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## AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA JUNE QUARTER 1981

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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 six State capital cities and Canberra. Average prices for some selected food items for Darwin are published in the *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0). 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 subgroups: Household supplies and services; Motor vehicle operation; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this publication 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 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 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 publication for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for petrol are collected as at the middle of the first month of each quarter. Prices for all other non-food items listed in this publication 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, Australia* (6401.0)—issued quarterly

*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6402.0)

*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0)

*A Guide to the Consumer Price Index*

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

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(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>Dairy produce</i>								
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	66	70	68	58	67	64	56
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	329	359	329	335	311	360	344
Cheese, processed	500g	134	135	142	137	136	142	144
Butter	500g	122	113	119	118	119	114	128
<i>Cereal products</i>								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales,(b)	680g	68	65	64	66	73	70	76
Biscuits, dry	250g	54	59	53	58	56	61	59
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	90	91	90	96	105	102	99
Flour, self-raising	1kg	51	62	51	54	62	66	60
Rice, short grain	500g	38	37	41	41	36	39	40
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>								
<i>Beef</i>								
Rib, without bone	1kg	374	382	384	394	402	403	379
Rump steak	1kg	634	636	569	657	608	676	681
T-bone steak, without fillet(c)	1kg	585	553	545	639	552	632	628
Chuck steak	1kg	371	328	396	397	386	407	402
Silverside, corned	1kg	418	416	411	454	429	447	427
Sausages	1kg	219	233	253	239	216	268	223
<i>Lamb</i>								
Leg	1kg	357	308	411	357	427	357	381
Loin chops	1kg	395	382	428	424	442	379	460
Forequarter chops	1kg	292	266	391	342	409	333	343
<i>Pork</i>								
Leg	1kg	403	371	424	418	399	477	413
Loin chops	1kg	414	409	419	476	413	485	458
Chicken, frozen	1kg	222	240	230	256	229	272	211
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	178	194	165	165	146	179	171
Beef, corned	340g can	150	162	158	148	163	178	160
Salmon, pink	220g can	117	125	127	125	117	134	123
<i>Fruit and vegetables</i>								
Oranges	1kg	72	57	68	60	85	84	50
Bananas	1kg	112	106	95	102	122	126	114
Potatoes	1kg	51	49	58	61	52	42	50
Tomatoes	1kg	194	156	167	167	150	199	197
Carrots	1kg	87	59	94	62	46	73	72
Onions	1kg	113	94	122	107	90	80	108
Peaches	825g can	76	74	80	82	79	86	81
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	50	51	48	52	55	55	54
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	66	72	71	79	64	71	74
<i>Confectionery</i>								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	105	104	100	100	103	112	108
<i>Other food</i>								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	148	144	150	158	145	163	153
Sugar, white	2 kg	94	95	89	96	91	98	102
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	108	107	111	102	104	109	113
Tea	250g	75	74	72	76	69	79	81
Coffee, instant	150g jar	279	281	291	285	268	302	294
Tomato sauce	600ml	81	80	80	79	75	84	88
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	89	87	104	99	93	102	93
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	45	42	43	42	42	44	47
Baby food	125g can	23	23	23	25	25	26	25
<i>Household supplies</i>								
Laundry detergent	1kg	179	194	204	185	189	201	193
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	163	163	154	161	166	169	170
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	104	97	101	106	105	108	103
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	77	74	76	79	80	75	77
Pet food	405g	42	42	44	45	43	42	45
<i>Motor vehicle operation</i>								
Petrol, super grade(d)	1 litre	35.1	38.0	37.3	39.4	38.0	38.1	37.6
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>								
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	115	98	102	103	104	103	109
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles	1,123	1,128	1,045	1,027	1,048	1,102	1,122
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(e)	56	58	59	52	71	52	56
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	83	87	84	85	115	80	83
<i>Personal care products</i>								
Toilet soap	2x125g	74	75	74	76	75	81	77
Toothpaste	140g	104	97	98	101	95	110	109

(a) Hobart price is for 2 x 600ml cartons. (b) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (c) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (d) Prices are collected at the middle of the first month of the quarter. (e) Adelaide 255 ml and Hobart 225 ml.