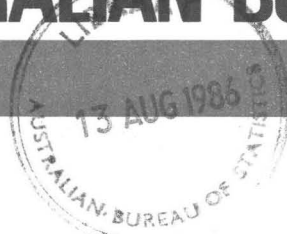


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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE QUARTER 1986

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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.

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Symbols and other usages

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2 x 600ml	91	100	95	92	94	98	76	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	75	75	82	72	78	76	66	75
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	443	465	435	451	448	434	472	475
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	201	227	226	220	223	245	234	235
Butter	500g	163	173	156	156	155	182	177	175
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	105	106	95	89	104	95	110	111
Biscuits, dry	250g	91	101	89	98	101	101	102	110
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	159	160	142	156	181	169	177	168
Flour, self-raising	2kg	171	199	160	171	158	178	215	199
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	89	82	85	77	83	90	94	98
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	460	504	456	509	487	549	442	547
Rump steak	1kg	814	824	762	852	893	842	816	883
T-bone steak, with fillet(b)	1kg	767	707	708	750	789	753	758	810
Chuck steak	1kg	451	434	501	513	547	540	456	546
Silverside, corned	1kg	524	515	495	526	536	540	527	515
Sausages	1kg	248	285	311	291	293	306	275	311
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	417	376	453	375	478	391	406	444
Loin chops	1kg	429	484	528	487	548	418	465	534
Forequarter chops(c)	1kg	296	286	562	368	443	322	323	388
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	478	429	482	523	523	592	504	633
Loin chops	1kg	546	561	572	616	613	648	585	717
Chicken, frozen	1kg	255	300	264	282	257	322	253	282
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	221	234	192	229	211	244	214	224
Beef, corned	340g can	186	202	183	179	193	212	208	185
Salmon, pink	210g can(d)	152	173	159	175	166	188	181	189
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	113	96	105	116	144	148	73	128
Bananas	1kg	332	334	280	298	224	324	321	168
Potatoes	1kg	76	65	77	83	72	58	84	95
Tomatoes	1kg	168	158	138	177	218	313	171	268
Carrots	1kg	91	82	97	75	72	120	96	135
Onions	1kg	70	58	69	55	63	99	75	102
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	131	138	128	131	143	144	139	155
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	71	74	64	71	78	78	84	76
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	79	93	88	92	93	107	102	112
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	153	156	149	142	152	163	178	176
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	155	179	180	198	162	202	180	227
Sugar, white	2 kg	135	137	133	138	144	148	152	157
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	150	147	148	147	146	156	161	162
Tea	250g	143	143	139	150	143	152	159	155
Coffee, instant	150g jar	569	590	553	582	580	638	568	575
Tomato sauce	600ml	126	114	111	102	120	116	128	126
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	112	126	124	124	131	138	118	152
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	64	61	62	63	63	66	70	68
Baby food	125g can	33	31	31	32	32	33	37	35
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	316	326	318	304	337	347	337	309
Dishwashing detergent(e)	1 litre	319	356	340	317	359	384	358	372
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	157	168	156	161	163	171	169	171
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	252	234	242	252	265	250	280	248
Pet food	415g	64	69	66	65	76	74	73	76
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	48.6	48.8	44.7	47.2	48.4	53.7	49.1	48.8
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	179	158	159	168	161	162	167	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,688	1,674	1,562	1,563	1,547	1,699	1,747	1,994
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(g)	104	103	95	98	121	85	99	121
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	142	140	124	127	167	111	137	173
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	112	114	112	104	116	115	121	111
Toothpaste	140g	175	175	174	165	173	170	188	165

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (c) Brisbane price relates to cutlets. (d) Prices for Canberra and Darwin not comparable with previous periods due to change in specification. (e) Prices in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth not comparable with previously published prices due to change in product specification. (f) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.