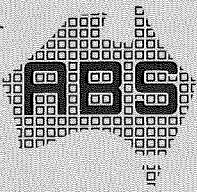


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Consumer Price Index (quarterly) – Reference No. 9.1

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS, APRIL 1976
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
Bread, delivered -								
Ordinary white loaf	900g (a)	45.0	44.0	39.3	45.0	41.0	45.0	45.0
Milk loaf, sliced and wrapped	680g	49.0	49.8	43.5	49.0	45.0	45.0	48.0
Flour -								
Plain	1 kg pkt	35.7	38.2	34.0	31.5	36.6	39.1	39.4
Self-raising	1 kg pkt	39.7	40.8	31.8	34.8	41.7	47.5	41.2
Rice	500 g pkt	27.4	29.5	28.8	28.7	28.4	30.7	27.9
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g pkt	57.8	58.4	59.4	58.8	70.3	65.6	57.9
Biscuits, dry	225 g pkt	32.5	35.7	31.8	34.0	37.8	38.4	33.9
Peaches	822 g can	46.1	53.7	59.5	51.2	55.1	59.8	51.6
Pears	822 g can	47.0	50.4	57.1	50.4	53.3	58.6	52.0
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	51.4	50.8	51.0	54.5	49.6	53.6	48.4
Potatoes	1 lb	13.8	12.3	14.8	13.1	15.8	13.5	15.3
Onions	1 lb	19.6	19.2	20.0	17.7	20.3	18.9	22.4
Butter	500 g (b)	85.3	78.7	82.8	81.1	73.8	84.9	88.9
Cheese, processed	250 g pkt	44.1	45.8	47.6	46.0	42.6	47.8	44.6
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500 g pkt	75.8	76.9	74.4	73.9	77.0	77.7	74.3
Eggs, 55g	1 doz	90.6	94.2	95.9	96.1	99.4	105.0	88.0
Milk -								
Evaporated	410 g can	24.6	24.0	25.3	24.7	25.8	25.7	25.0
Fresh, bottled, delivered	2 x 600 ml	47.0	36.0	42.0	36.0	42.0	36.0	38.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	250 g	97.3	110.5	97.9	107.5	88.3	110.0	96.2
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	155.4	159.2	148.1	159.0	141.2	169.7	151.7
Beef, corned	340 g can	77.3	86.1	83.5	81.4	85.3	86.3	81.0
Sausages	1 lb	42.9	45.8	47.6	46.8	41.4	52.2	45.1
Tea	250 g pkt	46.1	43.7	44.1	43.4	44.8	49.0	46.0
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	137.6	133.5	143.2	133.4	150.5	153.6	141.8
Sugar	2 kg pkt	51.0	50.5	50.4	51.3	52.2	53.9	53.5
Jam, apricot	680 g can	56.7	57.6	55.0	54.9	62.2	60.3	57.6
Salmon, imported pink	220 g can	73.5	76.8	77.7	78.2	77.9	80.1	74.2
Spaghetti (in tomato sauce)	440 g can	28.7	30.4	31.5	29.0	30.3	33.3	29.0
Tomato sauce	300 ml bottle	33.4	34.6	36.8	34.9	37.3	38.3	35.9
Prepared baby food	125 g can	14.8	14.0	15.0	15.2	16.5	16.4	15.3
Beef -								
Rib (without bone)	1 lb	78.1	70.4	75.9	80.7	61.4	67.8	69.9
Steak -								
Rump	1 lb	128.8	126.0	115.9	134.2	120.7	139.9	164.2
T-bone, without fillet (c)	1 lb	110.2	94.6	113.5	113.7	102.0	123.6	132.7
Chuck	1 lb	55.9	48.8	69.9	67.6	62.5	67.2	66.0
Silverside, corned	1 lb	78.2	75.2	83.6	85.0	77.1	85.4	87.1
Lamb -								
Leg	1 lb	81.6	70.7	94.1	87.1	95.3	81.0	96.6
Chops -								
Loin	1 lb	82.4	79.2	94.3	98.2	96.7	80.0	105.8
Forequarter	1 lb	63.5	55.2	94.0	84.4	84.9	70.0	76.5
Pork -								
Leg	1 lb	126.9	119.4	118.0	145.7	130.2	132.4	134.9
Chops	1 lb	118.7	123.9	121.1	148.0	124.3	128.4	133.5

