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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1987

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Scope of publication

This publication contains average prices for selected items which are included in the 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 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 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)

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 1987
(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>
Dairy products									
Milk, bottled, delivered(a)	2 x 600 ml	96	99	100	98	83	107	90	n.a.
Milk, carton, supermarket sales(b)	1 litre	82	77	85	75	83	82	76	81
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	470	504	461	467	495	489	490	487
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	228	241	223	231	241	260	261	252
Butter	500 g	180	181	165	157	163	186	183	198
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	113	106	98	96	109	106	118	119
Biscuits, dry	250 g	94	106	91	94	91	111	92	115
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	188	179	178	186	207	214	185	205
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	204	219	178	176	167	189	213	218
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	91	88	85	90	91	101	93	117
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	534	554	502	521	527	566	471	631
Rump steak	1 kg	853	886	846	906	824	864	828	849
T-bone steak, with fillets(c)	1 kg	817	715	778	819	823	816	781	875
Chuck steak	1 kg	510	494	525	569	543	594	504	621
Silverside, comed	1 kg	566	557	530	554	551	578	591	568
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	466	447	506	448	496	451	447	512
Loin chops	1 kg	525	597	580	568	604	531	528	611
Forequarter chops	1 kg	352	368	474	442	469	439	364	449
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	470	475	491	535	548	612	482	612
Loin chops	1 kg	606	610	626	651	600	660	587	759
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	284	285	241	297	278	343	259	323
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	216	236	215	237	205	267	237	260
Beef, comed	340 g can	198	220	203	194	212	222	214	196
Sausages	1 kg	266	315	347	316	282	338	279	388
Salmon, pink	210 g can	206	221	208	212	220	245	213	244
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	125	97	107	79	140	110	56	133
Bananas	1 kg	172	186	142	169	196	223	174	157
Potatoes	1 kg	66	55	55	67	74	68	51	88
Tomatoes	1 kg	180	208	153	276	209	324	184	230
Carrots	1 kg	94	92	69	82	73	121	96	129
Onions	1 kg	94	84	95	103	89	108	101	145
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	133	144	145	144	154	164	134	165
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	73	78	65	72	81	81	73	83
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	82	98	93	89	91	122	99	111
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	200 g	160	163	161	158	156	173	172	185
Other food									
Eggs(d)	55 g, 1 dozen	168	169	181	190	170	200	163	235
Sugar, white	2 kg	160	156	146	156	160	167	160	183
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	170	180	167	161	159	188	168	186
Tea	250 g	140	143	135	146	143	154	144	155
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	485	459	472	463	466	541	440	437
Tomato sauce	600 ml	130	123	127	113	124	124	127	128
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	122	123	119	123	113	138	112	140
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	78	72	72	75	77	73	74	82
Baby food	125 g can	38	33	32	36	36	39	37	39
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	340	342	341	318	345	379	341	360
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	323	347	340	320	340	362	312	355
Facial tissues	pkt 224	173	178	166	169	171	191	165	184
Toilet paper	6 x 500 sheet rolls	250	295	255	262	277	281	205	299
Pet food	415 g	69	74	69	69	78	82	70	87
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	53.5	53.7	51.1	50.3	58.3	65.6	58.1	56.6
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, full strength, chilled	750 ml bottle	197	177	181	184	182	191	184	n.a.
Beer, full strength, unchilled(e)	12 x 750 ml bottles	1936	1870	1766	1740	1804	1981	1968	2286
Draught beer, full strength, public bar(f)	285 ml glass	119	116	110	107	138	127	111	133
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	168	155	147	146	191	141	157	201
Personal care products									
Toilet soap	2 x 125 g	118	122	117	111	126	132	116	126
Toothpaste	140 g	182	183	182	182	185	195	191	191

(a) Perth price relates to 1 litre carton, delivered. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Melbourne and Hobart without fillet. (d) Eggs in cities other than Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 55 g. Eggs in Melbourne have a minimum net weight of 56 g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. (e) Darwin in 24 x 375 ml bottles. (f) Hobart prices published in previous periods were for 225 ml glass.