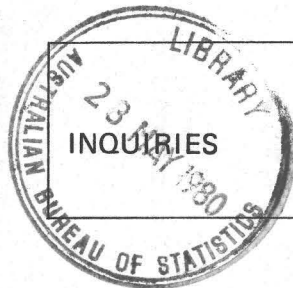


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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA MARCH QUARTER 1980



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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

This publication 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 publication 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 publication 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 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 thus the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city.

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 publication for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items 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. Current 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	2x600ml	55	60	56	50	56	52	52
Milk, powdered, full cream	300g can	83	90	90	88	88	93	87
Cheese, processed	250g	57	60	60	61	59	63	61
Butter	500g	102	95	99	99	98	101	105
Cereal products								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales, (a)	680g	60	55	56	62	63	62	64
Biscuits, dry	225g	44	46	41	48	49	52	48
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	74	75	73	77	89	85	77
Flour, self-raising	1kg	41	54	43	47	53	59	49
Rice, short grain	500g	33	36	36	35	35	38	36
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Rib, without bone	1kg	380	374	396	415	373	386	395
Rump steak	1kg	642	638	596	682	622	642	661
T-bone steak, without fillet (b)	1kg	601	538	559	614	536	598	603
Chuck steak	1kg	392	346	393	411	369	389	393
Silverside, corned	1kg	437	394	407	456	417	432	400
Sausages	1kg	217	242	241	225	196	252	231
Lamb								
Leg	1kg	355	308	409	348	373	342	374
Loin chops	1kg	401	372	427	436	390	356	465
Forequarter chops	1kg	316	286	393	371	368	309	369
Pork								
Leg	1kg	417	388	440	457	385	458	450
Loin chops	1kg	425	423	430	478	383	459	482
Chicken, frozen	1kg	179	201	208	220	192	212	189
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	161	178	154	154	146	166	170
Beef, corned	340g can	143	152	147	142	157	172	151
Salmon, pink	220g can	107	121	115	120	119	125	110
Fruit and vegetables								
Oranges	1kg	61	49	66	53	70	74	44
Bananas	1kg	75	75	62	72	90	89	74
Potatoes	1kg	40	33	45	41	48	42	37
Tomatoes	1kg	167	115	155	112	159	147	162
Carrots	1kg	86	67	113	53	60	73	76
Onions	1kg	48	45	49	43	54	56	51
Peaches	825g can	62	64	66	67	69	76	69
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	44	45	43	46	49	49	47
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	52	60	58	63	60	67	64
Confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	102	100	100	102	102	110	107
Other food								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	121	118	123	133	127	143	123
Sugar, white	2 kg	85	90	84	87	86	93	94
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	84	99	96	89	97	100	94
Tea	250g	73	72	72	72	75	78	79
Coffee, instant	150g jar	257	267	298	286	274	282	287
Tomato sauce	300ml (c)	75	73	44	43	45	46	77
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	78	86	88	89	83	92	88
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	39	40	38	39	37	44	43
Baby food	125g can	19	20	20	22	22	23	21
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent	1kg	155	160	161	159	170	171	161
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	111	113	113	113	119	121	113
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	68	68	64	71	75	76	72
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	59	63	63	66	71	71	68
Pet food	405g	38	37	37	40	40	42	41
Alcoholic beverages								
Beer chilled	740ml bottle	102	91	94	94	93	96	99
Beer, unchilled	1 doz (740 ml btls)	1,004	1,035	982	955	967	1,025	1,005
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (d)	49	53	51	46	45	46	51
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (e)	77	80	74	79	105	77	75
Personal care products								
Toilet soap	2x125g	67	67	65	65	72	72	71
Toothpaste	110g	71	73	73	71	74	80	75

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

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