



AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES MARCH QUARTER 1986

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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.

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7. Selected economic, social and demographic statistics are available on VIATEL *656#.

Symbols and other usages

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2 x 600ml	90	98	94	89	88	98	76	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	73	74	81	70	75	76	66	74
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	457	475	441	441	458	457	460	426
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	207	217	221	219	211	235	252	233
Butter	500g	163	175	161	148	155	183	174	166
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	103	101	94	90	104	95	108	111
Biscuits, dry	250g	91	98	88	92	98	101	99	98
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	157	160	143	155	162	166	157	154
Flour, self-raising	2kg	179	195	158	164	162	176	211	189
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	87	83	79	81	85	89	97	96
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	460	482	454	515	485	544	426	548
Rump steak	1kg	802	788	785	876	871	817	839	853
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	752	687	720	766	732	786	765	824
Chuck steak	1kg	443	421	492	515	535	518	456	567
Silverside, corned	1kg	526	512	502	502	518	542	511	527
Sausages	1kg	248	279	320	293	267	303	264	334
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	383	346	437	353	443	368	370	468
Loin chops	1kg	387	448	511	417	503	387	425	542
Forequarter chops(d)	1kg	260	257	551	327	411	299	282	414
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	490	453	486	532	547	575	496	578
Loin chops	1kg	545	545	571	620	607	613	554	732
Chicken, frozen	1kg	272	287	266	289	274	303	269	277
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	225	234	191	217	205	249	206	224
Beef, corned	340g can	185	199	182	180	193	210	213	183
Salmon, pink	210g can(e)	162	176	159	175	170	181	184	179
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	105	86	103	87	148	159	69	126
Bananas	1kg	182	170	154	156	172	175	180	152
Potatoes	1kg	68	53	61	65	70	50	70	102
Tomatoes	1kg	246	215	220	187	237	300	277	350
Carrots	1kg	99	88	101	70	66	123	109	131
Onions	1kg	71	61	70	62	65	108	73	96
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	128	122	122	120	130	136	128	142
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	71	73	63	71	76	77	82	75
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	82	93	87	94	88	100	102	106
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	156	154	151	156	154	162	179	170
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	161	177	181	194	162	198	180	222
Sugar, white	2 kg	138	138	131	139	140	147	153	161
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	148	142	143	141	139	145	162	152
Tea	250g	145	147	138	145	144	146	165	142
Coffee, instant	150g jar	430	441	411	417	411	421	466	412
Tomato sauce	600ml	124	118	106	103	119	115	133	121
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	130	130	133	126	130	135	132	128
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	62	63	60	64	61	69	73	67
Baby food	125g can	31	28	28	32	32	32	36	33
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent(f)	1kg	307	309	299	287	330	338	325	305
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	352	373	358	356	375	376	367	359
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	167	168	152	158	167	169	184	160
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	252	254	245	253	247	249	293	275
Pet food	415g	64	66	62	63	72	73	69	71
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	54.5	55.7	51.0	52.3	54.2	58.4	55.1	54.6
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	172	153	155	165	156	158	162	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(g)	1,654	1,648	1,552	1,522	1,510	1,620	1,719	1,944
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(h)	101	100	94	96	117	83	95	120
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	138	138	122	123	161	110	131	177
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	112	113	108	105	113	115	120	107
Toothpaste	140g	171	176	172	161	170	171	173	155

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Brisbane price relates to cutlets. (e) Prices for cities other than Canberra and Darwin not comparable with previous periods due to change in specification. (f) Brisbane price not comparable with that for previous periods due to change in specifications. (g) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (h) Hobart 225ml glass.