

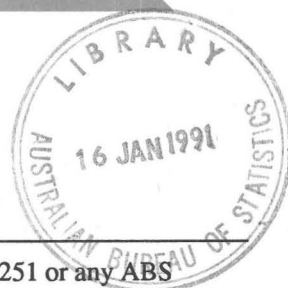


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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1990

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED ITEMS, SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1990 (a)

(Cents)

Item	Unit	Sydney	Melb.	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin
Dairy products									
Milk, carton, delivered	(b) 1 litre	114	92	93	90	93	94	90	n.a
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	(c) 1 litre	88	85	92	82	92	94	89	88
Milk, powdered, full cream	1 kg can	642	597	653	652	677	651	684	685
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g	330	301	328	332	363	342	352	371
Butter	500 g	188	210	183	165	191	197	187	204
Cereal products									
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	146	150	116	117	129	131	125	143
Biscuits, dry	250 g	124	129	118	120	130	138	125	145
Breakfast cereal, corn based	500 g	259	240	234	234	271	281	238	262
Flour, self-raising	2 kg	258	295	222	194	199	220	265	259
Rice, medium grain	1 kg	105	102	96	95	109	113	110	133
Meat and seafoods									
Beef									
Rib, without bone	1 kg	722	637	633	629	581	646	678	682
Rump steak	1 kg	1168	1163	1032	1077	1040	969	1007	1046
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	1089	989	919	982	974	928	954	1049
Chuck steak	1 kg	669	636	633	648	601	692	661	711
Silverside, corned	1 kg	752	693	626	631	682	647	700	651
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	529	545	571	497	569	496	561	584
Loin chops	1 kg	607	790	694	642	707	637	655	750
Forequarter chops	1 kg	426	449	463	468	526	445	444	526
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	559	547	566	611	608	697	603	673
Loin chops	1 kg	737	730	743	728	764	860	767	830
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	277	289	253	314	346	337	279	346
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g packet	246	271	276	267	296	318	253	292
Beef, corned	340 g can	239	241	238	218	247	264	257	243
Sausages	1 kg	315	407	439	361	378	404	331	447
Salmon, pink	210 g can	273	275	248	262	273	304	286	304
Fresh fruit and vegetables									
Oranges	1 kg	139	117	106	75	142	112	80	136
Bananas	1 kg	288	283	237	271	268	290	295	202
Potatoes	1 kg	93	84	76	93	117	34	78	102
Tomatoes	1 kg	253	253	192	272	200	333	241	334
Carrots	1 kg	144	123	109	123	95	97	152	182
Onions	1 kg	132	114	126	132	101	74	120	161
Processed fruit and vegetables									
Peaches	825 g can	173	182	180	178	199	198	183	210
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	81	83	74	78	91	86	86	99
Peas, frozen	500 g packet	130	141	131	125	154	155	140	173
Confectionery									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	211	198	210	192	214	229	223	242
Other food									
Eggs	(d) 55 g, 1 dozen	173	188	205	226	194	237	182	251
Sugar, white	2 kg	225	216	216	220	242	253	228	288
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	209	217	204	201	214	222	206	226
Tea	250 g	170	170	163	142	167	179	169	184
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	438	432	449	427	464	459	449	443
Tomato sauce	600 ml	176	169	158	137	176	166	173	187
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	144	148	140	133	156	162	144	171
Baked beans, in tomato sauce	440 g	81	81	83	84	87	92	79	102
Baby food	125 g can	45	41	40	39	43	49	45	48
Household supplies and services									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	408	415	428	388	461	468	398	425
Dishwashing detergent	1 litre	406	411	397	390	431	431	406	438
Facial tissues	pkt 224	214	217	208	198	220	238	217	233
Toilet paper	4 x 300 sheet rolls	341	342	346	329	360	355	339	383
Pet food	410 g	83	83	87	80	99	96	85	100
Private motoring									
Petrol, super grade	1 litre	68.9	65.0	61.7	64.9	67.2	69.6	68.6	68.0
Alcoholic drinks									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	(e)(f) 24 x 375 ml bottles	1795	1934	2064	1722	2063	1999	1995	2208
Beer, full strength, unchilled	12 x 750 ml bottles	2148	1995	2017	2025	2066	2316	2193	n.a
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	147	147	139	142	160	155	139	172
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	(e) 285 ml glass	134	127	127	126	157	137	134	173
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	227	211	187	249	244	184	193	236
Personal care product									
Toilet soap	2 x 125	147	147	140	142	161	155	144	149
Toothpaste	140 g	207	210	201	189	224	227	213	216

(a) Due to a change in the weights used to compile Average Retail Prices from the September quarter 1990 prices for some items are not fully comparable to those published in previous quarters.

(b) Sydney 2 x 600ml bottles. (b) Darwin price relates to blended milk. (c) Eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra have a minimum net weight of 55g. Eggs in Brisbane and Hobart have a minimum net weight of 52 g. Eggs in Perth have a minimum net weight of 53g. Eggs in Darwin have a minimum net weight of 54 g. (d) Alcoholic content of low alcohol beer ranges from 1.5% to 3.8%. (e) Sydney 24 x 345 ml bottles, unchilled. Perth 24 x 375ml bottles, chilled.

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