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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS  
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES  
JUNE QUARTER 1996**

**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Scope of publication**

1. 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 drinks; 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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, fish, petrol and alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk 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)*

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1996**  
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	113	121	114	113	120	120	115	106
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	445	472	464	458	450	523	524	465
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	366	373	379	337	356	377	376	377
Butter	(b) 500 g	174	194	170	167	197	205	207	184
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	194	174	190	141	180	152	190	185
Biscuits, dry	250 g	150	154	152	156	159	179	175	148
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	335	324	353	307	356	376	338	348
Flour, self raising	2 kg	329	342	259	238	261	283	309	332
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	122	124	123	106	129	139	148	133
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
<b>Beef</b>									
Silverside Roast	(c) 1 kg	762	786	811	766	857	704	1163	721
Rump steak	1 kg	1283	1116	1089	1168	1089	1143	1271	1097
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1173	1045	979	1146	1144	1023	1279	1031
Chuck steak	1 kg	568	607	635	666	636	621	780	553
Silverside, corned	1 kg	645	642	597	645	705	643	557	663
<b>Lamb</b>									
Leg	1 kg	647	597	590	584	608	601	665	598
Loin chops	1 kg	812	900	816	812	919	755	914	818
Forequarter chops	1 kg	509	507	506	544	616	531	575	479
<b>Pork</b>									
Leg	1 kg	596	498	613	608	601	667	716	546
Loin chops	1 kg	854	744	850	765	800	799	862	837
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	330	348	311	348	331	372	382	302
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	295	302	301	289	340	335	360	279
Beef corned	340 g can	275	287	294	268	275	317	295	310
Sausages	1 kg	329	369	419	358	402	391	392	295
Salmon, pink	210 g can	238	226	237	214	228	274	257	251
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	220	142	145	112	200	137	170	104
Bananas	1 kg	189	176	167	203	215	187	192	181
Potatoes	1 kg	83	99	86	70	113	77	113	78
Tomatoes	1 kg	337	247	262	370	293	328	404	309
Carrots	1 kg	156	121	127	105	109	123	180	139
Onions	1 kg	110	87	90	74	71	115	150	93
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	194	179	195	189	213	224	253	188
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	108	95	96	89	109	119	119	108
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	133	132	136	118	134	155	177	127
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	263	261	270	239	263	274	269	265
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs	(d) 55g, 1 dozen	262	245	269	240	239	275	287	275
Sugar, white	2 kg	219	202	205	180	229	233	255	220
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	251	240	244	234	257	283	281	236
Tea	250 g	195	176	193	159	197	208	210	195
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	569	569	594	528	571	633	598	571
Tomato sauce	600 ml	173	183	199	162	199	208	211	179
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	163	141	158	141	156	174	200	157
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	425 g	93	97	95	87	101	108	116	100
Baby food	125 g can	57	55	57	54	57	63	61	54
<b>Household supplies and services</b>									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	511	484	531	457	505	577	501	523
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	373	367	359	381	372	410	396	383
Facial tissues	pkt 224	189	188	188	187	197	220	203	203
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	324	316	347	305	311	379	355	302
Pet food	410 g	99	94	98	93	99	112	103	94
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	75.0	74.1	66.3	75.9	76.4	77.4	79.4	78.7
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	73.0	71.9	64.1	73.6	74.3	75.4	77.4	76.5
<b>Alcoholic drinks</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2125	1589	2343	2036	2262	2290	2286	2033
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2653	2608	2647	2670	2605	2748	3036	2645
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	166	186	177	195	216	174	224	167
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	152	158	165	168	210	149	210	144
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	316	274	251	321	324	234	307	278
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	179	165	181	170	172	195	194	176
Toothpaste	140 g	244	232	263	239	249	258	255	246

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250 g. (c) Adelaide price relates to blade bolar roast. (d) Eggs in Sydney have a net carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 50 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Darwin, chilled. (g) Hobart glass size 225 ml.

