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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA JUNE QUARTER 1978

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### Scope of publication

This bulletin contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index. The CPI covers a wide range of goods and services arranged in eight groups, which are in turn divided into sub-groups. The selected items for which average prices are shown in this bulletin fall within the Food Group and the following sub-groups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this bulletin do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified sub-groups.

### Average prices

3. Prices shown in this bulletin 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 approximate indicators of price levels and price changes.

4. Prices for food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this bulletin for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items shown in this bulletin are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

### 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 (quarterly) (6401.0)*

*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index (6402.0)*

6. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977 (1101.0)* which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1978**  
(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>
<b>Dairy produce</b>								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600 ml	51	50	50	44	50	46	44
Milk, evaporated	410g can	27	28	27	28	29	28	28
Cheese, processed	250g pkt	52	54	53	55	53	57	56
Butter	500g	93	86	90	90	88	91	95
<b>Cereal products</b>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced	680g	53	48	46	55	53	52	56
Biscuits, dry	225g pkt	40	41	37	42	46	44	42
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g pkt	67	69	68	68	81	76	69
Flour, self-raising	1kg pkt	40	48	40	42	46	53	43
Rice	500g pkt	34	36	36	36	37	37	35
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>								
<b>Beef</b>								
Rib (without bone)	1kg	211	200	190	250	190	187	224
Rump steak	1kg	352	340	299	406	401	358	447
T-bone steak, without fillet (a)	1kg	314	283	292	357	317	334	378
Chuck steak	1kg	166	154	182	217	205	175	199
Silverside, corned	1kg	211	205	198	265	250	230	245
Sausages	1kg	109	135	124	125	139	145	127
<b>Lamb</b>								
Leg	1kg	245	228	286	285	316	261	292
Loin chops	1kg	271	271	291	347	325	267	340
Forequarter chops	1kg	205	194	255	302	290	232	245
<b>Pork</b>								
Leg	1kg	325	292	292	355	342	343	343
Chops	1kg	304	301	295	356	320	345	353
Chicken, frozen	1kg	169	187	187	194	174	191	168
Bacon	250g pkt	113	130	109	120	117	125	115
Beef, corned	340g can	92	99	94	88	100	102	96
Salmon, pink	220g can	86	98	95	98	101	100	93
<b>Fruit and vegetables</b>								
Oranges	1kg	55	47	58	51	68	64	45
Bananas	1kg	90	87	86	84	94	109	85
Potatoes	1kg	26	24	29	26	39	31	22
Tomatoes	1kg	144	148	155	140	174	186	156
Carrots	1kg	62	49	95	44	65	58	56
Onions	1kg	46	42	45	41	41	41	46
Peaches	825g can	58	64	64	64	64	73	63
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	41	42	40	44	47	44	42
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	51	55	58	60	59	59	56
<b>Confectionery</b>								
Chocolate, block	200g	77	79	77	78	76	83	80
<b>Other food</b>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	99	110	112	118	113	126	98
Sugar	2kg pkt	63	64	62	65	64	65	67
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	79	82	79	77	88	83	83
Tea	250g pkt	82	84	78	82	82	87	84
Coffee, instant	150g jar	280	277	312	296	296	292	305
Tomato sauce	300ml bottle (b)	67	68	40	39	42	42	68
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500g pkt	66	73	76	76	78	81	70
Baked beans (in tomato sauce)	450g can	34	36	34	34	36	37	36
Baby food	125g can	17	18	18	19	20	19	18
<b>Household supplies</b>								
Laundry detergent	750g pkt	98	108	108	106	114	109	103
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	91	96	94	92	101	98	94
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	61	63	63	63	65	65	65
Toilet paper	2x500 sheet rolls	58	60	61	56	65	62	61
Pet food	405g can	31	32	32	33	34	36	33
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>								
Beer	740ml bottle	79	73	76	76	74	78	77
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (c)	37	43	41	38	36	38	40
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (d)	51	54	53	55	75	54	55
<b>Personal care products</b>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	48	51	49	48	55	51	50
Toothpaste	110g tube	58	61	60	58	58	62	61

(a) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml bottle. (c) Adelaide and Hobart 225ml, Perth 200ml. (d) Brisbane, Adelaide and Hobart 1oz.