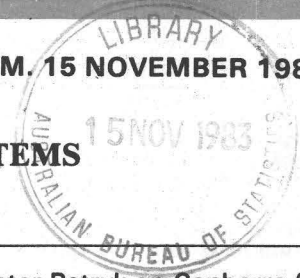




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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1983

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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 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 beverages; 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 thus the average prices for some items may not be completely comparable from city to city.

4. Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables are collected weekly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh meat, bread, petrol and packaged alcohol are collected monthly and averaged to obtain quarterly prices. Prices for fresh milk and bar sales of alcoholic beverages 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)

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1983
(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>	<i>Darwin</i>
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2x600ml	78	80	84	76	78	78	76	90
Milk, powdered, full cream	1kg can	434	460	407	439	414	461	426	457
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	230	220	205	237	214	226	231	224
Butter	500g	166	160	156	155	148	167	172	165
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	80	85	80	87	87	84	91	96
Biscuits, dry	250g	69	71	65	75	72	76	70	81
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	115	119	109	113	132	118	114	125
Flour, self-raising	2kg(c)	149	155	113	120	132	152	142	163
Rice, medium grain	1kg(c)	79	79	76	74	73	87	90	96
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1kg	447	473	431	481	482	492	410	538
Rump steak	1kg	735	724	712	732	767	739	725	663
T-bone steak, with fillet(d)	1kg	682	660	626	679	704	711	655	732
Chuck steak	1kg	445	423	477	464	502	490	455	524
Silverside, corned	1kg	492	486	461	531	512	512	464	510
Sausages	1kg	241	269	303	286	249	298	250	354
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	369	332	449	358	452	375	383	461
Loin chops	1kg	367	397	491	424	452	412	394	487
Forequarter chops	1kg	282	241	477	313	406	349	299	389
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	443	416	479	495	501	520	454	574
Loin chops	1kg	488	486	537	585	491	606	475	614
Chicken, frozen	1kg	268	271	263	278	270	297	262	310
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	207	234	182	196	183	218	226	221
Beef, corned	340g can	175	183	172	169	172	198	184	179
Salmon, pink	220g can	131	135	116	140	133	150	135	138
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	87	70	77	86	113	96	64	116
Bananas	1kg	148	161	130	156	159	178	147	119
Potatoes	1kg	89	87	90	95	60	71	99	106
Tomatoes	1kg	182	199	153	209	210	307	189	237
Carrots	1kg	89	104	88	85	72	107	97	112
Onions	1kg	62	62	70	67	84	63	68	119
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	108	105	102	112	108	113	113	125
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	62	63	54	62	63	63	66	70
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	87	93	90	87	84	102	100	107
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	130	131	128	136	127	137	140	148
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	165	182	168	187	155	185	172	214
Sugar, white	2 kg	123	125	116	126	120	131	131	133
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	130	120	127	119	104	133	137	136
Tea	250g	103	101	95	101	104	103	105	103
Coffee, instant	150g jar	339	327	321	324	331	346	346	344
Tomato sauce	600ml	103	99	93	95	95	102	107	106
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	98	103	107	108	117	107	106	114
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	62	52	54	53	51	54	65	64
Baby food	125g can	27	26	26	28	28	28	30	31
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	248	261	238	258	270	266	262	264
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	203	231	221	211	213	222	201	226
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	142	140	124	135	141	145	143	136
Toilet paper	2x550 sheet rolls	100	101	96	102	106	103	97	109
Pet food	405g	55	58	54	56	58	61	58	63
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	43.8	44.6	42.1	44.6	44.7	49.6	46.7	46.5
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, chilled	750ml bottle	145	118	128	131	125	130	130	...
Beer, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(e)	1,394	1,354	1,311	1,247	1,246	1,350	1,384	1,538
Draught beer, public bar	285ml glass(f)	79	76	75	73	90	64	71	92
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	108	109	98	104	139	94	99	143
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	86	91	85	88	92	93	90	90
Toothpaste	140g	138	135	127	137	133	130	149	134

(a) Darwin price relates to 2x600ml cartons sold in shops. (b) Brisbane, Perth and Darwin prices relate to milk loaves. (c) Not comparable with previously published prices due to change in specification. (d) Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart without fillet. (e) Darwin 24x375ml bottles. (f) Hobart 225 ml glass.