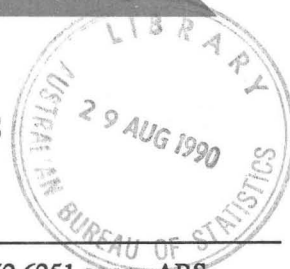




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES JUNE QUARTER 1990

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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.

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Related publications

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(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, delivered(a)	1 litre	112	92	93	90	92	94	87	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	87	85	92	82	92	94	87	87
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	646	640	636	637	667	681	674	673
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	333	315	332	313	367	348	329	360
Butter	500 g	190	209	186	167	196	199	183	199
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	144	137	114	110	132	130	144	141
Biscuits, dry	250 g	126	131	119	110	130	135	122	143
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	229	223	220	214	271	264	224	245
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	244	284	224	199	197	212	252	233
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	106	103	99	92	106	114	106	132
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	714	638	628	609	578	633	672	688
Rump steak	1 kg	1165	1153	1032	1057	996	985	935	1064
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1 kg	1088	968	924	998	966	899	1006	1069
Chuck steak	1 kg	664	619	628	641	617	645	641	730
Silverside, corned	1 kg	744	697	634	627	660	641	706	605
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	537	545	577	514	601	481	524	597
Loin chops	1 kg	630	780	688	663	734	597	648	765
Forequarter chops	1 kg	424	462	475	484	549	425	430	537
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	544	536	574	595	588	681	558	675
Loin chops	1 kg	738	735	733	722	761	833	739	856
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	318	312	300	328	334	341	284	353
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	231	289	267	253	281	321	244	315
Beef, corned	340 g can	225	232	234	202	242	257	231	226
Sausages	1 kg	316	415	432	342	361	374	340	421
Salmon, pink	210 g can	265	279	245	260	278	305	268	288
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	172	122	116	109	170	155	83	142
Bananas	1 kg	276	260	226	229	250	294	255	176
Potatoes	1 kg	84	99	81	104	112	52	72	92
Tomatoes	1 kg	447	362	336	354	350	419	421	453
Carrots	1 kg	166	124	136	120	100	135	151	172
Onions	1 kg	122	109	124	122	93	117	116	149
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	169	185	176	179	184	196	178	206
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	76	85	70	73	91	83	78	94
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	135	149	124	131	150	154	138	182
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	189	194	189	176	204	204	196	216
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	171	178	204	226	193	238	174	254
Sugar, white	2 kg	230	217	217	222	254	245	230	290
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	190	212	206	188	211	221	200	215
Tea	250 g	165	164	155	138	168	165	162	167
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	444	454	436	383	468	426	433	462
Tomato sauce	600 ml	173	156	151	129	164	153	172	166
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	147	144	137	123	149	153	141	174
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	78	81	81	75	87	85	72	100
Baby food	125 g can	42	41	38	38	42	46	44	47
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	391	439	421	389	454	439	390	447
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	394	414	388	379	439	429	398	428
Facial tissues	pkt 224	190	208	197	180	201	212	197	210
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	340	336	339	314	357	368	313	364
Pet food(e)	415 g	84	84	86	81	103	90	82	107
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	64.2	61.7	59.7	62.2	65.3	66.8	66.0	66.3
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled (f)(g)	24 x 375 ml bottles	1742	1893	2048	1700	2048	2009	1966	2173
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2120	1936	2012	1991	2006	2266	2142	n.a.
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	144	142	135	138	164	151	125	168
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar (f)	285 ml glass	132	126	123	122	160	135	123	168
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	223	206	193	236	250	181	209	234
Personal care product									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	139	150	137	137	160	155	130	151
Toothpaste	140 g	206	204	192	180	214	207	195	210

(a) Sydney 2 x 600ml bottles. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Prices for Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra are for 410g. (f) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (g) Sydney 24 x 345 ml bottles, unchilled. Perth 24 x 375ml bottles, chilled.

