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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE QUARTER 1985

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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)

The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0) (\$2.50, \$3.70 incl. postage)

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 1985
(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>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600ml	86	93	88	82	84	90	76	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	70	71	77	66	73	72	66	72
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	447	461	435	446	451	451	443	475
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	228	212	216	204	216	235	247	231
Butter	500g	159	161	153	149	150	178	172	199
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	96	95	89	88	99	91	106	106
Biscuits, dry	250g	76	81	75	82	82	85	86	89
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	146	145	137	135	151	153	150	160
Flour, self-raising	2kg	171	184	147	148	148	165	181	188
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	81	76	71	75	78	87	90	100
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	460	493	458	514	492	522	432	522
Rump steak	1kg	787	798	775	825	811	787	807	787
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	751	641	697	770	768	742	745	797
Chuck steak	1kg	457	454	488	501	523	513	494	500
Silverside, corned	1kg	510	508	489	538	502	542	498	527
Sausages	1kg	247	273	305	298	269	290	274	376
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	404	354	437	369	472	403	403	427
Loin chops	1kg	432	456	516	454	521	406	444	537
Forequarter chops	1kg	303	266	562	348	441	322	312	413
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	458	429	473	507	531	567	475	574
Loin chops	1kg	544	523	555	607	571	612	545	697
Chicken, frozen	1kg	277	271	240	285	268	289	275	288
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	220	238	191	217	195	231	203	240
Beef, corned	340g can	172	195	175	176	185	205	191	186
Salmon, pink	220g can	151	179	159	179	159	185	171	191
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	125	108	110	124	185	187	79	168
Bananas	1kg	140	154	124	129	137	173	143	137
Potatoes	1kg	49	42	43	64	68	47	52	81
Tomatoes	1kg	191	187	159	202	225	323	197	257
Carrots	1kg	94	86	102	78	78	103	92	116
Onions	1kg	70	62	60	60	68	94	75	84
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	120	122	117	121	127	129	128	150
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	68	70	62	65	72	71	77	69
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	80	92	84	86	87	102	102	114
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	146	147	145	146	142	155	166	173
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	160	171	164	184	154	191	183	220
Sugar, white	2 kg	133	131	128	132	129	139	144	148
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	133	131	124	125	124	131	147	142
Tea	250g	156	157	147	149	153	157	169	159
Coffee, instant	150g jar	374	381	375	364	382	400	387	390
Tomato sauce	600ml	119	112	107	91	112	115	133	123
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	128	139	137	136	135	115	136	150
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	59	57	58	57	56	60	59	68
Baby food	125g can	30	27	26	30	30	32	34	33
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	278	307	279	275	309	315	301	291
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	324	338	318	316	344	353	336	340
Facial tissues	pkt of 224(d)	153	157	155	153	157	161	174	165
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls(e)	243	252	255	257	254	172	284	272
Pet food	415g	61	62	61	61	66	66	67	68
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	54.6	54.4	50.8	51.5	53.0	55.9	55.0	55.3
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	165	140	148	151	145	145	151	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,567	1,542	1,453	1,383	1,410	1,457	1,600	1,787
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(g)	94	91	89	87	106	75	91	110
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	128	122	113	119	152	100	126	173
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	105	110	101	102	109	112	111	107
Toothpaste	140g	154	159	151	150	151	163	174	151

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Price for Brisbane is not comparable with prices shown for other cities or for previous periods due to change in product specifications. (e) Hobart 4 x 500 sheet rolls. (f) Darwin 24 x 375 ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.