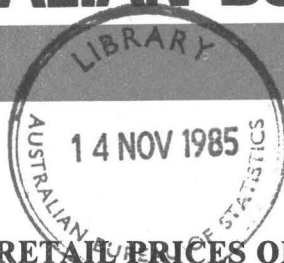




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### AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1985

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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)

*The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods* (6461.0) (\$2.50, \$3.70 incl. postage)

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.

##### Symbols and other usages

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**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1985**  
(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
<i>Dairy produce</i>									
Milk, bottled, delivered	2 x 600ml	87	94	88	87	86	94	76	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(a)	1 litre	71	72	77	68	74	74	66	71
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	451	463	439	446	449	457	460	448
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	203	218	200	203	202	219	217	200
Butter	500g	158	164	154	145	151	178	173	193
<i>Cereal products</i>									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales(b)	680g	99	98	91	91	102	92	108	110
Biscuits, dry	250g	77	84	78	82	87	87	91	94
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500g	151	150	138	147	169	153	161	166
Flour, self-raising	2kg	181	192	159	158	162	173	207	190
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	81	75	75	77	77	88	92	95
<i>Meat and seafoods</i>									
<i>Beef</i>									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	463	479	459	487	549	529	424	554
Rump steak	1kg	785	784	754	863	858	811	798	831
T-bone steak, with fillet(c)	1kg	740	658	676	765	779	770	708	824
Chuck steak	1kg	460	456	482	510	535	522	488	528
Silverside, corned	1kg	504	509	483	515	523	554	507	520
Sausages	1kg	246	276	310	285	276	296	271	335
<i>Lamb</i>									
Leg	1kg	388	362	452	370	503	414	405	444
Loin chops	1kg	401	462	513	442	542	418	458	516
Forequarter chops	1kg	283	267	577	347	466	341	306	425
<i>Pork</i>									
Leg	1kg	461	439	480	521	575	571	472	555
Loin chops	1kg	529	541	558	616	588	627	535	716
Chicken, frozen	1kg	265	276	260	285	269	297	278	293
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	224	236	195	215	194	244	229	239
Beef, corned	340g can	178	199	178	178	191	207	200	190
Salmon, pink	220g can	167	177	167	182	167	190	180	190
<i>Fresh fruit and vegetables</i>									
Oranges	1kg	107	94	96	104	134	117	57	144
Bananas	1kg	145	157	120	139	162	175	147	156
Potatoes	1kg	56	46	48	62	66	46	60	76
Tomatoes	1kg	180	196	152	284	150	411	180	238
Carrots	1kg	77	88	67	71	73	118	87	118
Onions	1kg	69	60	60	59	62	88	72	86
<i>Processed fruit and vegetables</i>									
Peaches	825g can	123	125	124	120	133	131	132	142
Pineapple, sliced	450g can	70	72	64	69	74	74	80	77
Peas, frozen	500g pkt	82	90	87	88	87	102	96	101
<i>Confectionery</i>									
Chocolate, milk, block	200g	144	152	147	143	145	155	174	162
<i>Other food</i>									
Eggs	55g, 1 dozen	168	179	174	187	161	196	187	224
Sugar, white	2 kg	133	131	128	132	132	141	145	154
Jam, strawberry	500g jar	140	137	141	133	133	138	153	157
Tea	250g	150	147	147	154	152	158	166	163
Coffee, instant	150g jar	421	416	407	392	415	428	440	419
Tomato sauce	600ml	122	108	108	101	115	108	130	121
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	133	136	140	130	132	125	134	153
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440g	57	61	62	57	62	65	71	70
Baby food	125g can	31	28	28	32	31	32	35	35
<i>Household supplies and services</i>									
Laundry detergent	1kg	288	296	(d)301	284	302	333	303	307
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	338	343	344	334	355	369	345	349
Facial tissues	pkt of 224(e)	162	157	153	159	170	159	173	160
Toilet paper	6x500 sheet rolls	281	278	264	261	270	(d)260	295	294
Pet food	415g	64	63	60	60	71	69	70	73
<i>Private motoring</i>									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	54.5	56.0	53.3	52.9	55.1	59.6	56.4	56.4
<i>Alcoholic beverages</i>									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750ml bottle	168	146	150	158	149	151	155	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12x750ml bottles(f)	1,592	1,599	1,490	1,435	1,453	1,510	1,652	1,870
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass(g)	97	94	90	91	109	77	93	114
Scotch, nip, public bar	30ml	131	126	115	122	(d)154	104	129	175
<i>Personal care products</i>									
Toilet soap	2x125g	109	111	105	108	113	115	114	112
Toothpaste	140g	164	166	162	152	154	176	179	146

(a) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (b) Darwin price relates to milk loaf. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Not comparable with previous periods due to change in product specifications. (e) Prices in cities other than Brisbane are not comparable with prices for previous periods due to change in product specifications. (f) Darwin 24 x 375ml bottles. (g) Hobart 225ml glass.