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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1985

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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.

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 (6401.0)—issued quarterly

A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)

The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0) (\$2.50, \$3.70 incl. postage)

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.

Symbols and other usages

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, MARCH QUARTER 1985
(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>	<i>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	86	89	88	82	83	90	76	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	70	69	77	66	72	72	66	71
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	444	453	429	432	442	444	465	423
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	217	200	215	201	200	216	243	215
Butter	500g	154	157	133	142	146	171	170	163
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	92	89	85	83	97	93	103	104
Biscuits, dry	250g	76	80	71	79	81	84	82	83
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	147	141	125	136	154	145	152	139
Flour, self-raising	2kg	164	175	140	138	140	158	173	178
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	80	77	70	74	78	88	92	96
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	463	481	457	481	479	486	447	505
Rump steak	1kg	770	745	753	813	797	791	785	780
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	742	615	682	726	715	732	738	742
Chuck steak	1kg	428	421	481	456	482	477	446	472
Silverside, corned	1kg	510	494	481	516	483	516	493	507
Sausages	1kg	246	268	304	290	263	294	236	354
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	383	340	429	353	476	360	409	424
Loin chops	1kg	395	436	520	425	509	379	464	501
Forequarter chops	1kg	284	262	550	342	440	317	343	419
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	482	445	501	501	531	568	503	505
Loin chops	1kg	543	539	561	610	575	639	554	647
Chicken, frozen	1kg	273	261	262	275	260	294	253	295
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	214	233	202	199	187	235	221	240
Beef, corned	340g can	174	178	174	160	177	200	188	176
Salmon, pink	220g can	134	144	137	149	137	158	152	150
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	110	86	108	93	148	187	65	120
Bananas	1kg	136	136	119	133	138	150	138	107
Potatoes	1kg	53	40	46	55	71	47	52	70
Tomatoes	1kg	195	184	168	151	193	248	213	275
Carrots	1kg	89	84	105	66	73	109	103	112
Onions	1kg	78	68	65	58	72	102	81	91
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	114	111	118	115	125	125	125	144
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	68	69	57	63	69	69	74	73
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	83	93	91	86	84	103	99	103
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	145	148	146	146	146	153	170	163
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	163	170	167	176	155	192	183	216
Sugar, white	2 kg	133	129	127	130	126	138	143	141
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	134	138	130	128	123	133	147	138
Tea	250g	152	151	142	146	154	156	168	152
Coffee, instant	150g jar	364	386	372	377	377	403	395	364
Tomato sauce	600ml	119	112	99	91	111	114	130	101
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	115	130	122	116	135	117	122	135
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	55	57	58	57	57	62	64	65
Baby food	125g can	30	26	26	29	30	28	33	30
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	262	290	255	256	285	283	267	282
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre(d)	315	325	326	309	328	347	335	319
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	159	153	146	147	152	163	172	159
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls(e)	259	262	260	243	238	179	278	279
Pet food	415g	60	59	59	57	62	67	65	69
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	50.1	48.3	47.8	47.8	48.5	53.0	50.2	50.7
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	163	138	146	151	144	144	149	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,545	1,520	1,448	1,393	1,399	1,483	1,578	1,768
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(g)	92	89	87	87	104	73	89	109
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	125	118	111	117	150	99	124	166
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	101	103	92	99	104	103	109	103
Toothpaste	140g	151	157	141	144	147	155	167	144

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Prices for all cities now are for reformulated liquids. Prices for cities other than Melbourne and Adelaide are not comparable with those for December Quarter 1984. (e) Hobart 4 x 500 sheet rolls. (f) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.