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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1995**

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 1995
(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	110	116	111	114	116	120	106	106
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g	439	457	436	458	436	505	528	459
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	357	348	356	327	316	390	387	373
Butter	(b) 500 g	160	172	159	163	191	214	190	166
Cereal products									
Bread white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	185	161	173	148	158	156	185	184
Biscuits, dry	250 g	145	152	148	154	158	175	180	138
Break fast cereal, corn based	550 g	311	310	325	319	345	369	351	306
Flour, self raising	2 kg	311	329	254	204	229	282	281	322
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	123	128	116	107	131	133	151	123
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Silverside Roast	(c) 1 kg	842	810	801	782	845	716	1147	770
Rump steak	1 kg	1299	1150	1145	1177	1154	1163	1225	1145
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1219	1078	1078	1136	1169	1085	1230	1058
Chuck steak	1 kg	631	620	636	678	671	668	783	635
Silverside, corned	1 kg	737	655	592	639	711	678	616	697
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	652	602	599	561	621	594	660	594
Loin chops	1 kg	801	870	818	745	875	730	840	767
Forequarter chops	1 kg	506	491	493	545	617	517	600	455
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	560	515	502	598	602	612	696	490
Loin chops	1 kg	803	725	797	747	777	772	827	823
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	268	292	294	330	312	361	358	254
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	287	288	285	296	329	316	338	265
Beef corned	340 g can	264	286	279	258	261	298	287	292
Sausages	1 kg	367	378	423	374	412	380	410	302
Salmon, pink	210 g can	238	226	237	220	238	270	263	254
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	192	133	117	101	170	117	172	91
Bananas	1 kg	203	217	189	209	258	208	193	202
Potatoes	1 kg	116	133	121	106	121	68	123	119
Tomatoes	1 kg	285	251	208	344	283	309	392	256
Carrots	1 kg	152	133	97	128	126	119	197	163
Onions	1 kg	190	151	177	181	189	105	208	182
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	187	209	203	190	217	211	249	199
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	97	90	90	91	109	114	116	97
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	126	137	142	122	144	159	171	142
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	259	244	234	221	241	282	265	252
Other food									
Eggs	(d) 55g, 1 dozen	238	236	268	210	206	262	280	256
Sugar, white	2 kg	213	197	196	174	221	244	240	213
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	225	244	236	245	253	259	272	239
Tea	250 g	184	175	183	162	186	186	184	188
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	580	569	561	563	573	639	534	562
Tomato sauce	600 ml	170	183	194	156	195	199	201	184
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	172	168	151	140	168	162	198	169
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	93	94	94	89	106	110	111	95
Baby food	125 g can	56	54	57	54	58	64	59	54
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	496	463	498	456	474	507	518	485
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	366	324	338	371	362	394	377	371
Facial tissues	pkt 224	171	170	180	173	180	211	179	193
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheet rolls	292	312	319	305	306	350	315	321
Pet food	410 g	95	95	101	85	97	114	99	94
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	72.4	73.9	65.6	75.3	77.0	77.5	78.4	75.8
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	70.4	71.9	63.6	73.1	74.9	75.5	76.4	73.8
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	1968	1792	2237	1997	2187	2254	2296	1991
Beer, full strength, unchilled	(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	2589	2498	2551	2608	2492	2662	2994	2572
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	159	172	171	185	199	166	216	162
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(g) 285 ml glass	145	148	158	164	192	143	204	142
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	309	258	245	315	365	212	298	280
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	170	172	174	166	167	193	189	174
Toothpaste	140 g	221	227	240	233	244	254	237	238

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) 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.