(a) The price in Hobart is for a wrapped loaf. (b) Perth 454g. (c) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS, MAY 1976
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
Bread, delivered -								
Ordinary white loaf	900 g (a)	45.0	44.0	39.3	45.0	43.0	45.0	45.0
Milk loaf, sliced and wrapped	680 g	49.0	49.8	43.5	49.0	47.0	45.0	48.0
Flour -								
Plain	1 kg pkt	35.5	38.4	33.7	32.7	37.3	39.2	38.7
Self-raising	1 kg pkt	37.9	39.6	33.1	35.1	42.2	47.5	39.2
Rice	500 g pkt	27.1	29.5	29.1	29.2	29.5	31.0	28.1
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g pkt	58.1	58.4	59.5	58.8	71.2	66.0	57.8
Biscuits, dry	225 g pkt	33.1	35.4	32.2	34.5	38.5	37.9	34.6
Peaches	822 g can	48.3	56.5	61.0	54.6	54.6	60.6	51.6
Pears	822 g can	49.0	52.4	60.1	53.7	53.8	59.5	50.8
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	48.8	49.7	51.5	55.0	51.3	54.9	48.5
Potatoes	1 lb	13.9	12.6	14.8	13.0	15.8	13.0	14.4
Onions	1 lb	21.3	21.3	22.6	19.2	21.1	17.4	23.6
Butter	500 g (b)	84.8	79.1	84.0	81.0	72.4	84.9	87.7
Cheese, processed	250 g pkt	44.1	45.4	46.9	47.3	44.0	48.3	44.1
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500 g pkt	72.9	75.1	74.3	74.6	65.8	77.9	76.4
Eggs, 55 g	1 doz	90.6	94.2	96.2	99.1	99.4	107.2	88.0
Milk -								
Evaporated	410 g can	24.5	24.0	24.7	25.3	25.9	25.7	25.0
Fresh, bottled, delivered	2 x 600 ml	47.0	36.0	42.0	38.0	42.0	36.0	40.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	250 g	96.1	110.6	97.9	108.7	87.8	112.6	98.1
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	156.9	160.8	159.4	162.1	141.5	171.6	152.0
Beef, corned	340 g can	77.6	87.6	84.5	82.3	91.3	90.4	81.0
Sausages	1 lb	42.9	45.1	48.7	47.7	42.6	51.9	46.1
Tea	250 g pkt	45.8	43.7	43.7	42.7	44.5	48.1	46.0
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	134.9	134.4	141.4	140.6	150.5	151.1	140.3
Sugar	2 kg pkt	51.0	51.0	50.6	51.6	52.7	53.9	53.5
Jam, apricot	680 g can	55.1	56.7	55.1	55.4	60.9	60.6	57.6
Salmon, imported pink	220 g can	72.9	76.4	78.5	78.7	78.4	81.7	75.0
Spaghetti (in tomato sauce)	440 g can	28.9	31.5	31.0	28.7	32.3	33.6	29.6
Tomato sauce	300 ml bottle	33.4	33.9	36.8	35.5	37.7	38.3	33.8
Prepared baby food	125 g can	14.5	15.2	16.0	15.6	16.8	16.9	15.3
Beef -								
Rib (without bone)	1 lb	73.1	68.3	76.7	80.3	66.4	68.6	70.2
Steak -								
Rump	1 lb	128.8	127.4	117.3	136.8	129.7	139.3	164.2
T-bone, without fillet (c)	1 lb	113.2	95.7	113.5	113.4	108.6	122.9	128.1
Chuck	1 lb	55.5	51.8	70.2	66.4	68.1	66.7	66.0
Silverside, corned	1 lb	78.7	72.8	84.4	86.2	80.3	85.4	87.6
Lamb -								
Leg	1 lb	81.9	68.2	89.1	83.1	97.7	79.5	97.2
Chops -								
Loin	1 lb	83.0	79.6	91.3	96.4	98.5	78.0	106.4
Forequarter	1 lb	64.5	54.4	89.3	82.8	85.8	68.2	78.6
Pork -								
Leg	1 lb	127.3	119.0	117.9	144.3	129.4	136.6	136.4
Chops	1 lb	119.1	124.3	119.6	147.7	126.4	131.4	134.0

