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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)

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.

Symbols and other usages

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, JUNE QUARTER 1983
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	78	80	83	76	78	78	72	88
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	427	470	425	440	431	459	464	448
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped(b)	500g	220	218	209	241	207	226	232	241
Butter	500g	164	156	152	158	145	168	174	180
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(c)	680g	78	84	80	83	87	82	89	96
Biscuits, dry	250g	69	71	62	77	70	76	72	78
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	110	116	108	114	128	115	115	121
Flour, self-raising	1kg	74	82	65	66	76	81	73	82
Rice, medium grain	500g	44	44	46	42	40	45	47	52
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	431	466	429	493	488	500	438	530
Rump steak	1kg	739	783	723	783	741	778	738	730
T-bone steak, with fillet(d)	1kg	680	683	675	698	698	736	679	757
Chuck steak	1kg	435	443	458	491	491	474	455	518
Silverside, corned	1kg	465	482	468	527	522	511	469	525
Sausages	1kg	247	272	293	292	251	299	257	363
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	423	398	479	407	483	395	429	503
Loin chops	1kg	458	484	520	497	501	445	505	548
Forequarter chops	1kg	349	339	467	400	453	364	376	456
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	466	425	493	503	486	552	486	584
Loin chops	1kg	510	510	539	587	508	623	529	643
Chicken, frozen	1kg	245	257	251	265	256	264	248	261
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	217	236	186	206	192	222	225	218
Beef, corned	340g can	175	182	174	169	169	190	180	177
Salmon, pink	220g can	127	135	120	135	131	144	123	132
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	80	75	84	96	140	153	73	125
Bananas	1kg	101	111	90	108	123	129	110	134
Potatoes	1kg	64	61	72	79	60	46	73	98
Tomatoes	1kg	292	285	245	284	299	313	315	356
Carrots	1kg	104	95	136	92	69	91	103	133
Onions	1kg	64	57	58	52	57	64	66	113
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	100	108	100	111	103	115	105	116
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	62	63	55	62	63	64	64	72
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	85	100	93	91	85	104	97	100
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	132	135	120	128	126	135	145	137
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	164	172	162	185	150	172	172	202
Sugar, white	2 kg	115	113	110	113	108	126	120	122
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	118	126	132	118	111	126	120	132
Tea	250g	99	97	91	97	97	100	101	101
Coffee, instant	150g jar	311	308	304	310	295	322	319	324
Tomato sauce	600ml	99	100	95	96	97	110	106	96
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	101	94	86	106	105	115	104	114
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	62	50	55	55	51	57	63	65
Baby food	125g can	28	30	29	32	32	34	31	36
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	247	250	239	246	257	256	255	267
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	212	220	205	212	209	232	211	221
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	135	142	129	135	139	143	148	128
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	100	100	96	101	106	105	99	110
Pet food	405g	54	56	55	58	58	61	56	66
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	40.7	39.9	40.3	43.7	42.9	47.5	45.2	44.5
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	145	117	127	130	124	128	129	..
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(e)	1,387	1,343	1,300	1,241	1,240	1,319	1,378	1,520
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(f)	78	75	74	73	87	63	69	89
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	106	107	96	103	133	94	99	134
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	80	89	74	81	86	86	85	83
Toothpaste	140g	139	137	126	138	136	139	148	146

(a) Darwin price relates to 2x600ml cartons sold in shops. (b) Not comparable with previously published prices due to change in specification. (c) Brisbane, Perth and Darwin prices relate to milk loaves. (d) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart without fillet. (e) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (f) Hobart 225 ml glass.