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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 subgroups. The selected items for which average prices are shown in this bulletin fall within the Food Group and the following subgroups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. 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 subgroups.

Average prices

3. 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 no more than approximate indicators of price levels and price changes for the items concerned.

4. 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.

Related publications

5. 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, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6402.0)
Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin (6413.0)
A Guide to the Consumer Price Index

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

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(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	54	54	52	47	52	48	46
Milk, powdered, full cream	300g can	76	84	81	81	83	85	81
Cheese, processed	250g	54	57	57	58	55	58	59
Butter	500g	92	87	92	91	88	90	97
Cereal products								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced	680g	55	46	47	57	56	55	59
Biscuits, dry	225g	41	42	39	43	48	46	43
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	70	72	72	71	86	80	75
Flour, self-raising	1kg	40	49	41	42	49	55	45
Rice	500g	35	38	39	38	39	40	38
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Rib, without bone	1kg	257	273	277	312	256	267	306
Rump steak	1kg	473	472	414	497	473	511	562
T-bone steak, without fillet (a)	1kg	444	372	392	442	384	464	490
Chuck steak	1kg	225	211	271	273	253	251	269
Silverside, corned	1kg	293	283	297	339	297	323	338
Sausages	1kg	152	166	163	148	163	183	157
Lamb								
Leg	1kg	278	264	335	289	332	303	329
Loin chops	1kg	325	322	347	371	345	319	400
Forequarter chops	1kg	245	232	325	316	314	285	311
Pork								
Leg	1kg	364	337	360	394	361	368	396
Chops	1kg	365	351	365	399	348	376	411
Chicken, frozen	1kg	170	193	195	203	190	208	175
Bacon	250g pkt	140	156	125	130	129	135	147
Beef, corned	340g can	91	97	94	87	96	103	97
Salmon, pink	220g can	92	104	96	100	103	105	93
Fruit and vegetables								
Oranges	1kg	57	41	58	54	65	63	39
Bananas	1kg	79	82	68	78	119	100	80
Potatoes	1kg	35	37	38	46	45	40	33
Tomatoes	1kg	115	119	97	102	87	157	114
Carrots	1kg	61	51	79	58	45	74	59
Onions	1kg	53	51	54	52	54	54	52
Peaches	825g can	60	66	69	70	68	73	67
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	42	44	41	45	48	46	44
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	53	58	57	62	62	62	58
Confectionery								
Chocolate, block	200g	82	83	81	87	82	83	86
Other food								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	104	114	117	121	117	136	100
Sugar	2kg	68	69	68	70	69	73	76
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	81	82	80	80	92	90	80
Tea	250g	75	78	74	79	78	83	82
Coffee, instant	150g jar	245	250	259	248	255	257	266
Tomato sauce	300ml (b)	71	75	41	40	45	42	74
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500g	76	89	83	88	82	91	81
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	35	38	37	36	37	39	37
Baby food	125g can	17	19	19	20	21	20	19
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent	750g	105	114	115	113	122	119	113
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	93	98	98	96	111	101	98
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	62	61	62	64	68	64	65
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	60	60	63	60	67	61	62
Pet food	405g	32	32	33	35	34	38	34
Alcoholic beverages								
Beer	740ml bottle	95	87	91	89	89	93	92
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (c)	43	49	48	43	43	43	45
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (d)	70	77	72	74	97	75	69
Personal care products								
Toilet soap	2x125g	52	55	54	53	60	58	56
Toothpaste	110g	60	62	64	62	65	65	65

(a) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (c) Adelaide 255ml, Perth 200 ml, Hobart 225ml.
(d) Brisbane and Hobart 1 oz.