(a) The price in Hobart is for a wrapped loaf. (b) Perth 454 g. (c) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED FOOD AND GROCERY ITEMS, JUNE 1976
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
Bread, delivered —								
Ordinary white loaf	900 g (a)	45.0	44.0	39.3	45.0	43.0	45.0	45.0
Milk loaf, sliced and wrapped	680 g	49.0	49.8	43.5	49.0	47.0	45.0	48.0
Flour —								
Plain	1 kg pkt	35.3	38.3	34.0	32.4	37.2	39.3	38.9
Self-raising	1 kg pkt	37.4	39.6	33.7	35.5	42.6	47.5	40.1
Rice	500 g pkt	27.7	29.5	29.0	28.7	29.4	31.3	28.2
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g pkt	59.4	59.7	59.6	59.9	74.7	67.8	60.9
Biscuits, dry	225 g pkt	34.4	34.7	32.3	34.9	39.7	37.6	35.3
Peaches	822 g can	49.7	60.2	62.8	59.9	54.8	63.2	53.7
Pears	822 g can	49.6	59.6	61.9	58.5	56.9	63.4	52.8
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	48.5	50.7	52.8	57.1	50.8	55.5	50.9
Potatoes	1 lb	14.1	12.7	13.7	13.4	15.7	13.0	14.6
Onions	1 lb	22.2	20.9	22.6	18.8	20.5	18.6	23.5
Butter	500 g (b)	84.9	79.6	83.2	81.7	74.0	85.1	88.7
Cheese, processed	250 g pkt	44.2	45.8	47.3	47.9	45.0	48.9	44.7
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500 g pkt	71.5	75.4	76.1	75.3	69.6	78.9	76.4
Eggs, 55 g	1 doz	90.6	100.2	96.8	101.6	99.0	107.2	88.0
Milk —								
Evaporated	410 g can	23.9	23.1	25.5	25.3	26.9	25.7	24.9
Fresh, bottled, delivered	2 x 600 ml	47.0	36.0	42.0	38.0	42.0	36.0	40.0
Bacon, rashers, pre-pack	250 g	96.4	111.3	98.0	107.8	89.7	113.8	99.3
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	150.5	159.4	162.0	161.9	146.7	166.6	157.8
Beef, corned	340 g can	79.8	87.6	86.0	83.5	91.3	92.4	81.2
Sausages	1 lb	42.3	46.4	48.6	47.8	42.5	53.0	47.6
Tea	250 g pkt	45.9	44.4	43.7	43.4	44.5	48.1	46.2
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	135.6	134.8	146.1	141.6	148.7	150.3	137.1
Sugar	2 kg pkt	51.1	51.4	50.6	51.8	52.3	53.5	53.6
Jam, apricot	680 g can	54.1	54.5	55.0	55.5	62.0	62.1	57.6
Salmon, imported pink	220 g can	74.8	77.2	78.5	78.9	79.7	81.7	75.0
Spaghetti (in tomato sauce)	440 g can	28.9	31.5	32.4	30.6	32.0	34.0	30.4
Tomato sauce	300 ml bottle	33.4	34.3	39.2	35.7	38.5	38.4	33.8
Prepared baby food	125 g can	14.6	16.2	16.7	16.0	17.7	16.8	15.1
Beef —								
Rib (without bone)	1 lb	74.1	68.6	76.4	79.8	68.6	70.5	71.2
Steak —								
Rump	1 lb	129.8	128.0	113.4	131.9	132.4	142.7	162.7
T-bone, without fillet(c)	1 lb	114.1	89.9	111.0	111.5	111.8	125.6	130.7
Chuck	1 lb	55.1	51.2	69.1	71.3	70.0	69.0	68.3
Silverside, corned	1 lb	77.6	74.6	83.4	84.3	80.4	89.0	86.3
Lamb —								
Leg	1 lb	81.7	67.6	88.9	87.8	100.0	81.7	89.6
Chops —								
Loin	1 lb	79.6	75.6	88.5	100.3	102.7	80.8	96.2
Forequarter	1 lb	63.7	55.8	89.2	86.6	90.2	72.1	68.4
Pork —								
Leg	1 lb	124.3	117.0	117.1	144.3	132.6	137.1	137.5
Chops	1 lb	116.1	124.3	119.0	147.8	126.8	129.9	136.8

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