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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1994**

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

1. 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 drinks; 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 may also differ from one period to the next due to a change in product specification. Thus *the average prices for some items may not be comparable from city to city, nor from quarter to quarter*. Details of differences in specifications are provided in footnotes to the table.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, fish, petrol and alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk 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)

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1994
(Cents)

<i>Item</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melb.</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(a) 1 litre	104	106	107	101	105	115	94	109
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	441	466	435	462	446	516	528	455
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	363	347	344	330	342	374	354	377
Butter	(b) 500 g	172	182	156	161	163	203	192	180
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	163	154	145	125	139	160	170	165
Biscuits, dry	250 g	137	136	128	141	139	159	166	138
Breakfast cereal, corn based	550 g	313	304	305	308	328	364	358	312
Flour, self raising	2 kg	298	320	239	205	209	227	269	312
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	114	114	107	105	122	130	136	121
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Silverside Roast	(c) 1 kg	860	805	832	746	802	750	1013	792
Rump steak	1 kg	1257	1111	1147	1180	1057	1075	1287	1105
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1158	1017	1002	1077	1118	1050	1208	1026
Chuck steak	1 kg	638	622	647	671	636	661	769	619
Silverside, corned	1 kg	715	674	654	672	720	717	686	781
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	581	523	545	507	568	524	586	531
Loin chops	1 kg	644	769	747	666	800	662	824	660
Forequarter chops	1 kg	409	408	465	500	546	461	605	396
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	531	534	548	598	569	661	675	539
Loin chops	1 kg	778	670	809	753	759	775	866	816
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	275	335	271	325	316	339	358	253
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	264	270	298	260	309	308	318	261
Beef corned	340 g can	219	232	251	247	234	289	273	258
Sausages	1 kg	352	349	444	373	375	383	411	306
Salmon, pink	210 g can	195	219	208	223	218	266	252	217
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	140	106	110	70	136	90	135	81
Bananas	1 kg	281	258	226	287	295	278	185	268
Potatoes	1 kg	68	70	76	60	115	70	85	73
Tomatoes	1 kg	215	201	151	262	251	269	293	208
Carrots	1 kg	162	127	99	119	106	105	170	152
Onions	1 kg	108	97	90	100	98	99	137	115
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	189	207	195	194	215	224	247	187
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	87	87	82	86	95	101	112	91
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	133	134	137	112	149	156	178	134
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	252	225	253	226	241	261	261	251
Other food									
Eggs	(d) 55 g, 1 dozen	194	199	211	163	192	260	253	185
Sugar, white	2 kg	204	199	202	199	214	239	269	212
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	239	245	229	228	244	270	264	233
Tea	250 g	185	183	164	159	178	199	194	187
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	374	503	407	512	469	499	556	439
Tomato sauce	600 ml	172	182	178	170	187	207	209	185
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	135	149	123	140	161	158	189	155
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	88	93	99	90	93	108	115	92
Baby food	125 g can	56	52	50	52	55	65	60	55
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	441	451	469	436	467	507	489	451
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	369	350	341	372	360	402	402	358
Facial tissues	pkt 224	177	175	169	176	183	208	208	186
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	277	270	295	286	280	304	304	301
Pet food	410 g	88	89	91	84	95	104	95	90
Private motoring									
Petrol, leaded	1 litre	70.1	70.0	62.2	71.5	71.3	76.3	74.8	73.5
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	68.4	68.3	60.5	69.7	69.8	74.7	73.3	71.9
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2076	1797	2108	1869	2100	2251	2234	1983
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2534	2382	2380	2494	2356	2602	2929	2466
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	152	163	163	172	188	155	203	154
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	141	140	150	156	182	145	193	146
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	297	254	237	311	356	209	285	268
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	144	154	155	146	158	174	176	153
Toothpaste	140 g	225	220	219	224	237	252	259	236

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (h) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra: 2 x 250 g. (c) Adelaide price relates to blade bolar roast. (d) Eggs in Sydney have a net carton weight of 700 g per dozen. Eggs in Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 50 g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (e) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (f) Darwin, chilled. (g) Hobart glass size 225 ml.

