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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. 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 subgroups: Household supplies and services; Alcoholic beverages; and Personal care products.

2. The items and varieties shown in this publication 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 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 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 current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

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(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	2x600ml	55	54	54	49	54	50	50
Milk, powdered, full cream	300g can	80	87	85	85	86	91	84
Cheese, processed	250g	55	57	57	58	55	58	60
Butter	500g	100	93	99	96	93	98	103
Cereal products								
Bread, milk loaf, sliced, supermarket sales, (a)	680g	57	48	48	59	60	58	60
Biscuits, dry	225g	43	45	39	44	50	50	48
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	70	71	68	74	85	83	77
Flour, self-raising	1kg	40	50	41	45	50	55	46
Rice, short grain	500g	34	36	38	36	37	39	37
Meat and seafoods								
Beef								
Rib, without bone	1kg	362	368	355	418	390	357	387
Rump steak	1kg	591	616	534	630	592	597	677
T-bone steak, without fillet (b)	1kg	559	506	497	567	537	558	599
Chuck steak	1kg	387	337	355	385	397	346	393
Silverside, corned	1kg	397	385	364	435	414	393	414
Sausages	1kg	211	230	215	210	195	222	219
Lamb								
Leg	1kg	319	291	382	312	350	341	352
Loin chops	1kg	337	340	401	365	363	354	426
Forequarter chops	1kg	279	264	386	323	328	314	339
Pork								
Leg	1kg	416	381	436	412	376	434	430
Loin chops	1 kg	423	410	426	448	370	442	460
Chicken, frozen	1kg	182	204	197	217	196	201	187
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	160	177	150	149	144	157	174
Beef, corned	340g can	113	132	124	117	126	136	127
Salmon, pink	220g can	98	110	101	104	108	112	102
Fruit and vegetables								
Oranges	1kg	54	45	57	54	68	65	40
Bananas	1kg	84	85	64	83	107	105	83
Potatoes	1kg	39	38	38	43	46	39	38
Tomatoes	1kg	84	97	68	91	92	129	88
Carrots	1kg	47	49	39	51	44	66	44
Onions	1kg	52	49	44	46	58	51	53
Peaches	825g can	63	67	68	70	71	77	69
Pineapple, pieces	450g can	43	44	41	45	47	47	45
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	50	57	59	63	60	65	59
Confectionery								
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	80	84	79	85	83	87	88
Other food								
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	113	116	118	126	119	140	100
Sugar, white	2 kg	86	88	85	88	86	92	95
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	83	87	84	84	98	91	94
Tea	250g	74	73	72	71	73	76	81
Coffee, instant	150g jar	267	279	267	272	266	295	291
Tomato sauce	300ml (c)	74	74	42	41	44	44	76
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	75	86	87	83	83	95	79
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	450g	39	40	37	38	38	43	40
Baby food	125g can	19	20	19	21	22	22	20
Household supplies								
Laundry detergent	750g	115	122	116	120	126	128	120
Dishwashing detergent	750ml	102	101	101	101	109	110	106
Facial tissues	pkt of 150	64	63	63	64	70	69	67
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	61	63	62	60	69	66	65
Pet food	405g	35	35	36	36	37	39	35
Alcoholic beverages								
Beer	740ml bottle(d)	98	89	93	89	91	94	96
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass (e)	45	51	49	43	44	44	47
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml (f)	73	77	73	74	100	76	71
Personal care products								
Toilet soap	2x125g	62	60	58	58	66	67	63
Toothpaste	110g	64	65	65	65	67	73	70

(a) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart prices relate to white loaves. (b) Sydney, Brisbane and Perth with fillet. (c) Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra 600ml. (d) Single bottle sales only. (e) Adelaide 255ml, Perth 200 ml, Hobart 225 ml. (f) Brisbane and Hobart 1 oz.