61	61	40
Bananas	1kg	68	72	71	74	83	83	64
Potatoes	1kg	28	26	30	31	38	33	25
Tomatoes	1kg	103	89	118	90	122	133	106
Carrots	1kg	50	48	73	41	49	66	51
Onions	1kg	44	41	42	42	43	50	45
Peaches	825g can	57	62	64	62	65	69	61
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	40	40	39	42	46	42	41
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	49	53	55	61	57	59	52
Confectionery								
Chocolate, block	200g	77	76	76	78	74	81	79
Other food								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	99	107	112	117	114	124	98
Sugar	2kg pkt	61	62	62	63	62	65	66
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	75	79	76	77	86	79	79
Tea	250g pkt	89	92	85	89	92	98	91
Coffee, instant	150g jar	325	318	328	323	332	318	333
Tomato sauce	300ml bottle (b)	66	68	40	38	41	40	67
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500g pkt	65	74	78	80	75	81	76
Baked beans (in tomato sauce)	450g can	33	35	35	33	36	36	35
Baby food	125g can	17	18	18	18	20	19	17
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent	750g pkt	100	106	107	105	112	110	103
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	92	96	94	91	100	100	92
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	61	61	59	60	61	63	63
Toilet paper	2x500 sheet rolls	56	57	58	54	62	60	59
Pet food	405g can	32	33	32	32	32	37	31
Alcoholic beverages								
Beer	740ml bottle	79	73	75	75	73	77	77
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (c)	37	41	40	38	36	37	40
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (d)	51	54	52	53	74	54	55
Personal care products								
Toilet soap	2x125g	48	49	48	46	55	51	50
Toothpaste	110g tube	58	61	58	56	60	61	61

(a) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml bottle. (c) Adelaide and Hobart 225ml, Perth 200ml. (d) Brisbane, Adelaide and Hobart 1 oz.