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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1983

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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 for the eight capital cities. Average prices for the selected food items for Darwin which were previously published in *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0), final issue March 1982, are now included in this publication.

2. 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 non-food subgroups: household supplies and services; private motoring; alcoholic beverages; and personal care products. The items and varieties selected, however, do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups of the CPI.

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 fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, petrol and packaged alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk and bar sales of alcoholic beverages are collected at the end of the quarter together with details of price changes during the quarter, and average prices calculated for the quarter. Prices for all

other items are collected during the mid month of each quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May).

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, Australia (6401.0)—issued quarterly

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, MARCH QUARTER 1983
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	78	80	80	72	78	74	72	86
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	433	460	417	430	409	449	444	447
Cheese, processed	500g	177	182	176	175	185	192	188	181
Butter	500g	163	159	153	154	148	167	171	172
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	78	85	82	86	87	83	90	95
Biscuits, dry	250g	68	70	63	74	70	71	70	77
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	111	115	109	113	127	115	117	120
Flour, self-raising	1kg	76	82	60	66	73	78	71	81
Rice, medium grain	500g	43	42	45	42	39	46	45	51
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	387	378	409	435	413	394	381	477
Rump steak	1kg	683	655	699	686	671	672	711	761
T-bone steak, without fillet(c)	1kg	622	573	651	632	584	610	664	724
Chuck steak	1kg	360	326	436	403	402	406	389	507
Silverside, corned	1kg	418	413	443	464	434	461	443	492
Sausages	1kg	239	249	291	253	232	283	238	338
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	376	325	455	340	432	349	388	466
Loin chops	1kg	379	392	479	412	447	370	465	507
Forequarter chops	1kg	273	246	428	325	393	304	340	419
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	498	429	494	495	506	549	492	570
Loin chops	1kg	513	500	527	577	531	598	553	636
Chicken, frozen	1kg	252	253	227	271	252	292	270	272
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	217	232	192	206	186	216	222	207
Beef, corned	340g can	168	183	169	160	169	181	170	173
Salmon, pink	220g can	124	131	122	131	128	145	125	132
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	79	77	101	83	126	148	75	129
Bananas	1kg	89	87	72	87	107	112	94	143
Potatoes	1kg	46	43	51	58	61	50	62	80
Tomatoes	1kg	178	147	172	166	179	197	171	247
Carrots	1kg	72	65	77	56	69	90	76	121
Onions	1kg	59	55	61	51	66	72	67	108
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	94	95	93	99	89	105	101	115
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	59	60	54	60	62	62	61	70
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	83	96	100	92	87	102	101	108
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	134	133	129	128	126	135	143	146
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	164	165	162	184	150	172	172	202
Sugar, white	2 kg	115	110	109	114	108	126	118	128
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	117	128	134	120	123	138	133	134
Tea	250g	94	96	88	89	96	100	98	95
Coffee, instant	150g jar	301	298	299	284	280	312	310	314
Tomato sauce	600ml	101	98	89	97	101	110	103	97
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	102	110	98	110	108	114	113	116
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	57	55	52	55	55	60	61	64
Baby food	125g can	28	30	28	31	34	32	31	32
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	234	244	236	235	256	249	253	262
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	203	218	206	182	208	213	217	229
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	137	132	126	132	136	137	140	127
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	97	95	91	97	103	104	92	104
Pet food	405g	56	57	57	58	59	58	58	66
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	43.9	42.1	42.2	43.9	42.9	48.1	46.3	44.5
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	141	116	125	127	124	128	128	..
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(d)	1,371	1,325	1,286	1,202	1,225	1,328	1,353	1,528
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(e)	77	74	74	71	86	62	68	87
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	105	108	96	100	129	94	96	134
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	83	88	73	82	87	86	85	81
Toothpaste	140g	134	136	124	130	128	134	144	138

(a) Darwin price relates to 2x600ml cartons sold in shops. (b) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (c) Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra and Darwin with fillet. (d) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (e) Hobart 225 ml glass.