

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS Canberra

CATALOGUE NO. 6403.0

NOON 1 NOVEMBER 1978

Deposit
38-52825
AUS
DEPOSIT COPY
MAY NOT
BE BORROWED

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1978

INQUIRIES

If you want to know more about these statistics ring Mr Trevor Travers on Canberra 526251 or our State office, or write to Information Services, ABS, P.O. Box 10, Belconnen, A.C.T. 2616

For copies of this publication contact Information Services, Canberra 526627 or State offices.

Scope of publication

This bulletin contains average prices for selected items which are included in the Consumer Price Index. 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 bulletin fall within the Food Group and the following subgroups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this bulletin do not comprise *all* of the items and varieties which are incorporated in the Food Group or the specified subgroups.

Average prices

3. Prices shown in this bulletin 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.

4. Prices for food items are collected as at the middle of each month except in the case of some fresh items (fruit, vegetables and fish) where prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices. The average prices shown in this bulletin for food items are quarterly averages of the monthly average prices. Prices for non-food items shown in this bulletin are collected as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter.

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 (quarterly) (6401.0)
Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6402.0)
Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin (6413.0)
A Guide to the Consumer Price Index

6. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

R. J. CAMERON
Australian Statistician

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1978
(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>
Dairy produce								
Milk, bottled, delivered	2x600 ml	52	50	52	45	50	48	46
Milk, evaporated	410g can	28	29	28	29	30	29	28
Cheese, processed	250g	54	55	55	57	54	57	58
Butter	500g	93	86	93	91	89	92	97
Cereal products								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced	680g	54	49	45	55	54	52	57
Biscuits, dry	225g	41	42	37	42	47	46	42
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	69	70	70	69	82	76	70
Flour, self-raising	1kg	38	47	40	42	47	53	44
Rice	500g	35	37	37	37	39	38	37
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Rib, without bone	1kg	229	221	211	269	211	217	239
Rump steak	1kg	384	380	324	418	420	410	478
T-bone steak, without fillet (a)	1kg	349	313	322	363	336	373	404
Chuck steak	1kg	198	171	196	235	230	194	226
Silverside, corned	1kg	233	222	220	280	266	256	262
Sausages	1kg	125	143	133	129	150	151	134
Lamb								
Leg	1kg	257	232	293	274	318	281	297
Loin chops	1kg	289	271	303	329	328	292	345
Forequarter chops	1kg	217	199	271	284	291	253	270
Pork								
Leg	1kg	339	300	310	363	348	343	327
Chops	1kg	332	318	307	364	330	351	336
Chicken, frozen	1kg	163	181	183	195	178	195	171
Bacon	250g pkt	115	139	112	124	121	127	119
Beef, corned	340g can	92	97	93	87	99	102	96
Salmon, pink	220g can	89	99	95	97	102	103	95
Fruit and vegetables								
Oranges	1kg	55	41	59	49	62	57	37
Bananas	1kg	90	95	90	88	114	129	92
Potatoes	1kg	33	33	37	40	42	34	30
Tomatoes	1kg	121	140	109	133	139	188	120
Carrots	1kg	69	62	85	56	72	59	61
Onions	1kg	51	44	48	48	51	45	53
Peaches	825g can	58	66	63	64	63	72	65
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	41	42	40	44	48	44	42
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	51	53	57	61	60	60	58
Confectionery								
Chocolate, block	200g	80	84	80	84	82	84	85
Other food								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	99	109	112	119	116	131	98
Sugar	2kg	68	69	66	71	69	72	75
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	82	87	80	81	91	88	85
Tea	250g	81	79	76	80	82	88	83
Coffee, instant	150g jar	271	259	282	269	287	269	290
Tomato sauce	300ml (b)	71	71	40	39	42	42	70
Margarine, table, poly-unsaturated	500g	74	86	81	79	85	86	79
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	33	36	34	34	36	38	34
Baby food	125g can	17	19	18	19	21	19	18
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent	750g	100	110	111	110	118	114	104
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	93	96	95	94	101	98	96
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	63	63	64	64	68	65	65
Toilet paper	2x500 sheet rolls	60	59	61	58	65	62	63
Pet food	405g	32	34	32	33	34	36	33
Alcoholic beverages								
Beer	740ml bottle	80	74	76	76	74	79	78
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (c)	38	43	41	38	37	38	40
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (d)	53	54	53	56	76	55	55
Personal care products								
Toilet soap	2x125g	49	52	50	50	57	55	52
Toothpaste	110g	58	60	61	60	60	62	61

(a) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (b) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (c) Adelaide and Hobart 225ml, Perth 200ml.
(d) Brisbane, Adelaide and Hobart 1oz.